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Robertson County Fair Association, Inc.

"Our Youth- Our Future"

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General Rules

1. The Robertson County Fair Association (RCFA), Inc. reserves for its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to modify, change or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable. Any person who violates any of the general rules or specific rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. The RCFA, Inc. will not be held legally responsible for any damages or injuries to any persons, personal properties, exhibitors, exhibits or livestock while on the grounds or in transit thereto or therefrom or any cause whatsoever!

2. All show exhibitors, except for adults in the creative/visual arts divisions, must be academically eligible to participate in the Robertson County Fair. Each Independent School District (ISD) must provide written documentation of eligibility and it must be signed by an authorized school official. Exhibitor's designation of an ISD or Homeschool at time of entry is final.

3. All entrants in the Youth Division of the Robertson County Fair (RCF) must be a member of a Robertson County FFA Chapter or Robertson County 4-H Club (Robertson County FCCLA Chapter – Homemaking Division Only). These youth must be in good standing in their chapter or club, 4-H and FFA members must have attended at least one meeting between September 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026. Eligible youth may participate in only the Robertson County Market Division and not another county's market show. Such participation in the same school year will render the market exhibitor ineligible for the RCF market show. Additionally, all youth exhibitors must satisfy one of the two following requirements: (a) Must be a resident of Robertson County or (b) must attend a public, private or home school in Robertson County. All entrants must satisfy one of the two requirements for the duration of the project (from the project validation date until the sale date of the animal). All entrants in the market division must also complete a RCFA eligibility form for each species validated for show at the RCF.

4. All exhibitors are responsible for getting entry forms filled out online. These forms must be turned in by March 1, 2026. Anyone needing additional help should contact their County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Instructor. All entries in the market steer, market lamb, market goat, and market hog divisions will be charged a fee of $25.00 per head.

5. Entries received March 2, 2026 through March 8, 2026 will be assessed an additional late fee that equals double the entry fee per entry (Late Fees: Creative Arts - $10, Breeding Animals - $40, Market Animals - $50). Entries received after March 8, 2026 will only be accepted until the end of the project check in with a $250 late fee. Entry fees will NOT be refunded.

6. Animals not tagged in for major shows must adhere to the following:
    a. Market steers will be nose printed, ear tagged, and charged a $5.00 per head tagging fee.
    b. All market and breeding lambs and goats will be tagged in and validated under major show validation system and will not adhere to county tag-in rules.
    c. Market hogs will be ear tagged and charged a $5.00 per head tagging fee.
    d. Commercial heifers will be tattooed with a RCFA tattoo, ear tagged, and charged a $10.00 per head tagging fee.
    e. Market rabbits will be tattooed and charged a $10.00 per family tattooing fee.
    f. Market poultry will be wing banded. Any fees will be added to the cost of poultry and paid at the time the birds are picked up.

    If an animal loses a tag, the superintendent must be notified within seven days and a replacement tag requested. All replacement tags must be in place before fair check in of the division.

7. A corresponding list based on entries will be given to each division superintendent at the time of the show. Anyone not found on this final list will not be eligible to show. Divisions included in this rule are market steers, commercial heifers, market lambs, market goats, market hogs, market poultry, market rabbits, visual arts and food.

8. All exhibitors in the market and breeding division must provide the primary care of all animals entered in their name from time of tag-in to after the sale date of the animal.

9. Exhibitors may show in more than one market division but are limited to one entry per division and may only sell one entry through the fair auction, whether Silent Auction or Premium Sale, with the exception of the Commercial Replacement Heifer Sale.

10. Market animals may be validated in the immediate family name or individual name. The immediate family is defined as a whole blood, half blood, step-brothers and sisters, and legally adopted. A decree of adoption, birth certificate, and certificate of marriage may be required for verification. Failure to supply these documents may result in disqualification. All exhibitors must complete the exhibitor eligibility form for each market division entered as outlined in General Rule #3.

11. Quality Counts training must be completed by all exhibitors entering animals in any division (market, breeding and/or commercial) prior to entering the RCFA show and proof of completion of the Quality Counts training (individual completion number under the new age divisions set in 2019) must be included with the division entries.

12. The Grand Champions and Reserve Champions in each division except Homemaking must sell. The sale will be limited as explained in each division. If an exhibitor has the Grand Champion in one division and the Reserve Champion in another division, then he or she must sell the Grand Champion animal. If an exhibitor has two Grand Champions or two Reserve Champions, then the exhibitor must pick which animal to sell. Ribbons will be awarded in all divisions and belt buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market show.

13. Exhibitors must declare their species/item for the sale no later than 30 minutes following the completion of the market swine show on Sunday. This is defined as the Declaration Time. If after the declaration time the exhibitor has not made a decision, the declaration will be made by the RCFA.

14. Any animal that dies or is deemed not sellable (broken bone or visibly sick) prior to the declaration time will be pulled from the sale and the next alternate will move up. After the declaration time any animal that dies or is deemed not sellable (broken bone or visibly sick) will be pulled from the sale and the sale hole will not be filled. Upon the death of an animal, a post-mortem inspection of the carcass is required. If the death or injury of the animal is found to be from unethical treatment of the animal and not in accordance with the rules of the RCFA the exhibitor will be subject to Rules #28 through #33 of the General Rules. Cost of the post-mortem inspection will be covered by the fair if the animal is found to have died from natural causes (ex. heart attack not caused by drugs, broken neck). Natural Cause will be determined by the fair board under the direction of the attending neurologist. If the animal is found to have died due to unethical fitting or treatment of the animal the cost of the post-mortem inspection will be paid back to the Robertson County Fair Association by the exhibitor. In the instance that the cost of the necropsy of the deceased animal is not repaid to the RCFA by September 1 of that show year the exhibitor and any siblings will not be allowed to validate an animal or enter an animal in the fair for the remainder of their eligible years.

15. All market and breeding animals will remain within the fenced area of the fairgrounds from the time of check in until released by the division superintendent. Only animals entered and checked into the show are allowed on the fairgrounds. No buddy animals.

16. Market animals must be shown and sold by the 4-H or FFA member who entered the show animal. The only exceptions are: (a) the exhibitor is ill or a death in the immediate family has occurred, (b) the exhibitor has another animal being shown in another division at the same time, or (c) the exhibitor is participating in another approved, school, 4-H or FFA event. The appropriate division superintendent must approve the use of a substitute or assistant showman prior to the show or sale.

17. All entries must be owned by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor according to the length of time determined by the RCFA and the division rules. Once entries are validated the exhibitor is open to spot checks to confirm the projects are in the exhibitor's possession and under their care at all times. Any exhibitor found to not have possession of the project will be subject to disciplinary action from the board, up to and including banning from the show. Negative findings will be reported to the appropriate validation authority.

18. All checks for livestock listed in the sale order will be payable to the RCFA, Inc. and a commission will be taken by RCFA for payment of ribbons, trophies, facilities, and improvements.

19. RCFA will not allow any material to be used that will alter, change, add and/or remove color. RCFA will not allow any material to be used that will alter the appearance of an animal. "Any material" can include, but is not limited to, paint, powder, dye, oil, glue, hair spray, etc. Any animal found to be altered in any manner may be disqualified from the show and/or sale. No painting or decorating animals for the sale.

20. Entries in the breeding divisions must be members of a 4-H or FFA club and attending a public, private, or home-based elementary, junior high or high school. Exception is any Pee Wee classes.

21. All breeding show exhibitors are NOT allowed to use a substitute showman in cases of ineligibility due to failing grades.

22. RCFA will give showmanship awards in the steer, lamb, goat, hog, poultry, and rabbit divisions. All exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to show the animal entered and exhibited under their name, in their respective divisions (no exceptions). Showmanship classes for poultry and market rabbits will be broken down as follows: Juniors (grades 3-8) and Seniors (grades 9-12). The showmanship classes for steers, sheep, swine, and goats will be: Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12).

23. Any animal not meeting the stated criteria for that species show and/or found to be unhealthy (such as, but not limited to; diseased, broken bones, deceased, sick, open contagious wounds, etc.) will be disqualified from all parts of the livestock show from the point discovered forward. After completion of the sift, poultry will be exempt from the broken bone and death clause. All other Texas Animal Health Commission rules will be followed in each division of livestock and poultry.

24. Each livestock committee will hold one or more project clinics. Dates, times, and number of clinics will be determined by each committee. Participation in at least one (1) clinic will be mandatory for all exhibitors showing market animals and/or Commercial Heifers entering their first year of showing within a particular species at the Robertson County Fair. All other exhibitors are encouraged but not required to attend these clinics. Participation in the Holiday Classic and/or the Southern Classic and/or East Texas Star Show clinics will count toward meeting the clinic participation requirement. Each committee will hold a makeup clinic. Participation in other events to meet the clinic requirement may be determined by the committee.

25. All Exhibitors with sale items are expected to be at the fairgrounds in the main arena stands on Monday, March 30, 2026, no later than 8:30 a.m. and assist with set-up and clean-up for the auction. Those unable to attend on Monday will be given an alternate day that week. All schools will be contacted on Monday to verify attendance in school. Students not at the fairgrounds all day on Monday will not receive an excuse for school absence from the county Extension Agent, Agricultural Science instructor, or Home Economics teacher. Any exhibitor that makes the silent auction or premium sale that does not attend Monday's set-up and clean-up day will have their auction check held until the exhibitor makes up for the missed set-up/clean-up day.

26. Exhibitors are required to prepare thank you notes and bring to the RCFA Annual Meeting. Envelopes for the thank you notes must be un-sealed, addressed to their respective buyer and have postage already affixed. All sales checks and pictures from the fair will be held until thank you notes have been received by RCFA. If appropriate funds have been collected to clear sales checks, exhibitor checks and pictures will be distributed at the RCFA annual meeting to be held at Fireman's Hall on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1:30 pm. Those exhibitors receiving buyer's pictures at the annual meeting are required to deliver these pictures to the appropriate buyer.

27. RCFA livestock show will have a terminal Market sale (excluding rabbits and poultry). All market animal projects (steers, pigs, lambs, goats) sold through the sale will become the property of the floor truck buyer after selling. NO ANIMAL BUYBACKS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS. No exhibitor and/or representative may contact a buyer at any time concerning the project. Any person violating this rule will be subject to disciplinary action as decided by the board. Exhibitors who choose to sell non-sale animals on the floor truck will be accessed a $5.00 processing fee by RCFA. The RCFA reserves the right to reweigh any floor animal.

28. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s) certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s) do not have any knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, the exhibitor and exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s) certify that the entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue withdrawal and elimination time periods.

