

2021-2022
TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW
RULE BOOK

The rules and guidelines contained within this book are the result of careful consideration and input from school administrators and all agriculture teachers.

SHOW SCHEDULE

DUE to TISD Policy, schedule is subject to change at any time.

Wednesday: January 26, 2022

Special Rodeo – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Rabbits, Broilers, Turkey must be in place by 1:00 PM

Rabbit Show – 1:30 PM

Broiler Show – 2:30 PM or immediately following the rabbit show (whichever is later)

Turkey Show – immediately following Broiler Show

Barn Closes – 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Turkey Show

Thursday: January 27, 2022

Barn Opens – 8:00 AM

Lambs and Goats must be in place by 10:00 AM

Goat Show – 12:00 PM

Lamb Show – 2:00 PM

Barn Closes – 5:00 PM or 1 hour after Lamb Show (whichever is later)

Friday: January 28, 2022

Barn Opens – 8:00 AM

Steers and Swine must be in place by 10:00 AM

Steer Show – 12:00 PM

Swine Show – 2:00 PM

Auction Set Up – 4:00 PM or immediately following the swine show (whichever is later)

Barn Closes – 30 minutes after auction set up.

Saturday: January 29, 2022

Barn Opens – 9:00 AM

Sale Order Meeting – 9:30 AM

Buckle & Trophy Presentation – 11:00 AM

Buyers Lunch – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Live Auction – 2:00 PM

Livestock Area of the Barn Closes to ALL people other than TISD FFA Load Out Committee – 30 minutes after the conclusion of the live auction

RULES FOR TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW

General Rules:

1. Only Tomball ISD FFA dues paying members of good standing with their chapter and enrolled in classes of Agricultural Science in Tomball ISD are eligible to qualify as exhibitors. Students must have no outstanding balances and display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Texas FFA Association.
2. All properties and exhibitors entered shall be subject to the general and division rules of the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show.
3. The FFA Advisors (which consist of the agriscience teachers at each high school) will interpret all rules and regulations, and settle all matters, questions, and disputes arising out of or in regard to the show. The Advisors reserve the right to adjust the rules to best benefit the goal of the project show. In any case, a majority of the Advisors must be in agreement with a rule change.
4. The judge's placing is final. If a parent or student contacts the judge regarding the placing of their animal the student and immediate family members will be banned from showing at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA show for one school year.
5. The Tomball/Tomball Memorial FFA Chapter, Tomball/Tomball Memorial FFA Booster Club, Ag Science teachers, and Tomball ISD shall not be responsible or liable for any damage or injury to any person or for any property losses or injuries sustained by anyone from any incident or accident on the show grounds or during transportation to and from the show.
6. All expenses, including animal health and loss, are the responsibility of the student. Livestock insurance is available for purchase through a local insurance agency if the student desires.
7. Upon purchase of the animal, an entry fee and vet check fee will be paid. Broilers, Turkeys, and Rabbits will have a \$25.00 entry fee. Steers, Swine, Sheep, and Goats will have a \$30.00 entry fee. The vet check fee will be set prior to the purchase of the animals.
8. The Ag teachers may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. A majority of the ag teachers must agree the animal was unmanageable, and if so, that disqualification will only affect the project currently being shown; this project may still be sold through the freezer sale and is eligible for add-ons.
9. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. The ag teachers reserve the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor in violation of basic animal husbandry. Reminder during show: All animals upon arrival on the premises, should be fed, watered, and cleaned up after. This shall continue throughout the duration of the time the animal is on TISD property.
10. All market steers, swine, lambs, goats, rabbits, broilers, and turkeys will be purchased from T.I.S.D. and received at the same place, at the same time, through Tomball I.S.D.
11. Only projects that have been purchased from T.I.S.D can be brought to the project grounds.
12. All entries must be owned, cared for, and exhibited by the student
13. If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian or ag teacher will be allowed to administer any drug. If an official veterinarian MUST be notified, an ag teacher must be present when the drug is administered. If an ag teacher is NOT notified and present, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification.