29. All livestock are subject to drug testing. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random of each market livestock division may be tested for drug residue. During the collection of samples, the Exhibitor and/or designated responsible adult must be present at all times unless a substitute Exhibitor is approved by the superintendent. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule are subject to disqualification.

30. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s) agree that:
    a. they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals,
    b. the Robertson County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify, and all money and prizes will be forfeited from, an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s) are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug,
    c. the residue test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s).

    Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Robertson County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Robertson County Fair.

31. To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival at Robertson County Fair Grounds. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the FDA-approved label is a violation of federal law.
    a. Unethical Fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:
        i. application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
        ii. use of injections
        iii. draining of fluids
        iv. bruising
        v. feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
        vi. surgical alterations
        vii. artificially filling animals Example: airing injections
    b. Therapeutic Practices: The practice or use of any therapeutic application including, but not limited to animal chiropractic services, acupuncture or electrical massage stimulation on show grounds is prohibited.
    c. Unapproved Drug Use: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. Ractopamine is not approved for Broilers, Turkeys, Sheep or Goats.
    d. Approved Drug Use: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at Robertson County Fair Grounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
    e. Animal Inspection: As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, feathers and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
    f. Unmanageable Animals: The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
    g. Non-adherence to Rules: Any person found to be misrepresenting and/or not abiding by the Fair rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing and/or selling in the Robertson County Fair.
    h. Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Show veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Show Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and or elimination time, will be determined ineligible for competition and/or sale.
    i. Treatment Cost: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

32. The RCFA expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the RCFA or by others (such as drug testing). The RCFA does not provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the RCFA shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, and even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug disclosed by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the RCFA shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.

33. Disqualifications/Condemnation of Animals: The RCFA reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals, or feed additives as described in General Rules #30 and #31 and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sales and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If animal is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug, medication, or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in future RCFA shows.

34. Dogs are not allowed on Show grounds because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees as well as Show visitors. Exceptions are granted for service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. The service animal must remain on a leash or otherwise be under the handler's control while on the Show grounds. To protect the health and well-being of all animals on Show grounds, the exhibitor may be asked to provide current health records, including vaccination records to the Show's veterinarian. Exceptions are also granted for dogs under contract with the Robertson County Fair for demonstration, competition and entertainment purposes. Dogs entered as a part of the youth pet show on Sunday morning will be allowed in the barn only on Sunday morning and must remain on a leash when not in the pet show ring.

35. Any individual and /or group displaying unsportsmanlike or unethical behavior will be subject to disciplinary action by the RCFA which could include any and/or all of the following, dependent on the severity of the infraction determined by show officials: Verbal warning, written warning, disqualification from the show and sale, removal from the grounds for the day, removal from the grounds and banning for the remainder of the fair, banning from the fair for life or community service assigned by the show officials.

36. The Show may appoint sifting committees to determine the eligibility of animals to compete prior to judging. Animals must be unblanketed and ready for inspection by the sifting committee at the announced time of sifting. The sifting committee will eliminate any animal which, in its judgment, is not qualified to compete. At the committee's recommendation, the Show may require these animals to be removed from the grounds. The sifting committee's decisions are final and protests will not be considered by the Show.

37. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a $300 deposit which will not be returned if protest is not sustained by Show Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show Management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests concerning ages of animals must be filed with the Show Management prior to the day on which the animal(s) is/ are to be judged. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted.

38. Any exhibitor entering the Robertson County Fair gives permission for any and all photographs/videos taken by official RCFA photographers to be the property of the RCFA. Any of these may be used in advertisements and/or posts for the RCFA. The RCFA reserves the right to sell photos and/or videos.

Queen's Contest

Superintendent(s):
Shelbi Havemann and Celese Rosprim

The 38th Annual Queen's Coronation will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. inside the Fireman's Hall located at the Robertson County Fairgrounds in Hearne, Texas.

Queen contestants are residents of Robertson County and sponsored by local organizations. The sponsors and contestants sell raffle tickets, the proceeds from which cover scholarships and incurred expenses of the RCFA. Each contestant meeting the raffle ticket sales quota will be judged in five categories: personality, poise, appearance, fair participation, and general knowledge of the RCFA. The contestant selected as Queen will reign over the Fair.

The Queen's Committee and the RCFA give a special "Thank you" to each of these lovely young ladies. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to all contestants.

Queen's Rules

1. The Robertson County Fair Association (RCFA), Inc. reserves for its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to modify, change or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable. Any person who violates any of the general rules or specific rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. The RCFA, Inc. will not be held legally responsible for any damages or injuries to any persons, personal properties, exhibitors, exhibits or livestock while on the grounds or in transit thereto or therefrom or any cause whatsoever!

2. Contestant must be a single high school girl living in Robertson County or enrolled in a Robertson County high school, sponsored by a local organization, and academically eligible (passing) for the entirety of the Robertson County Fair (Queen's Coronation thru the Premium Sale). If a contestant marries and/or becomes pregnant before the coronation, she must relinquish her position to participate in the contest.

3. Each sponsoring non-profit organization may sponsor no more than two (2) contestants. Sponsor may have a substitute contestant. Should the need arise for a substitute; they must also meet the rules, requirements, and responsibilities as outlined in these rules. Due to advertising constraints, deadline for substitutes to be able to participate is Monday, February 2, 2026. If a substitute is needed and there is not one available, the organization will not be represented. Failure to complete all duties required by a candidate, unless approved by the committee or board, could lead to ineligibility of any future queen contest.

4. Any girl, other than a previous Fair Queen, is eligible to participate as a candidate provided, she meets the other qualifications.

5. Each contestant must participate in the Robertson County Fair by having an entry in at least one division of the fair (Livestock, Creative Arts, Food Division or Shop Division). All entry fees and /or late fees must be paid by the deadline set forth by the RCFA or the contestant will be disqualified from the Queen's contest.

6. Each contestant must be an active member of FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H prior to January 1, 2026.

7. Contestants must sell a minimum of $600 of raffle tickets prior to participating in the Queen's contest. If for any reason a contestant drops out or is excused from the contest, the contestant/sponsor will be responsible for the $600 in raffle ticket sales. Each candidate will only be allowed to check-out a max of $200 in additional tickets at a time. You and/or your club sponsor will be responsible for all tickets distributed out. All tickets will be reconciled by the morning of your scheduled interview to be eligible.

8. Each contestant will be responsible for turning in the designated amount of sold tickets and money on the dates designated in Queen Candidate packets. Each contestant is responsible for being at each of the ticket turn-in meetings. Additional tickets can be obtained from any committee member. Any unsold tickets must be turned in at the final ticket turn-in. Each contestant who reaches a goal of $1,000 in raffle ticket sales will receive a $50 gift certificate. Each contestant who reaches a goal of $1,500 in raffle ticket sales will receive a $100 gift certificate. Each contestant who reaches a goal of $2,000 in raffle ticket sales will receive a $200 gift certificate.

9. All contestants must attend a "meet & greet" event on the day of the pageant. Interviews will be done immediately following. Contestants will be judged in appearance, poise, personality, and general knowledge and involvement in the Robertson County Fair.

10. The points you receive for fair participation are based only on the number of years of participation in the Robertson County Fair. Eligibility begins with the third grade.

11. Each applicant's official entry form must be received by the Superintendents of the Queen Committee (not mailed) no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Applications must be complete. No late applications will be accepted. All rules will apply as of entry due date.

12. The Fair Queen and the 1st and 2nd runner-up will each receive a token of appreciation.

13. If the Queen marries and/or becomes pregnant during the time of her reign, she must relinquish her title and all that it encompasses. The first runner-up will then become eligible, and if for some reason the first runner-up declines, with committee approval, then the second runner-up will become eligible.

14. All decisions by the Queen contest judges and the Queen's committee are final.

Little Miss Contest

Superintendent(s): Shelbi Havemann and Celese Rosprim

The 5th Annual Little Miss contest will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. inside the Fireman's Hall located at the Robertson County Fairgrounds in Hearne, Texas.

The contestant's parent(s) or guardian(s) agree with the RCFA that this contest is for the sole purpose of extending opportunities to the children of this county to participate in a fun event while having a good experience.

The Little Miss Committee and the RCFA give a special "Thank you" to each of these lovely young ladies. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to all contestants.

Little Miss Rules

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2. Contestants must be between the age 5 years and 7 years old as of September 1, 2025, and must be a resident of Robertson County or a peewee member of any Robertson County 4-H club. A photocopy of the contestant's birth certificate must be submitted with entry form for age verification and will be returned to parent/guardian. Failure to submit the birth certificate with the form will disqualify the contestant.

3. Contestants must attach a recent snapshot with the application. The snapshot must be of the head and shoulders only, no glamor shots will be accepted. Contestants will be required to pay a $25 entry fee. Any previous Little Miss is ineligible to compete.

4. Contestants should wear western attire, at their choice, for the final judging of contest. Hats are optional. The judging will be Thursday, March 19th, 6:00 pm at the Fireman's Hall. All contestants must attend. Winners will be announced at this time.

5. Each contestant must participate in the Robertson County Fair by having an entry in at least one division of the fair (Pet Show, Mutton Bustin', or Kids Playtime).

6. The girl selected as Little Miss must appear on behalf of the Robertson County Fair Association when asked. If for some reason the child is unable to fulfill her responsibility, the first runner up will assume the title.

7. Each contestant must sell a minimum of $50 of raffle tickets to participate in the Little Miss contest. Money raised will be used for the Little Miss event, sashes, awards, gifts etc. Top Ticket Sales award will be given to the winner that sells the most tickets.

8. Each contestant will be responsible for turning in sold tickets and money by Sunday, March 15, 2026.

9. Entry forms must be provided to any interested party that meets all above requirements. Entry forms must be received no later than 5:00 pm on November 25, 2025. Entry forms may be returned to the Extension office in Franklin or by mail to RCFA, PO Box 1366, Franklin, TX 77856.

10. Judges will be selected from outside Robertson County, if at all possible.

11. Contestants parent(s) or guardian(s) agree that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Robertson County Fair Association and that the decision of the judges shall be final.

12. Contestants will be judged as follows: 50% Personality, 30% Poise, 20% Attire
    a. Little Miss and Top 4 will each receive a token of appreciation.

13. Other awards will be given to the following:
    a. Best Dressed
    b. Miss Photogenic (4x6 photo entered by contestant / judged by a panel)
    c. Miss Sunshine
    d. Miss Future Farmer
    e. Miss Bright Smile
    f. Top Ticket Sales (contestant who sold the highest number of raffle tickets)

14. All contestants must attend the Queen's Coronation, Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm. All contestant's will be introduced and the Top 5 will help award the winners of the Queen's contest. 2026 Little Miss will help crown the 2026 RCFA Queen. Western Dress Attire.

15. Little Miss is encouraged to attend as many fair shows as possible to hand out ribbons.

16. All participants must comply with the Robertson County Fair Association General Rules, and Regulations printed in the entry packet, unless otherwise specified. Entries to exceed 25 applicants will be selected from a random drawing.

Commercial Replacement Heifers

Superintendents:
Chad Ezzell, Shane Kirk, Stan McDonald, and Stephanie Sanders

Record Book Due:	Thursday, March 12, 2026	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Interviews:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Arriva, Check-In & Classify:	Friday, March 27, 2026	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	7:00 pm
Judging:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	8:00 am
Awards:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	4:30 pm
Sale:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	5:00 pm

1. Read General Rules.

2. All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged and tattooed with RCFA tattoo at the Robertson County Veterinary Clinic in New Baden on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. A tagging and tattoo fee of $10.00 per head will be assessed at tag-in. At tag-in all heifers must be vaccinated/revaccinated for Lepto, Vibrio, IBR complex and 8-way Blackleg at exhibitor's expense prior to or at tag in.

3. All heifers must be Brucellosis calf hood vaccinated on or before the tag-in date of Saturday, October 25, 2025. All heifers must have a metal or EID calf hood vaccination tag and/or a vaccination tattoo in their ear.

4. Heifer entries must be open and no more than 13 months old and no less than 8 months of age as certified by the exhibitor at tag-in on Saturday, October 25, 2025, and not more than 18 months but not less than 13 months on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

5. All heifers must be naturally polled or dehorned. Heifers must be dehorned before the tag-in date.

6. A $25.00 entry fee per pen of heifers is due on March 1, 2026.

7. Heifers will be checked in at the Calvert Sale Barn on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Two heifers shall constitute a pen of heifers. An exhibitor may enter only one pen of two heifers from the heifers the exhibitor originally tagged-in on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

8. All heifers must be palpated and toothed by a licensed veterinarian between Saturday, February 26, 2026 and Thursday, March 12, 2026. Any heifer found to be pregnant or have an unsound reproductive tract or that has lost a baby tooth and a permanent incisor has broken the skin, will be deemed ineligible to show. Two copies of a Certified State Health Certificate provided by a licensed veterinarian guaranteeing the heifers to be open, have a sound reproductive tract and are of the proper age must be turned in at the time of check-in. An additional copy of this document must be included in the exhibitor's Record Book that is due on Thursday, March 12, 2026. Hi-lite each Exhibitor's name and the 2 heifers' ear-tag numbers that the exhibitor is showing. Health certificates may include multiple immediate family members participating in the Commercial Heifer Show but each exhibitor must put a copy in their record book and 2 copies must accompany each pen of heifers at check-in. For example, a family of 2 exhibitors must have a total of 6 copies: One copy for each of the 2 record books (2) and the 2 copies for each of the 2 pens of heifers (4) at check-in.

9. In order for an Exhibitor to participate in the RCFA Commercial Heifer Show, they must, (1) turn in Record Book on the specified date and time; (2) go through the Interview process on the date and time specified; and (3) check

in a pen of two heifers, that meet the requirements, the day of check-in at the Calvert Sale Barn located in Calvert, TX. If any of these three requirements are not met, the participant will be deemed ineligible to show or sell.

10. Any Commercial Heifers brought to the Calvert Sale Barn before Friday, March 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm or after 7:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026, will be disqualified from the show. The only exception will be an emergency situation that has been approved by a superintendent.

11. Heifers will be verified at arrival at the Calvert Sale Barn on Friday, March 27, 2026 by an independent 3-member committee. They will be classified according to breed characteristics and will then show in one of three breed divisions as described below. This independent classifying committee will be designated by the heifer committee to determine breeds of each heifer. Based on the decisions of the classifiers, heifers will be assigned to one of the following breed divisions:
    a. Braford Influence – Cattle that exhibit Braford characteristics.
    b. Other Brahman Influence – All other cattle which exhibit Brahman characteristics.
    c. All Other Breeds – Cattle not included in the above divisions (ex. Hereford, Angus, Exotic Crosses, etc.)

    Furthermore, all heifers will be classified at check-in for their eligibility to compete. If any heifers are deemed ineligible to compete, they will not be eligible to be shown and sold. Issues making a heifer unmarketable include but are not limited to, pregnant or appearing to be pregnant, lameness including broken limbs, broken noses or any other deficiencies as deemed ineligible to compete by the independent 3 member classifying committee. If a heifer is deemed ineligible the exhibitor has until the end of the check in to bring the replacement heifer to the fairgrounds. If the exhibitor does not have a replacement heifer, they will be unable to show and sell the remaining heifer.

12. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition using the RCFA Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale record book guidelines. Exhibitors are also required to prepare a sales flyer about their Commercial heifers. Record books must be turned in by the date and time specified. Late entries of record books will not be accepted. If an exhibitor does not turn in a record book on time, they will not be allowed to interview or participate in the RCFA Commercial Heifer Show. Record books will be turned in at the Robertson County Extension Office on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 4- pm.

13. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

14. The record book/interview/presentations portion of the show will have three age divisions. They will be judged and scored as follows:

School Grade	Age Division	Scoring
3rd, 4th or 5th	Juniors	30 possible points Record Book, 140 possible points Interview
6th, 7th or 8th	Intermediates	30 possible points Record Book, 140 possible points Interview / Poster Board Interview
9th, 10th, 11th or 12th	Seniors	20possible points Resume / Sales Flyer, 20 possible points Record Boo possible points Oral Presentation

15. The pen of heifers will be judged on Saturday, March 28, 2026 beginning at 8:00 am. Placing will be determined based on quality and uniformity of the heifers. The heifer judging and the record book/interview/presentation portion of the heifer show will be separate, and therefore, separate awards given for winners in the heifer judging portion and the record book/interview/presentation portion of the commercial heifer show.

16. Any hay fed to heifers during the show must be fed in a hay net. If contestant does not have a hay net, hay will not be allowed to be fed.

17. The RCFA will present awards to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion pens and other placing pens and to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior record book/interview/presentation winners and others placing in this portion of the commercial heifer show.

18. Since this is a terminal show, all heifers must sell in the Commercial Heifer sale on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Heifers will be sold as a pen with the number of heifer's times the money bid being the amount received. A 10% sales commission will be deducted from each sales lot. Additionally, the amount the exhibitor receives will also be subject to the Beef Check-off fee will be deducted from the sale of each heifer to comply with the National and/or State Beef Check-off Program.

19. All heifers will be released by the commercial heifer committee following the conclusion of the sale and exhibitors are responsible to determine the disposition of their heifers prior to leaving the commercial heifer sale.

20. The Robertson County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale Committee members act as agents only for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between buyers and the sellers.

21. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyer and shall remain sold.

22. There will be no harassment of the veterinarians, classifiers, or judges prior to, during, or after the show.

23. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Robertson County.

24. In the event an exhibitor's heifer(s) loses an official RCFA Commercial Heifer tag, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the Commercial Heifer Committee so that the heifer(s) can be re-tagged.

25. Heifers must be in the possession and primary care of the exhibitor on or before the tag-in date and remain in the exhibitor's possession throughout the feed period.

26. Exhibitors participating in the commercial heifer show may also compete in the market animal show and are eligible to sell entries in both the commercial heifer sale and the premium auction (i.e. market steers, lambs, goats, hogs, rabbits, poultry, or baked goods).

27. Each exhibitor is responsible and liable for the breeding, age, health, and all fiscal warranties expressed or implied on the cattle sold. Exhibitor agrees to hold the RCFA and the auctioneer(s), RCFA Commercial heifer Committee or any other representative of the cattle hold harmless if legal action ever occurs.

28. All Commercial Heifer exhibitors will be required to attend a Commercial Heifer clean up to receive their RCFA check. There will be three clean up options that will be emailed to exhibitors. Reference General Rule #25.

Market Steer Division

Superintendents: Greg Sanders & Mark Verzinski

Arrival:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Check-In & Classify:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Weight Cards Due:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Animals Must be in Place:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	7:00 pm
Show:	Friday, March 27, 2026	7:30 pm
Check-Out:	Friday, March 27, 2026	Following the Show

1. Read General Rules.

2. Exhibitors must own animal by Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Steers and exhibitors will be checked in on this date and steers will be nose printed, tattooed, and ear tagged at the Franklin ISD Agricultural Facility. This check-in is required and does not count as a clinic for the RCFA steer show. A $5.00 tagging and tattoo fee per head will be assessed at tag-in. Animals not present at the check-in may be allowed to enter at the discretion of the Steer Committee, with approval by the Superintendents prior to the check-in date. Only major/county show validation tags and the RCFA tattoo (county tagged steers only) are allowed in a steer's ears.

3. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

4. Entry fee for the steer show is $25.00 per head and is due March 1, 2026.

5. Minimum weight for steers shall be 1,000 pounds with no upper weight limit.

6. The calves classified in the American-cross breed must exhibit enough breed characteristics to indicate they could have been sired by or out of an animal registered in an American breed association.

7. A committee of three qualified individuals with prior cattle experience will be selected to classify all steers. This committee's decisions will be final.

8. Beginning at 6:30 pm and until 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026, exhibitors will turn in their weight cards and present their steers for classification. All steers will be classified as American-Cross or European.

9. All market steers must be slick shorn with no more than one-fourth (1/4) inch length of hair, except for tail switch, when steers are checked in for the RCFA steer show.

10. If there are 35 or less there will be 5 classes of American Cross and/or European breeds.

11. Re-weigh:
    a. All sale animals automatically qualifying for the sale will be reweighed. A maximum 5% increase or decrease in the official weight as turned in by the exhibitor for each steer will be allowed. Any steer weighing greater than or less than 5% of the official weight will be disqualified. If a steer is disqualified based on this re-weigh rule, the next placing steer will move up and will be subject to this re-weigh rule.
    b. Exhibitors must re-weigh immediately after leaving the ring following class placement. Exhibitor will be disqualified if he/she goes to their stall prior to official weigh back. Steers will be weighed with Superintendent and Scale Master present. If steer does not meet weigh back criteria the steer will be re-weighed one additional time immediately after first weight to verify steers actual weight. Steers placing below sale steers must wait at scales until automatic sale slots are certified.