14. All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
15. No student may show more than two (2) market items in the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Show with the exception of rabbits. Rabbits can only be shown if the students has no other large animal project or in conjunction with one other small animal (chickens or turkeys).
16. No student may purchase or show more than one (1) animal/pen per market division.
17. To foster fair competition, provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, and/or administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited and subject to disqualification. Additionally, any animal given an approved FDA drug must be free of residue from that drug or is subject to disqualification. If the approved FDA drug for a given species was administered by a licensed veterinarian, the ag teachers must have prior knowledge of that and proof from the veterinarian must be presented prior to drug testing.
18. Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.
 - a) Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body
 - (2) Use of injections
 - (3) Draining of fluids
 - (4) Bruising
 - (5) Feeding of materials not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or marketability of its carcass.
 - (6) Surgical alterations other than normal management practices.
 - (7) Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections
19. 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.
20. As condition for participation in the show, exhibitors must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitors agree to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the ag teacher. Exhibitors also agree that the opinion reached by the ag teachers as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against Tomball I.S.D. Further, the ag teachers specially reserve the right to have tissue, blood, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusion reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without any recourse against Tomball I.S.D. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical the exhibitor will forfeit all rights to exhibit livestock under TISD for the remainder of their high school career and immediate family members will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock for the following year. The student will forfeit their check (the money will either be returned to the purchaser or donated back to the FFA Project Show Fund). If the family chooses to show again after the probationary period, every animal they show will automatically be examined and drug tested.
21. All market steers, lambs, goats, and pigs must have hair drawn by an ag teacher prior to selection, sealed immediately with the student's signature across the seal, and placed in a secure location by the ag teacher for possible future DNA testing. If a question should arise, the hair sample will be submitted for DNA testing and the animal must match this hair sample or will be disqualified.

22. Students with animals that fall under Rules 17-21 will result in the loss of the students check including add-ons. The money will either be returned to the purchaser, who could donate the money back to the Tomball I.S.D. Project Show, and the exhibitor will forfeit all rights to exhibit livestock under TISD for the remainder of their high school career and immediate family members will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock for the following year. If the family chooses to show again at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA show after the probationary period, every animal they show will automatically be drug tested.
23. 10% or no less than three steers, swine, lambs, or goats will be randomly selected through a drawing done by TISD administrators to be drug tested by an approved representative immediately upon arrival at the show. ALL Grand and Reserve Champions (small and large animals) will also be drug tested immediately upon the conclusion of each species show. At the time of drug testing, the exhibitor or legal guardian (of Steers, Swine, Sheep, and Goats) must be present with their animal until the sample is collected. The exhibitor or legal guardian of small animals must be present when animal is secured and the sample collected.
24. All randomly selected drug testing species will be notified and tested upon arrival.
25. Grand and Reserve Champions rabbits will potentially be left at the TISD Show Barn after the rabbit show on Wednesday if they have not completed the urine sample for drug testing.
26. **Tomball I.S.D. FFA Show will be a terminal show for all animals. This means that ALL of these species will go on a trailer that is provided by Tomball ISD at the Tomball ISD Project Show.**

Selection Process:

27. See addendum

28. There will be an allotted preview time for large animals. At the conclusion of the preview time, everyone will be removed from the selection area. Each exhibitor will enter five lots ahead of his or her draw for viewing. When it becomes their turn, the exhibitor will have 3 minutes to choose their animal. If they have not chosen an animal within their time limit, they may continue to choose but the next exhibitor will be allowed to select as well. There will be room around the selection area for outsiders to communicate with the exhibitor.
29. Poultry selection will be first come first serve.
30. Rabbit selection, upon arrival the exhibitor will draw a number that will correspond with the box number.