12. Only the Judge, Ring Stewards, Exhibitors and their steers will be allowed in the show ring during the judging of the classes.

13. Uncontrollable steers will be subject to disqualification by the judge.

14. Twenty steers or calves may be sold.

15. Any exception to these rules must receive approval from the Steer Superintendents.

16. Showmanship will be held at the conclusion of the steer show and will be conducted in accordance with Rule #22 of the General Rules.

17. No load out of cattle until the completion of the Market Steer Champion Drive.

18. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random will be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

19. Judge: **John Lanier**

Market Lambs

Superintendents:
Dan and Courtney Kosloski, Jeff Ripley & Monty Dozier

Arrival & Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	6:30 am – 9:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	9:00 am
Weight Cards Due:	Friday, March 27, 2026	12:00 pm
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	Following Market Goat Show

1. Read General Rules.

2. Lambs must be owned by October 31, 2025 and by this date all lambs (Market and Breeding) to be shown in the 2026 RCFA market lamb show will be ear tagged, ear tattooed and nose printed. Animals not tagged in on or before October 31, 2025 will be ineligible to show in the Robertson County Fair. There will be two (2) tag in dates, being October 20, 2025, and October 28, 2025, which will accommodate major show tag-in as well as Robertson County Fair tag-in. All lambs will be validated with major tags for the RCFA Fair; all tags must be ordered from the Robertson County Extension Office by the order deadline set by the Robertson County Extension Office. There will be no County Only tags used. This tag-in is required.

3. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

4. If an exhibitor's lamb loses an ear tag, the exhibitor or parent must contact the lamb superintendent. The lamb will be re-tagged and re-nose printed if needed.

5. Wether or ewe lambs will be eligible to be shown in the market lamb show.

6. Animals must weigh at least 100 lbs. on the day of check-in to be eligible to show. There is no upper limit.

7. Check-in for the lamb show will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026. Exhibitors will check in and then weigh their own animals and turn in weight cards to the market lamb superintendent by 12:00 pm Friday, March 27, 2026. All lambs may be nose printed at check-in and prints compared to those taken at the tag in prior to October 31, 2025. The lamb committee will divide lambs into four (4) or five (5) classes. Lamb classes will be broken by weight only and will not be broken into individual breeds.

8. Market lambs must be uniformly slick shorn above the knees and hocks. No use of adhesive, paint, or powder is permitted.

9. Pens will be selected on setup day by those who help, all other exhibitors will have their pens assigned prior to the show. All pen assignments will be posted at check in for all exhibitors to know their pen.

10. All first-place lambs will compete for Grand Champion. Once the Grand Champion is selected, all remaining first place lambs and the second-place lamb from the class where the Grand Champion came out will be eligible for selection as Reserve Champion. Belt buckles will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion Lambs. Ribbons will be awarded to every exhibitor.

11. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule # 22 of the General Rules. Prizes will be presented for Showmanship. In addition, a novice showmanship division will be judged. To qualify for Novice, it must be the exhibitor's first year to show either a lamb or a goat. Exhibitors (no matter their age) can choose

to participate in either (but not both) the novice division or their appropriate age division for showmanship. An exhibitor can choose to show their lamb that was shown in the Market or Breeding shows.

12. Lambs will be weighed before entering the ring. The reweigh tolerance will be +/- 5 lbs. of official weight. Any lamb weighing above or below the 5 lb. tolerance will be disqualified from the show and barred from the premium auction.

13. Twenty-five (25) lambs may sell through the premium auction. Judge will establish sale order of alternates.

14. All market lambs will remain on the fairgrounds from time of check-in until released by lamb supt.

15. Drenching of lambs is allowed on the fairgrounds.

16. All lamb exhibitors are required to assist with the peewee lamb/goat show, unless they have been excused by the lamb superintendent.

17. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random will be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

18. Judge: **Shawn Ramsey**

Market Goats

Superintendents:
Dan and Courtney Kosloski, Jeff Ripley & Monty Dozier

Arrival and Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	6:30 am – 9:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	9:00 am
Weight Cards Due:	Friday, March 27, 2026	12:00 pm
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	11:00 am

1. Read General Rules.

2. Goats must be owned by October 31, 2025 and by this date all goats (Market and Breeding) to be shown in the 2026 RCFA goat show will be ear tagged and ear tattooed. Animals not tagged in on or before October 31, 2025 will be ineligible to show in the Robertson County Fair. There will be two (2) tag in dates, being October 20, 2025, and October 28, 2025, which will accommodate major show tag-in as well as Robertson County Fair tag-in. All goats will be validated with major tags for the RCFA Fair; all tags must be ordered from the Robertson County Extension Office by the order deadline set by the Robertson County Extension Office. There will be no County Only tags used. This tag-in is required.

3. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

4. If an exhibitor's goat loses an ear tag, the exhibitor or parent must contact the goat superintendent. The goat will be re-tagged.

5. Wether or doe kids will be eligible to be shown in the market goat show. Additionally, any breed or crosses of meat type goats will be eligible to show.

6. Animals must weigh at least 60 lbs. at check-in to be eligible to show. There is no upper weight limit.

7. Check-in for the goat show will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026. Exhibitors will check in and then weigh their own animals and turn in weight cards to the market goat superintendent by 12:00 pm Friday, March 27, 2026. The goat committee will divide goats into four (4) or five (5) classes. Goat classes will be broken by weight only, not broken into individual breeds.

8. Market goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less over the entire body above the knees and hocks (with the exception of the tail), with no evidence of blocking, at the time of the show. No use of adhesive, paint, or powder is permitted.

9. Pens will be selected on setup day by those who help, all other exhibitors will have their pens assigned prior to the show. All pen assignments will be posted at check in for all exhibitors to know their pen.

10. All first-place goats will compete for Grand Champion. Once the Grand Champion is selected, all remaining first place goats and the second-place goat from the class where the Grand Champion came out will be eligible for selection as Reserve Champion. Belt buckles will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion goats. Ribbons will be awarded to every exhibitor.

11. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule # 22 of the General Rules. Prizes will be presented for Showmanship. In addition, a novice showmanship division will be judged. To qualify for Novice,

it must be the exhibitor's first year to show either a lamb or a goat. Exhibitors (no matter their age) can choose to participate in either (but not both) the novice division or their appropriate age division for showmanship. An exhibitor can choose to show their goat that was shown in the Market or Breeding shows.

12. Goats will be weighed before entering the ring. The reweigh tolerance will be +/- 4 lbs. of official weight. Any goat weighing above or below the 4 lb. tolerance will be disqualified from the show and barred from the premium auction.

13. Twenty (20) goats may sell through the premium auction. The judge will establish the sale order of alternates.

14. All market goats will remain on the fairgrounds from time of check-in until released by the market goat superintendent.

15. Drenching of goats is allowed on the fairgrounds.

16. All goat exhibitors are required to assist with the peewee lamb/goat show, unless they have been excused by the superintendent.

17. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random will be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

18. Judge: **Shawn Ramsey**

Broilers

Superintendents: Mike and Lynn Drews

Arrival & Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	7:00 am – 9:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	9:00 am
Show:	Friday, March 27, 2026	10:00 am

1. Read General Rules.

2. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

3. All broilers will be the same variety and 3 birds will constitute an entry regardless of sex. Pullets and/or roosters may be shown. The birds will be wing banded.

4. All birds must be purchased from the same hatchery as determined by the Poultry Superintendent. Orders are to be placed through the County Extension Agent's Office.

5. Entry fee for the broiler show is $25.00 per pen and is due on March 1, 2026.

6. Broilers will be ordered in multiples of 25 birds. Minimum order of 25 birds per family.

7. There will be a Sift Judge appointed by the Poultry Superintendents to sift birds at check-in. Birds may be sifted for the following reasons: external parasites, disease, bruises, and blisters. If an Exhibitor has a bird that has been sifted, the Exhibitor may use an alternate bird to complete his/her pen. Broilers losing their wing bands for any reason will not be eligible to show. If a wing band is lost, an alternate bird may be used to complete an Exhibitor's pen.

8. There is no weight limit.

9. Portable, self-contained, and battery-powered fans may be attached to pens by exhibitors to cool birds.

10. Only feed supplied by the RCFA will be allowed. No feed additives or "wet-mashing" will be allowed. Exhibitors may supply their own water. Electrolytes may be added to the water.

11. Shavings are provided by the RCFA. Exhibitors may bring additional shavings to add to their pens.

12. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds.

13. Exhibitors may have two holders to assist them in the show ring. All holders must be a student in Robertson County. No adults are allowed in the show ring as holders. Committee members shall be available to assist exhibitors as needed.

14. Ribbons will be awarded through 20 places, and belt buckles and banners presented to the Grand and Reserve Champion pens of chickens. Awards will also be presented for showmanship.

15. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule #22 of the General Rules.

16. The top 20 pens of broilers (top 15 places and next 5 placings as alternates) will have their wing bands checked immediately following the conclusion of the broiler show for Premium Auction purposes. Exhibitors not making the sale must immediately remove their birds from the fairgrounds.

17. Pens placing one through fifteen will be left in the show barn until the Premium Auction. It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitors of the top 15 pens to feed and water these birds and to ensure that shavings are changed as needed.

18. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Poultry Superintendents regarding disposition of sale birds. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for delivering sold birds to the Buyer dressed, packaged, or alive as instructed by the Buyer.

19. At the conclusion of the poultry sale, Exhibitors making the sale are responsible for helping with the tear-down and clean-up of the poultry area.

20. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random will be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

21. Judge: **Ray Pieniazek**

Turkeys

Superintendents: Mike and Lynn Drews

Arrival & Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	7:00 am – 9:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	9:00 am
Show:	Friday, March 27, 2026	Following Chickens

1. Read General Rules.

2. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

3. Turkey orders must be placed with either your Animal Science Teacher (FFA orders) or the County Extension Agent (4-H orders).

4. All turkeys shown in the Robertson County Fair must be hens. Only one turkey per exhibitor may be entered. The birds will be marked and sexed by the hatchery. Turkeys will be ordered in multiples of 5 birds. Minimum order of 5 birds per family.

5. Entry fee for the turkey show is $25.00 per bird and is due March 1, 2026.

6. There will be a Sift Judge appointed by the Poultry Superintendents to sift birds at check-in. Birds may be sifted for the following reasons: external parasites, disease, bruises, blisters, and sex of the bird. If an Exhibitor has a bird that has been sifted, the Exhibitor may use an alternate bird. Turkeys losing their wing bands for any reason will not be eligible to show. If a wing band is lost, an alternate bird may also be used.