Sale and Show Information:

31. The minimum number of steers in the auction will be determined by multiplying 50% by the original number of students paying for and selecting steer projects.
32. The balance of the auction sale lots will be determined by the number of students paying for and selecting lambs, goats, swine, rabbits, chickens, and turkeys, and dividing these entries into the remaining available sale lots (96 minus the steer lots) to give a sale percentage for each species. However, the number of rabbit lots will be capped at 10.
33. If a student is selected by the judge to return for the showmanship class, participation is optional; however, if they participate, they must show the animal they originally showed. If the showmanship winner is not already in the sale, it will be designated as a Champion placing animal and will be sold following the Reserve Champion of that species. If the showmanship winner is already in the sale, the first alternate will be moved

into the last spot of the division in the live auction. This process will create 1 additional auction spot for steer, swine, lamb, and goat; **increasing the number of the sale lots to 100.**

34. If ten or less animals are shown in any division only Grand and Reserve champion will sell.
35. The judge will select the sale order. All class winners will automatically make the sale order.
36. Any student moving into the district, who has a market project on feed, after selection may sell the animal in the freezer sale as long as the exhibitor pays the entry fee, but may not show it in the livestock show.
37. There will be a 10% commission deducted on all items including sale, freezer, & add-ons, which is handled by the school district.
38. All projects sold in the freezer sale will be sold at a specified floor price listed below:

Steers - \$2,600
Swine - \$400
Lambs - \$400
Goats - \$400
Turkeys - \$300
Broilers - \$150
Rabbits - \$150

Freezer Sale Table Hours:

Wednesday – 2:00 PM - Barn Close

Thursday – 10:00 AM - Barn Close

Friday – 10:00 AM - Barn Close

Saturday – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM (or 1 hour after the conclusion of the live auction; whichever is later)

***Under extenuating circumstances where all the animals are not sold at the time the freezer sale closes, the exhibitor's animal will be sold for a contracted price per pound.

39. During the species show, only the exhibitor and one other representative will be allowed in that division's area. During the showing of pigs, lambs, and goats, no one but the student will be allowed in the alley ways or holding area.
- 40. No tack, show boxes, or personal items (ie. Chairs, coolers, etc.) will be allowed in ANY aisle, walkway, or holding area. Sheep/Goat exhibitors will have access to blocking tables provided by the district. Any personal blocking tables must be kept outside of the TISD Show Barn.**
41. Absolutely NO outside bedding will be allowed. For example, bedding includes but not limited to shavings, straw, sawdust, woody pet, etc. There will be a fine of \$500 (five hundred) deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check if the exhibitor brings in outside bedding.
42. Exhibitors may use an approved livestock hair and skin care product on their livestock before entering the show ring. Example: Sudden Impact, Show Sheen, Revive, etc. Absolutely NO over the counter oils.
43. Removing, tampering with, altering, or replacing an ear tag will be a fine of \$500.00. The processor NEEDS this identification method and it needs to be the original tag!
- 44. Removing or altering the TISD name sign at any point will result in a fine of \$200.00. You will receive your sign the following week at the show barn clean up or at school.**

45. All exhibitors must remove ALL tack and show equipment (boxes) prior to barn closing the day the exhibitor shows that species.

Eligibility:

46. FFA Members wanting to work the Special Rodeo must sign up via sign up genius at Mandatory meeting in January.

47. All exhibitors of steers and turkeys and at least one parent are required to attend a mandatory livestock meeting on **Wednesday, March 3rd OR Thursday, March 4th** in the THS Ag Department in which they will fill out and sign all forms necessary as well as turn in all payments including Animal money, Entry Fees, and Barn Fees (if applicable) to be considered entered to show at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

48. All exhibitors of sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, and broilers and at least one parent are REQUIRED to attend at least ONE MANDATORY MEETING set for **Wednesday, September 1st OR Thursday, September 2nd** in the THS cafeteria in which they will fill out and sign all forms necessary as well as turn in all payments including Animal money (including entry fee), and Barn Fees (if applicable) to be considered entered to show at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

49. All students must attend at least **three FFA meetings** (in the proper attire) prior to the show to be eligible to show, in addition to a pay meeting in September. All students will be required to attend the combined THS and TMHS FFA meeting on **January 10th**. All other FFA meetings are set according to each FFA chapter. There will be a fine of \$50 per meeting missed deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check.

50. Expense records must be kept on AET on each animal and a computerized expense sheet must be turned in by **Friday, January 21st by 3:00 PM to an ag teacher** in order to have expenses recorded on sale sheets for the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. The website is www.theaet.com and should include ONLY operating expenses (these are consumable items only). Expense sheets not turned in will have the purchase price written in as their invested value and the exhibitor will be fine \$25.