7. Portable, self-contained, and battery-powered fans may be attached to pens by exhibitors to cool birds.

8. Only feed supplied by the RCFA will be allowed. No feed additives or "wet-mashing" will be allowed. Exhibitors may supply their own water. Electrolytes may be added to the water.

9. Shavings are provided by the RCFA. Exhibitors may bring additional shavings to add to their pens.

10. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds.

11. Exhibitors may have one holder to assist them in the show ring. All holders must be a student in Robertson County. No adults are allowed in the show ring as holders. Committee members shall be available to assist exhibitors as needed.

12. Ribbons will be awarded through 10 places, and belt buckles and banners presented to the Grand and Reserve Champion turkeys. Awards will also be presented for showmanship.

13. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule #22 of the General Rules.

14. Top six turkeys will sell.

15. The top 10 turkeys (top 6 places and next 4 placings as alternates) will have their wing bands checked immediately after the conclusion of the turkey show for Premium Auction purposes. Exhibitors not making the sale must immediately remove their birds from the fairgrounds.

16. Turkeys placing one through six will be left in the show barn until the Premium Auction. It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitors of the top 6 turkeys to feed and water these birds and to ensure the shavings are changed as needed.

17. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Poultry Superintendents regarding disposition of sale birds. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for delivering sold birds to the Buyer dressed, packaged, or alive as instructed by the Buyer.

18. At the conclusion of the poultry sale, Exhibitors making the sale are responsible for helping with the tear-down and clean-up of the poultry area.

19. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random will be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

20. Judge: **Ray Pieniazek**

Market Rabbits

Superintendents: Nicole Gueck & Charlsie McDaniel

Arrival & Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	5:00 pm
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	8:00 am

1. Read General Rules.

2. An entry shall consist of a pen of three (3) rabbits individually weighing between 3.5 to 5.5 pounds each with a scale tolerance of 2 ounces per rabbit.

3. Only one alternate rabbit can be used as a substitute. Substitutions may be made for only the following reasons:
    a. At the weigh-in, one of the rabbits in the pen of three does not meet the weight requirements, OR
    b. If after weigh-in and sifting, a rabbit becomes sick or injured. The substitute rabbit must pass the same weigh-in and sift requirements.

4. The exhibitor must own the breeding doe on or before December 1, 2025. The Rabbit Committee reserves the right to inspect all does and bunnies on the exhibitor's premise to verify doe ownership. Only Californian and New Zealand breeds will be allowed to enter the market rabbit show.

5. Exhibitors must inform the Rabbit Committee prior to the December 1, 2025 deadline verifying the exhibitor's intention to show rabbits in the 2026 Robertson County Fair and the location of their does for inspection and verification by the Rabbit Committee.

6. All entries must have a special RCFA-approved tattoo in the right ear. Tattoos will be applied by the Rabbit Committee on the rabbit validation day as set by the Rabbit Committee. A tattooing fee of $10.00 per family will be assessed during this validation day.

7. Check-in will be on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Pens will be furnished for the rabbits. Rabbits will be checked, weighed, and sifted at this time. The exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits during the show. The Show will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026. The breeding show and fryer rabbit will follow the market show and these two shows shall be a carrying cage only show.

8. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules. The tattooing and validation day shall not count as a clinic.

9. Once weighed and sifted, rabbits must remain in the designated rabbit section of the barn.

10. During judging, if one rabbit in the pen is eliminated, the entire pen shall be eliminated. All rabbits eliminated due to disease must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately by the exhibitor. The Rabbit Superintendents and the Rabbit Committee retain the right to remove any sick, diseased, or unhealthy rabbits from the fairgrounds.

11. A belt buckle and banner will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion pen of rabbits.

12. The top 10 pens of rabbits will be eligible for the Premium Auction. Five (5) additional alternate pens will be selected.

13. All rabbits making the sale will be left in the show barn through the Premium Auction and the exhibitor must ensure rabbits are properly fed and watered. Rabbits not making the sale must be removed from the barn immediately.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Rabbit Superintendent regarding disposition of sale rabbits. The exhibitor shall be responsible for delivering sold rabbits to the buyer dressed, packaged, or alive as instructed by the buyer.

15. Exhibitor may only use one rabbit for showmanship. Rabbits must be 10 weeks of age & under with the same restrictions as the market rabbits. Rabbits must be of healthy condition and may be one that was entered in the market pen of rabbits. Exhibitor must check showmanship rabbit in with superintendent prior to show.

16. The Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random may be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

17. Judge: **April Cade**

Market Hogs

Superintendents:
Jeremy Fannin, Troy Baker, and Mike Ford

Arrival & Check-In:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	6:00 am – 8:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	8:00 am
Weight Cards Due:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	10:00 am
Show:	Sunday, March 29, 2026	4:00 pm
Check-Out:	Sunday, March 29, 2026	Following the Show

1. Read General Rules.

2. Tag in day for the market hogs will be Saturday, December 6, 2025, at the Robertson County Fairgrounds. A $5.00 per head tag-in fee will be assessed and collected at tag-in.

3. Barrows or gilts are eligible to be tagged in and to enter the market hog show.

4. Hogs must be owned before Saturday, December 6, 2025.

5. Entry fee for the market hog show will be $25.00 per head and is due March 1, 2026.

6. To be eligible to show, market hogs must weigh between 225 lbs and 285 lbs. All exhibitors will be allowed to use official scales. Due to injury or weight problems, one substitution will be allowed between 7:30 am and 9:30 am on market hog weigh in day. Any substitutions must be cleared with the Swine Superintendent before the substitute pig may be unloaded.

7. Every exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in Rule #24 of the General Rules.

8. Each exhibitor may turn in the weight of only one market hog. Official weight cards must be turned into the Swine Superintendent before 10:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026. The official weight turned in on the weight cards must be no lighter than 225 lbs. and no heavier than 285 lbs. or the hog will be disqualified.

9. A minimum of 10 pigs will be penned for weigh back and placing (at the judge's discretion, more than 10 pigs may be penned for weigh back). Only exhibitors of the pigs being reweighed will be allowed in the weigh back area. During the reweigh, a +/- 10 lb change in the official weight above or below will be allowed.

10. Belt buckles and banners will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion. Rosettes will be awarded to class winners. Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor.

11. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule #22 of the General Rules.

12. Thirty pigs may be sold. All pigs which place in the top six (6) of their class will be eligible for the premium auction. The remaining sale order will be selected by the judge.

13. No feeding or watering of animals in the exercise pen. No exercising of pigs in the show ring. All alleyways must remain cleared at all times.

14. General Rule #19 regarding the use of oil, paint, dyes, powder, etc will be strictly enforced. Any animals found in violation of General Rule #19 will be disqualified from the show.

15. The show identification number will be the exhibitor's number assigned by the Swine Committee.

16. All hogs that are selected for the premium auction will remain on the fairgrounds after the sale is completed unless otherwise instructed by the RCFA.

17. No painting or decorating of pigs for the auction is permitted.

18. Exhibitors may not assemble on the fairgrounds the night before market hog check in. Pens will be pre-assigned as determined by the Swine Committee.

19. At a minimum, the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and one random will be tested for drug residue as outlined in Rule #29 of the General Rules.

20. Judge: **Clayton Schram**

Breeding Beef

Superintendents: Brad Compton and Kyla Kirk

Arrival:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Animals Must be in Place:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	7:00 pm
Check-In:	Thursday, March 26, 2026	7:30 pm
Show:	Friday, March 27, 2026	1:00 pm
Check-Out:	See Rule #9 Below	

1. Read General Rules.

2. All exhibitors must be members of a Robertson County 4-H or FFA.

3. Entry fee for Heifer show is $20.00 per head and is due March 1, 2026.

4. No substitutions of animals will be allowed after the fair entry deadline.

5. All first year Breeding Heifer exhibitors will be required to attend an educational clinic scheduled by the breeding heifer committee.

6. Animals will be shown by division. There will be 3 divisions: American, British, and European.

American	**British**	**European**
Brahman	Angus	Charolais
Brangus	Shorthorn	Limousin
Santa Gertrudis	Red Angus	Maine-Anjou
Simbrah	Hereford	Simmental
Beefmaster	Polled Hereford	Chianina
Red Brangus	Other British Breeds	Other European Breeds
Other American Breeds		

   - The age classes will be broken after entries are received.
   - Heifers that have been issued a certificate of registry with a recognized breed association such as MaineTainer, Appendix Shorthorn, Star 5 Santa Gertrudis, Golden Certified Brahmans, Brangus Black Gold, etc., are eligible to show in the respective other breeds division.
   - Three or more head will show as a breed.

7. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each division.

8. All heifers must be born on or after September 1, 2023. All animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor and be Texas Heifer Validated as of November 1, 2025. Original registration papers or current year scramble heifer stamp will be checked.

9. Junior breeding beef heifers will be allowed to load out after the completion of the heifer show until 2.5 hours prior to the steer show, after completion of the steer show and after the completion of the pig unloading on Saturday morning. Heifers must be out by 10:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

10. All tack must be removed from stall area by 10:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

11. Heifer exhibitors will be required to clean their stalls prior to leaving the fairgrounds with their heifers.

12. Blow and Go Show Only

13. Showmanship will have 3 divisions.

Junior	3rd-5th Grade
Intermediate	6th-8th Grade
Senior	9th-12th Grade

14. Judge: **John Lanier**

Wether Dam Sheep Show

Superintendents:
Dan and Courtney Kosloski, Jeff Ripley & Monty Dozier

Arrival & Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	6:30 am – 9:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	9:00 am
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	Following Sheep Showmanship

1. Read General Rules.

2. All wether dams are required to be owned by October 31, 2025. By this date all wether dams to be shown in the RCFA breeding sheep show will be ear tagged and nose printed. Animals not tagged in on or before October 31, 2025 will be ineligible to show in the Robertson County Fair. There will be two (2) tag in dates, being October 20, 2025, and October 28, 2025, which will accommodate major show tag-in as well as Robertson County Fair tag-in. All wether dams will be validated with major tags for the RCA Fair; all tags must be ordered from the Robertson County Extension Office by the order deadline set by the Robertson County Extension Office. This tag-in is required. Tags will now be valid for 3 years if retained in the animal's ear. All wether dams must have a scrapie tag from the breeder prior to validation and all wether dams will be nose printed.

3. Entry fee for the breeding sheep show will be $20.00 per head and is due on March 1, 2026.

4. On Friday, March 27, 2026 all wether dams will be checked in for the show. Ages of wether dams will be verified by toothing the animal at check in by a qualified individual appointed by the Sheep Superintendent. Ages will be used to determine classes.