51. All students must meet State guidelines with regard to grades and eligibility for co-curricular and extracurricular activities. **Refer to the TISD eligibility calendar. (THIS YEAR YOU MUST PASS THE SECOND NINE WEEKS TO SHOW).** Any student that is ineligible to show will not be allowed to have their animal on the show grounds. They must dispose of their animal on their own.

52. If a student is assigned to AEP and attends the program at any time during the **2021-2022** school year, they will not be able to show or sell their TISD project/projects. They must dispose of it/them on their own.

53. If a student is assigned to homebound school and still enrolled in an Agriculture class, the student may sell the animal in the freezer sale only.

54. All exhibitors when showing and during the sale will wear official FFA dress as stated in the FFA official manual. FFA jacket, white shirt or blouse, solid black jeans (no skinny or holey jeans), tie/scarf, and black shoes. At the **January 10th** meeting, all students must wear official dress as described above.

55. Students are required to attend one of the three barn set ups at the Tomball ISD Show Barn located at Tomball High School. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending at least one barn set up.

56. All students placing in the live auction are required to attend auction set up on Friday at 4:00 PM or immediately following the swine show and a mandatory sale order meeting on Saturday at 9:30 AM. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending this.

Requirements to receive checks:

57. There will be a show barn clean up the Wednesday after the TISD Project Show from 3-6 PM which is required for ALL steer AND all live auction exhibitors. Steer exhibitors are required to remove all leftover feedstuffs. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending this or sending a representative in the exhibitor's place, or arriving late/leaving early.
58. **All students** are required to write thank you notes to their buyer and any individual that gave them money (add-ons). **Exhibitors awarded a buckle and trophy** will need to write a thank you letter to the sponsors of their belt buckle and trophy. **All letters must be professional but personal, stamped, addressed to buyer/add-on contributor, return addressed, and left unsealed which is then turned in to an ag teacher no later than 3:00 PM on March 4, 2022.**
59. **All live auction exhibitors** will receive two-8X10 color photographs. One picture is for the exhibitor to keep and **one must be framed and delivered to the buyer. Proof of delivery form must be turned in to the ag teachers no later than 3:00 PM on March 4, 2022.**
60. **All exhibitors awarded a buckle or trophy** will receive two – 5X7 photographs. One picture is for the exhibitor and one must be framed and delivered to the sponsor. **Proof of delivery form must be turned in to the ag teachers no later than 3:00 PM on March 4, 2022.**
61. Small animals (turkey, broilers, and rabbits) must be picked up from the show barn on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and delivered frozen to the buyer no later than Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Proof of delivery form must be returned to the ag teachers by Friday, February 16, 2022.
62. Any exhibitor that falls under Rules 57-60 will have a 3% of the prize money deducted per day, per rule not completed by the due dates listed. **Any student that has NOT turned in thank you letters within 5 days will forfeit the right to show at the TISD Project Show the following year. In addition, if an exhibitor NEVER turns them in, they will forfeit their check.**

Market Steer Division

1. All steers will be selected on Friday, **May 7, 2021**. (date subject to change)
2. The weights provided by the breeder prior to selection will be used as the beginning weight for the rate of gain award. The winner of the Rate of Gain contest will be awarded a trophy and belt buckle.
3. All steers must be dehorned. Scurs will be allowed; growth must not exceed 3 inches from the base of the head.
4. Steers will be slick shorn to within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of hair on all parts of the body except the switch of the tail.
5. Steers must weigh a minimum of **1000** pounds to be eligible to show with a 25 lb. scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
6. All steers will be weighed upon arrival on Friday. That weight will be used as the show weight to break weight classes and for the ending weight for the Rate of Gain award.
7. 10% of the steers purchased will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the steer show.
8. Ractopamine at FDA approved levels is acceptable. No zilpaterol hydrochloride will be tolerated.
9. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Steers	# of Classes
1-21	3
22-32	4
33-43	5
44+	6