5. The Wether Dam Show Classes will be as follows:
    a. Class 1 – Ewe lambs
    b. Class 2 – All others

6. Wether Dams must be uniformly slick shorn above the knees and hocks. No use of adhesive, paint, or powder is permitted.

7. Ribbons will be awarded.

8. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule #22 of the General Rules. Showmanship will be combined with the Market lamb Showmanship; an exhibitor may show either their Market lamb or wether dam in the showmanship class.

9. Judge: **Shawn Ramsey**

Wether Doe Goat Show

Superintendents:
Dan and Courtney Kosloski, Jeff Ripley & Monte Dozier

Arrival & Check-In:	Friday, March 27, 2026	6:30 am – 9:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Friday, March 27, 2026	9:00 am
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	Following Sheep Showmanship

1. Read General Rules.

2. All Wether Does are required to be owned by October 31, 2025. By this date all wether does to be shown in the RCFA breeding goat show will be ear tagged. Animals not tagged in on or before October 31, 2025 will be ineligible to show in the Robertson County Fair. There will be two (2) tag in dates, being October 20, 2025, and October 28, 2025, which will accommodate tag-in for Majors and Robertson County Fair. All wether does will be validated with major tags for the RCFA Fair; all tags must be ordered from the Robertson County Extension Office by the order deadline set by the Robertson County Extension Office. This tag-in is required. All wether does must have a scrapie tag from the breeder prior to validation.

3. Entry fee for the breeding goat show will be $20.00 per head and is due on March 1, 2026.

4. Ages of wether does will be verified by toothing the animal at chck-in by a qualified individual appointed by the Goat Superintendent. Ages will be used to determine classed.

5. The Wether Doe Goat show classes will be as follows:
    a. Class 1- Doe Kids
    b. Class 2 - All others

6. Wether Does must be uniformly slick shorn with no more than 3/8” hair or less over the entire body above the knees and hocks (with the exception of the tail), with no evidence of blocking, at the time of the show. No sue of adhesive, paint, or powder is permitted.

7. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule #22 of the General Rules. Showmanship will be combined with the Market goat Showmanship; an exhibitor may show either their Market goat or wether doe in the showmanship class.

8. Judge: **Shawn Ramsey**

Breeding Rabbits

Superintendents: Nicole Gueck & Charlsie McDaniel

Arrival & Check-In:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	7:00 am – 8:00 am
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	8:00 am

1. Read General Rules.
2. All bucks must be owned by the exhibitor at least two months prior to the show.
3. There is a 2 Buck/Doe limit per exhibitor.
4. This will be a carrying cage only show. All cages must have bottoms.
5. All rabbits will be checked in by the Rabbit Superintendent or a rabbit committee member. Any diseased rabbit will be disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
6. The entries will be checked in on the day of the show (Saturday, March 28, 2026) and released at the conclusion of the breeding rabbit show.
7. The exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cases and all supplies for their rabbits. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting their rabbits to the judging table.
8. All classes will be set by the Superintendent and the committee.
9. No Fur Class.
10. No rabbit entered in the breeding show may be entered in the market rabbit show.
11. The RCFA, Inc. will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the rabbits entered in the show.
12. Exhibitors will be expected to clean his/her rabbit area at the close of the show.
13. No mixed breed rabbits will be allowed to show. Show will begin immediately following the single fryer rabbit show. Californian and New Zealand Rabbits only will be allowed to show.
14. There will be two Divisions in the Breeding Show:
    a. Bucks
    b. Does
15. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st place of each class and all entries will be placed and ribbons presented to the first five places. Grand Champion Buck and Doe will be awarded a belt buckle and banner.
16. Judge: **April Cade**

Single Fryer Rabbit Show

Superintendents: Nicole Gueck & Charlsie McDaniel

Arrival & Check-In:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	7:00 am – 8:00 am
Show:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	8:00 am

1. Read General Rules.
2. An entry shall consist of a single fryer rabbit weighing not less than 3.5 and not more than 5.5 pounds with a scale tolerance of 2 ounces.
3. No rabbit entered in the single fryer show may be entered in the market rabbit show.
4. Californian and New Zealand breeds only will be allowed to show.
5. All entries must have a validated tattoo administered by the rabbit committee at an assigned date and time to be announced.
6. Single fryer rabbit check-in will be held on day of the show between 7:00 and 8:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026 before the start of the market rabbit show.
7. Belt buckles and banners will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Fryer rabbit.
8. Ribbons will be awarded for third through tenth place.
9. The single fryer rabbit show will begin immediately following the market rabbit show.
10. This will be a carrying cage only show. All cages must have bottoms.
11. The exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cages and all supplies for their rabbits. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting their rabbits to the judging table.
12. Any diseased rabbit will be disqualified immediately and must be removed from the fairgrounds. No substitutions will be allowed.
13. Judge: **April Cade**

Breeding Swine

Superintendents:
Jeremy Fannin, Troy Baker, and Mike Ford

Arrival & Check-In:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	6:00 am – 8:00 am
Animals Must be in Place:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	8:00 am
Weight Cards Due:	Saturday, March 28, 2026	11:00 am
Show:	Sunday, March 29, 2026	11:00 am
Check-Out:	Sunday, March 29, 2026	Following Market Hog Show

1. Read General Rules.

2. Entry Fee for the breeding swine show will be $20.00 per head and is due on March 1, 2026.

3. Prize money will be paid in each class as follows:
   a. 1st place $30.00
   b. 2nd place $25.00
   c. 3rd place $20.00

4. General Rule #19 regarding the use of oil, paint, dyes, powder, etc will be strictly enforced. Any animals found in violation of General Rule #19 will be disqualified from the show.

5. All Breeding Swine are required to be validated at the county swine validation day or have registration papers that show ownership prior to validation date to be eligible for the RCFA breeding show.

6. Breeding swine entries will be weighed and placed into three classes. Check-in will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 am. Breeding swine show will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2026 beginning at 11 am.

7. Ribbons will be awarded through 20 places.

8. Belt buckles will be awarded to the overall Grand and Reserve Champion gilt.

9. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule #22 of the General Rules. Prizes will be presented for showmanship.

10. Pee Wee breeding swine show will follow the breeding swine showmanship judging. All pee wee show participants will receive an award.

11. All breeding swine will remain on the fairgrounds from the time of check-in until released by the swine superintendent.

12. Judge: **Clayton Schram**

Shop Division

Superintendents: Brad Leamon & Cassidy Leamon

Arrival & Check-In:	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Projects Must be in Place:	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	7:00 pm
Show:	Friday, March 27, 2026	8:30 am
Awards:	Friday, March 27, 2026	Following the Show

1. Read General Rules.

2. All project work must be done solely by the exhibitor. Project may not be started before the end of the premium sale the year prior to show.

3. There will be 6 divisions:
    a. Trailers: Bumper Pull and Gooseneck
    b. Furniture: chairs, picnic tables, benches
    c. Cooking Equipment: BBQ pits – pull type, stationary, smokers, grills, fire pits, fish fryers
    d. Outdoor/Wildlife outdoor kitchens, portable buildings, gazebo, feeders, storage, dispensers for wildlife, stands, blinds.
    e. Livestock Equipment: Gates, Panels & Entrances, cattle guards, livestock handling, feeders, storage, dispensers for livestock
    f. Ag machinery: Mounted and pulled - type tractor equipment, shop tables, truck bumpers, grills, headache racks, toolboxes

4. There will be two classes per Division: Group (projects built by more than one exhibitor but no more than six exhibitors) and Individual (projects built by a single person).

5. Entry fee for the Shop division will be $20.00 per project and entries will be due March 1, 2026.

6. Check in for all shop projects will be Wednesday, March 27, 2025 between 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

7. Projects not entering the sale must be removed by 12:00 pm Monday, March 30, 2026.

8. Students must be present at the judging of the shop projects at 8:30 am Friday, March 27, 2026. Items will be judged on Workmanship, Design and Material Use, Knowledge of Project, Degree of Difficulty, and Documentation.

9. Documentation is required to be shown with project and shall include Bill of Materials, Working Drawings, Pictures, and Research - Including Safety Data Sheets, tools used and skills learned.

10. Project Presentation: All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition.

11. Exhibitors should be dressed appropriately and be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project, including those exhibiting next to them. Exhibitors should not interfere with or shield those who are exhibiting next to them. Exhibitors should be available to answer questions during the interview process of showing their project. Knowledge of the project will be evaluated at this time. Exhibitors should know the correct knowledge of processes used.

    Examples: Electrode size and diameter – SMAW or GMAW (stick or MiG), Type of shielding gas used, Type of wood joint used, Type of wood used

12. Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury. All trailers and other equipment that will be operated and/or transported on public roads must be equipped with safety equipment specified in Codes of Federal Regulations, Title 49 Transportation, parts 300 to 399. Any trailer that exceeds 102 inches in width must have a signed over wide permit. All towed equipment, regardless of standards, is to be equipped with safety chains. All three-point hitch and P.T.O. operated equipment shall meet current ASABE standards.

13. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Robertson County Fair, its management, superintendents, nor judges of this Competition will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.

14. All projects will be judged in classifications as entered.

15. An overall Grand Champion and an overall Reserve Champion will be chosen. Showmanship awards will be given for an overall showmanship champion for the following age divisions:
    a. Senior – 9th – 12th grade
    b. Junior – 3rd – 8th grade

16. Top five individual projects placed overall by the judges for the sale order have the option to sell. Judges will establish the sale order of alternates. Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with Premium Sale Monday night.

17. Judge: **TBD**

Food Division

Superintendents: Jamie McCarver & Brandy Jentsch

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday, September 21	4:00 pm	Clinic	Creative Arts Building
Sunday, January 18	4:00 pm	Clinic	Creative Arts Building
February 1-15, 2026		Validation - Google Doc	On-Line
Saturday, March 28	8:00 am - 9:00 am 9:15 am - 6:00 pm 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Food Item Drop Off Closed Judging Showmanship (additional time will be added if needed)	Fireman's Hall
Sunday, March 29	10:00 am	Award Ceremony	Fireman's Hall

1. Read General Rules.

2. All exhibitors must be members of a Robertson County FFA Chapter, 4-H Club or FCCLA Chapter.

3. Divisions are determined by age or grade of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026.
    a. Pee Wee – 2nd grade and under
    b. Junior – 3rd grade or 9 years old (even if in the 2nd grade) to 5th grade
    c. Intermediate – 6th grade to 8th grade
    d. Senior – 9th grade to 12th grade

4. All first-time food exhibitors MUST attend at least one clinic hosted by the food division superintendent(s), provide proof of obtaining a Health Card Certification, or complete the Make Up Test as provided by the RCFA Food Division no later than March 1, 2026. Failure to do so will prevent the exhibitor from competing. All others are also encouraged to attend a clinic.

5. To be eligible to enter, all projects must be validated. Validation will be online with a Google Form where the exhibitor will enter their recipe, declare their interest in showmanship, complete the marketing paragraph, and provide a list of additional projects being entered. Should the committee require corrections, exhibitors will be allowed 3 days to resubmit their Google Form. The committee will not address the recipe itself, the judges will decide if the recipe is eligible.

6. Exhibitors may only submit one entry in each of the following categories: Cakes, Candy, Canned Foods, Cookies, Pies, Quick Breads, Yeast Products, not to exceed 4 entries.

7. Exhibitors must choose and/or create recipes that they have not entered with, placed with and sold or had the ability to sell in the silent auction at any point of their showing career. Not abiding by these criteria will deem the exhibitor ineligible to participate in the silent auction. Changing the recipe name from a previous year entry will result in automatic disqualification.

8. Exhibitors must complete online registration and pay an entry fee of $5.00 per entry. Entries received after March 1, 2026, are subject to a late entry fee as indicated in General Rules #4 & 5.

9. Entries must be in a sturdy disposable container with a see-through top, on a disposable container and covered with clear plastic wrap or be in a Ziploc bag. Entries shall not include inedible objects such as hot glue. Wooden dowels for support, paper straws, and hard candy are acceptable but need to be noted in the recipe. No glass is allowed except in canned goods.

10. All entries must be accompanied by the Food Division Questionnaire and the recipe. The questionnaire, recipe and entry should be void of all identifying information of the exhibitor. Exhibitors who do not provide the food division questionnaire, recipe, and food entry will be disqualified.

11. All food items will be sampled by the judges at their discretion and will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, presentation, recipe and questionnaire. Should an exhibit be deemed unsafe by the judges it will be disqualified.

12. All food items must be made from scratch. The use of Jello mix, canned sodas, cookies, candy and canned fruit are acceptable, but the recipe must include a minimum of 7 additional ingredients. ITEMS NOT ALLOWED include, but are not limited to cake mixes, Cool Whip, pre-made crusts, pre-made cookie dough or marshmallow crème. Not following this rule will result in disqualification.

13. No food item requiring refrigeration will be accepted as referenced by The Texas Department of State Health Services: "Bakery goods which require any type of refrigeration such as cream, custard or meringue pies and cakes or pastries with cream cheese icings or fillings". NOTE: Recipes containing 6 Tablespoons or less of milk or heavy cream are acceptable; anything more will be rejected or disqualified unless the icing is cooked.

14. All entries must maintain their taste, texture, and appearance at room temperature for at least 8 hours.

15. Exhibitors of canned goods must: a) Properly seal jars using a water bath or pressure canner; b) Include the canning process in their recipe; and c) Be prepared to submit 64 ounces of canned goods in any combination of jar sizes should they make the Silent Auction.

16. Ingredients of candy projects must reach 230 degrees on a candy thermometer.

17. Classification of food entries not clearly defined by the exhibitor will be left to the discretion of the food division superintendent(s).

18. Recipes must be submitted with the required units of measurement on the required Recipe Format including the Food Label on the bottom of the recipe, do not include the label on the food entry.

19. Showmanship Interviews will be held for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions with awards given. The exhibitor must indicate their desire to participate in showmanship during the validation process. Exhibitors must notify the committee via email one week prior to the contest which entry will be used for the interview process. The exhibitor will be interviewed and scored based on the following criteria: appearance, attitude, knowledge of his/her entry, and communication skills.

20. Junior, Intermediate and Senior winners with the highest score within the Food Division contest, including Grand and Reserve Champion will be eligible for the Silent Auction, with the winning bids announced during the premium auction set for Monday, March 30, 2026, beginning at 6:30 pm, ending approximately 10 pm.
    a. Blue Ribbon: 40-50 points
    b. Red Ribbon: 30-39 points
    c. White Ribbon: 25-29 points
        i. Points will be deducted for but not limited to the following.
            a. Hair in Food
            b. Not using proper jar sizes in canned foods
            c. Not using the correct units of measurement on the recipe

21. Should an exhibitor place with multiple entries, their highest placing food item will be sold in the Silent Auction.

22. Should an exhibitor make the sale with an animal or other Silent Auction item and drop selling their food item, the next highest point earning exhibit will move up.

23. No Pee Wee food entries will be eligible for the silent auction.

24. All entries will become property of the Robertson County Fair Association.

25. To participate in the Silent Auction, all food qualifiers must be present at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 30, 2026, with a freshly prepared item.

26. All Category Divisions are listed on the following page.

RECIPE FORMAT

Do not leave the legend for the Required Units of Measurements when submitting recipe

Prep Time: Total Time: Yield:

Ingredients

Measurement Ingredient
Measurement Ingredient
Measurement Ingredient

Required Units of Measurement

tsp	=	teaspoon
Tbsp	=	Tablespoon
C	=	Cup
oz	=	Ounces

Directions

1. List first step
2. List second step
3. List third step

Special Diet Information
[Gluten free / Diabetic appropriate / Add any special diet information here.]

FOOD LABEL

Robertson County Fair 2025
Robertson County, Texas (or county where item was made)

Contains the following allergens:
Eggs, Nuts, Soy, Peanuts, Milk, Wheat, Fish, Shellfish

This food is made in a home kitchen and is not inspected by the Department of State Health Services or a local health department.

IMPORTANT: IF you are entering a pickled fruit or vegetable, fermented vegetable or acidified canned plant-based product, a unique batch number to correspond with your record-keeping of your food is required. Additional information regarding unique batch numbers can be found at https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/pickle-can-ferment/

Category	Sub-Category	Quantity for Turn-In	Minimum Quantity for Silent Auction
Cakes	Cupcakes - All Flavors	1 dozen	2 dozen
	Glazed Cakes	1 whole cake	1 whole cake
	Iced Cakes - All flavors	1 whole cake	1 whole cake
	Layered Cakes	1 whole cake	1 whole cake
	Misc. Includes Cake balls & Savory	1 whole cake or 1 dozen	1 whole cake or minimum 2 dozen
	Un-Iced Cakes - Including Pound Cake	1 whole cake	1 whole cake
Candy	Candy/Fudge	1 pound	3 pounds
Canned Foods	Fruit Spreads (Jams, jellies, preserves, butter)	1 singular pint jar	64 ounces in any combination of jars
	Miscellaneous	1 singular pint jar	64 ounces in any combination of jars
	Pickled Vegetable	1 singular pint jar	64 ounces in any combination of jars
	Salsa/Relish	1 singular pint jar	64 ounces in any combination of jars
	Sauce	1 singular pint jar	64 ounces in any combination of jars
Cookies	Bar Cookies/Brownies	1 dozen	2 dozen
	Drop/Rolled/Savory	1 dozen	2 dozen
Pies	Fruit Pies 1. Filling must be in between 2 homemade flour-based pie crusts	1 whole pie	1 whole pie
	Miscellaneous 1. Must have 1 homemade flour-based crust; includes crumble topped pies. 2. *NO Custard or Meringue topped pies accepted.* a. Including but not limited to: Buttermilk, Pecan or Pumpkin	1 whole pie	1 whole pie
Quick Breads/Muffins	Including all flavors 1. Must rise during baking	1 dozen	2 dozen
Yeast Products	Plain/Savory Sweet 1. Must rise at least once prior to baking	1 loaf or 1 dozen	Loaves: 2-3 loaves or fill the container bottom with mini loaves Rolls: 2 dozen

Creative and Visual Arts Division

Coordinator: Kathy Dodd

	All Activities to be held in the Creative Arts Building	
Monday, March 23, 2026	Project Check In	4:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, March 26, 2026	Gala	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Friday, March 27, 2026	Viewing	10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 28, 2026	Demonstrations/Hands-On Activities	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday, March 28, 2026	Viewing	10:00 am-7:00 pm
Sunday, March 29, 2026	Viewing	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Sunday, March 29, 2026	Project Pick-Up	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursday, March 26 through Sunday, March 29	Photography Silent Auction	

DIVISION RULES

1. Exhibitors in the Creative and Visual Arts Division are not required to be a member of FFA, 4-H or FCCLA.

2. Entry Fees are $5.00 per entry for all ages. Entries are due March 1, 2026, and must be submitted through the RCFA Online Entry Form. There is no limit in the number of entries an individual can enter.

3. All entries must have been completed in the year prior to the fair event. RCFA reserves the right to place entries in the proper categories.

4. All entries must be received in the Creative Arts Building on Monday, March 23, 2026 between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. **No late entries will be allowed after check-in.**

5. All entries must be picked up from the Creative Ars Building on Sunday, March 29, 2026 between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. **We are not responsible for art left behind.**

6. All cash winners (and a parent/guardian if the winner is a child) will be required to supervise artwork in the Creative Arts building for a one-hour period during viewing hours (a 1.5 hour time period is required for Needlework and Sewing entries). Failure to do so will result in forfeiting your cash prize. It is your responsibility to check to see if you have won a prize and sign up to supervise. Winners are expected to write a thank you during this time and take a picture with their winning project.

7. Arts, Crafts, and Sculpture age divisions will be divided by grade: K-12. Adult Art, Crafts, and Sculpture will be judged separately from the students.

8. Judges selected to judge the Arts, Crafts, and Sculpture Departments shall be professional artisans and photographers and/or professional art or photography educators. No one will be allowed to watch the judging.

9. RCFA has the right to remove any show entries viewed as inappropriate.

10. Art, Crafts, and Sculpture Awards:
    a. At the discretion of the judges, a First, Second, or Third level ribbon will be awarded to each piece of student artwork.
    b. Judges will then select a Grand Champion from each student division and designate the Sponsored award winners.
    c. A Best of Show will be selected from all the Grand Champions of the Student Art Section.
    d. A Best of Show will be selected from all the Grand Champions of the Student Crafts Section.
    e. A Best of Show will be selected from all the Grand Champions of the Student Sculpture Section.
    f. A Best of Show will be selected from the Adult Art Section.
    g. A Best of Show will be selected from the Adult Crafts Section.
    h. A Best of Show will be selected from the Adult Sculpture Section.
    i. All Best of Show and Grand Champion winners will receive a rosette ribbon and, if funds are available, a cash prize.
    j. Prize Money will be mailed to recipients by May 1, 2026.

Art Gala

Superintendent: Judy Limmer

Annual event held on Thursday night before fair opening night. Attendees are the first to view prize winners. Music, Wine and Hors D'oeuvres are served. A silent auction will be held allowing guests to purchase artwork.

Professional Artists

Superintendent: TBD

Professional artists who live in and/or have studios in Robertson County are invited to submit diverse and exciting art work to be considered for exhibit in the RCFA Professional Artists Show. Art work in this exhibit will not be judged or be eligible to receive prize money. During the exhibit, artists are allowed to attach contact information and prices to their artwork. RCFA has the right to remove any entries viewed as inappropriate.

2-D Art

Superintendent: Stephany Kuchera

1. Read General Rules and Creative and Visual Arts Division Rules.

2. Two-dimensional art entries can include but are not limited to: Acrylic, Batik, Block Prints, Cartoons, or Caricatures, Charcoal, Colored Pencil Mixed Media, Pastel, Pencil, Pen & Ink, Tempera, and Watercolor.

3. Artwork must be matted or mounted and have 2 inches of Velcro (Loop Side) attached to the top left and right sides of the artwork for hanging in the show. **If the Velcro is not attached, it will be disqualified.**

4. All art must be dry to the touch and Pastels and Charcoals must be fixed or covered with a transparent cover sheet.

5. Only adult artwork will be accepted framed, no other framed entries will be accepted.

6. All art must be fashioned by the artist. Studies are allowed. No manufactured kits are allowed.

3-D Craft

Superintendent: TBD

1. Read General Rules and Creative and Visual Arts Division Rules.

2. Three-Dimensional Craft entries can include but are not limited to: Clay pot craft, Collage, Decorative Painting, Decoupage, Furniture, Glass craft, Gourd craft, Jewelry, Leather craft, Masks, Metal craft, Models, Mosaics, Other, Tiles/painted, Tile/ glazed, and Wood craft.

3. All projects must be designed by the artist. No manufactured kits are allowed.

3-D Sculpture

Superintendent: TBD

1. Read General Rules and Creative and Visual Arts Division Rules.

2. Three-Dimensional Sculpture entries can include but are not limited to: Clay, Lego, Paper Mache', Relief, Wire, Wood, Metal, Pottery/hand built, Pottery/thrown by a wheel, Tiles/ glazed, and Other.

3. Legos will be a separate sculpture category. All designs must be original.

4. Metal Yard Art will be a separate sculpture category. The youth metal art award will be chosen from all entries K-12. The adult metal yard art award winner will be chosen from all adult entries.

5. All projects must be designed by the artist. No manufactured kits are allowed.

2-D Photography

Superintendent: Cindy Caubarreaux

1. Read General Rules and Creative and Visual Arts Division Rules.

2. Divisions are determined by age or grade of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026.
    a. Pee Wee – K – 2nd grade
    b. Sub Junior – 3rd grade – 5th grade
    c. Junior – 6th grade – 8th grade
    d. Senior – 9th grade – 12th grade
    e. Adult – Not in high school

f. Professional – Anyone who teaches photography, sells photos or their services as a photographer.

3. Possible Photography Special Award categories are (but not limited to):

Architecture	Digital Art & Design	Reptiles & Amphibians
Animals – Domestic	Humor	Rodeo or County Fair Activity
Animals – Wildlife	Insects	Still Life (any arranged assemblage of objects)
Birds	Landscape	Sports & Recreation
Botanicals & Flowers	Portraits	Waterscape
Black & White	Ranch or Farm Activity	

4. Other Professional categories are:

Portraits	Nature	Other
Animal Photography	Sports	

5. Photographs must be mounted flush to the edge of a rigid, self-adhesive **8-inch X 10-inch foam board (OR printed on an 8-inch X 10-inch canvas if you would like to enter the Silent Auction. Refer to Rule 12 below)**. Each entry must be submitted in a separate Ziploc bag. Please put your name, grade, and category on back of picture. **Photos not mounted according to rules will not be eligible for entry**.

6. Entries will be judged by professional photographers and no one will be allowed to view the judging.

7. Entries are to be removed from the multi-use building by 3:00 pm Sunday, March 29, 2026.

8. At the discretion of the judges, First, Second, and Third level ribbons will be awarded to each piece of Youth photography submitted.

9. Special Category Awards will be given, at the judge's discretion, to outstanding entries.

10. The Adult Photography and Professional Photography divisions will only award a "Best of Show" for each division.

11. Rosettes and cash prizes (if funds are available) will be awarded to the Division, Grand and Reserve Champions, and the Best of Show winners.

12. A Silent Auction will be held for those who choose to enter. Entries must be printed on an 8-inch X 10-inch canvas. The Silent Auction will be open for bidding beginning at the Art Gala and will end at exhibit pick-up time on Sunday. To receive funds from this Silent Auction, an exhibitor cannot have an entry in the market sale or other silent auctions (ie food or shop divisions); refer to General Rule #9.

Needlework and Sewing Division

Superintendent: Janna Price

1. Read General Rules and Creative and Visual Arts Division Rules.

2. Divisions are determined by age or grade of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026.
   a. Pee Wee – 2nd grade or under
   b. Junior – 3rd grade – 8th grade
   c. Senior – 9th grade – 12th grade
   d. Adult – Not in high school

3. All entries must have been completed in the year prior to the fair event. RCFA reserves the right to place entries in the proper categories.

4. Rosettes and cash awards will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in each age division. Cash prizes will be based on available funds.

5. Best of Show Award will be chosen from the four Grand Champion entries. The winner will receive a cash award. Cash prizes will be based on available funds.

6. Additional awards may be given at the judge's discretion. Possible awards (but not limited to) include Most Creative, Best Use of Fabric, Best Use of Color and Design, Judge's Choice. Winners may receive a cash prize based on available funds.

7. Each winner and a parent/guardian will be required to commit to supervising needle/artwork for a 1.5-hour period during the weekend of the fair plus write age-appropriate thank you notes.

8. All entries should be clean, trimmed, pressed and on an appropriate hanger (if applicable).

9. All Category Divisions are listed on the following page.

Category Divisions

a. Needle Art
    i. Cross Stitch
    ii. Embroidery
    iii. Plastic Canvas
    iv. Needlepoint
    v. Other
b. Handwork
    i. Knitting
    ii. Crochet
    iii. Latchhook
    iv. Punchwork
    v. No-sew
    vi. Miscellaneous Handwork
        1. Beadwork
        2. Felt Craft
        3. Smocking
        4. Lace
c. Machine Sewn Clothing/Accessories
    i. Clothing
    ii. Doll/Pet clothes
    iii. Costumes
    iv. Scarves, mittens, caps, bonnets
    v. Tote bags, handbags, purses
    vi. Refashioned Items
    vii. Other Accessories
d. Miscellaneous Sewn Crafts
    i. Dolls
    ii. Stuffed animals
    iii. Aprons
    iv. Other
e. Sewn Home Furnishings
    i. Patchwork Pillow
    ii. Embellished Pillow
    iii. Pillowcase
    iv. Hand Quilted Quilt
    v. Machine Quilted Quilt
    vi. Blanket
    vii. Curtains, drapes, etc.
    viii. Other Home Furnishings

Pet Show

Superintendents: Michelle Stewart and Robertson County Cowboy Church

1. Divisions are determined by age of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026.
    a. Pee Wee – 2 – 4 years old
    b. Sub Junior – 5 – 6 years old
    c. Junior – 7 – 8 years old

2. Prizes will be awarded for the BEST DRESSED and MOST OBEDIENT in each age group.

3. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all other entries.

4. Three (3) residents of Robertson County will serve as judges.

Greased Pig Scramble

Superintendents: Terri & Ervin Homann

1. The Robertson County Fair Association, Inc. will not be responsible for any accidents connected with the pig scramble.

2. The Interscholastic League Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education has formulated a plan permitting Greased Pig Scrambles while still protecting a contestant's amateur status. This is done by placing this process under a school's and/or a County 4-H Club supervision and prohibiting participants from receiving anything of cash value from the athletic portion of the school's program.

3. Divisions are determined by age or grade of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026.
    a. Junior – 3rd grade through 13 years of age
    b. Senior – 14 years of age through 18 years of age with one year of show eligibility remaining

4. Must be a current member of FFA, 4-H or FCCLA.

5. Contestants must sign up on the Market Entry Form and return form no later than March 1, 2026. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. A $5.00 non-refundable entry fee will be charged for each person entered in the scramble. Any contestant that has a known conflict on either of the scramble days (i.e. showing at the same time, athletics, school activity, etc.) shall attach a note explaining the conflict to the entry form for review by the Pig Scramble Committee. The committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any and all such requests.

6. The number of heats will be determined by the Pig Scramble Committee.

7. Each contestant will attempt to catch one of the pigs and then pull or carry the pig to the designated pen without assistance. Referees will declare winners and order of finish.

8. All pigs must be carried or pulled across the designated pen threshold.

9. If two or more contestants catch the same pig, they both will be required to release the pig by order of a referee.

10. Poor sportsmanship will disqualify any contestant automatically and undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referees. Any abuse of the pigs will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of Scramble Purchase Certificate.

11. Scrambles will be refereed by a group of not less than four referees and all decisions of referees shall be final.

12. A Scramble Purchase Certificate will be issued to the top three finishers in each scramble heat. The order in which contestants successfully get their pig into the designated pen will determine placings.

13. A Scramble Purchase Certificate must be used for the purchase of an animal project or supplies to be used in the exhibition of their animal, foods or creative arts project for the 2027 Robertson County Fair. The certificate must be redeemed before March 1, 2027 or it will be voided.

14. The entire program, including the selection of the kind of animal project, the care of the animal project, and management of the animal project will be under the supervision of the County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.

15. The Scramble Purchase Certificate must be signed by the County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher verifying the Certificate was properly used before payment will be made.

16. Thank you notes will be required. Winning scramblers are to prepare Thank you notes for the sponsor(s) of their purchase certificate. Thank you notes must contain the correct donor's name and address and must be placed in an unsealed, stamped envelope addressed to the donor. These Thank you notes and envelopes are required to be mailed to Terri Homann, Pig Scramble Superintendent, for approval and verification to the address provided by Mrs. Homann. All Thank you notes must be received by Mrs. Homann on or before April 30, 2026. Winning scramblers who fail to comply with this Thank you note rule by the April 30, 2026 deadline shall forfeit their scramble purchase certificate.