Market Swine Division

1. Barrows or gilts are allowed to be shown.
2. Swine will be selected in September/October 2021 (specific date TBA). Students may validate only one pig.
3. All swine will be weighed upon arrival on Friday. That weight will be used as the show weight and to break weight classes.
4. All Swine will be weighed upon arrival on Friday. Swine must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to be eligible to show with a 5 pound scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
5. 10% of the swine purchased will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the swine show.
6. Ractopamine at FDA approved levels is acceptable.
7. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Pigs	# of Classes
1-80	5
81-100	6
101-130	7
131-150	8
150 +	9

Market Lamb Division

1. Lambs will be selected in **September/October 2021** (the specific date TBA). Students may validate only one lamb.
2. All lambs must be washed before they arrive at the show facility.
3. All lambs must be slick shorn.
4. All lambs will be weighed upon arrival on Thursday. That weight will be used to break weight classes.
5. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds to be eligible to show with a 5 pound scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
6. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.
7. 10% of the lambs purchased will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the lambs show.
8. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Lambs	# of Classes
1-10	1
11-20	2
21-40	3
41-60	4
61-80	5
81 +	6

Market Goat Division

1. Goats will be selected in **September/October 2021** (the specific date TBA). Students may validate only one goat.
2. Goats must be exhibited with only a collar or chain. No harness or halters allowed.
3. All goats are to be summer clipped from the knee and hock up, excluding the tip of the tail.
4. All goats will be weighed upon arrival on Thursday. That weight will be used to break weight classes.
5. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds to be eligible to show with a 5 pound scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
6. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.
7. 10% of the goats purchased will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the goat show.
8. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Goats	# of Classes
1-10	1
11-20	2
21-40	3
41-60	4
61-80	5
81+	6

Market Rabbit Division

1. Each exhibitor may enter one pen consisting of two rabbits.
2. If you purchase rabbits, you may not purchase a large animal in conjunction with those rabbits. You may only purchase poultry with rabbits.
3. Rabbits must weigh between 3.0 and 6.5 pounds to be eligible. Any one rabbit weighing outside these limits will disqualify the pen. Weights will be read to one decimal on the official scale. If a pen is disqualified, they will be allowed in the freezer sale only.
4. All market rabbits must be picked up mid-December 2021 prior to the Christmas Break. (The exact date TBA)
5. Each student must buy all meat pens through the school district.
6. Each student will start with a pen of four rabbits and show only a pen of two rabbits.
7. Any extra rabbits brought from home to the TISD Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the rabbit show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
8. All rabbits must exhibit proper tattoos to be eligible to show.
9. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.

Broiler Division

1. Entries are limited to one pen consisting of three birds per pen. Pens may be a combination of either sex.
2. Each exhibitor must purchase a pen through the TISD Project Show and pick them up on the first or second week of December. Exact date TBA. Each pen will be 25 birds. Exhibitors with siblings showing broilers may use the best birds of all pens combined.
3. All birds will be wing banded prior to pick up in mid-December.
4. Any bird without a wing band or one that is unreadable at the show will be disqualified.
5. The pen of three must weigh a minimum of 12 pounds (average of 4 pounds per bird). If not, the exhibitor will not show and go directly in the freezer sale.
6. The judge will sift broilers for broken bones, bruises, and disjoints according to quality standards. Exhibitors will be allowed 5 minutes to replace any sifted bird with their alternate.
7. Any extra broilers brought from home to the TISD Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the broiler show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
8. Only eligible FFA members in official dress will be allowed to help the exhibitor show the pen of three birds.
9. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.

Turkey Division

1. Entries are limited to one turkey per individual. ONLY hens are allowed to be exhibited. The birds we order will be sexed hens; however, if a student ends up with a tom (which happens sometimes) they may NOT exhibit it.
2. Each exhibitor must purchase a pen through the TISD Project Show and pick them up on the last week of September. (Exact date TBA) Each pen will be 15 poults. Exhibitors with siblings showing turkeys may use the best turkeys of all pens combined.
3. Any extra turkey brought from home to the TISD Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the turkey show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
4. The judge will sift turkeys for broken bones, bruises, and disjoints according to quality standards. Exhibitors will be allowed 5 minutes to replace any sifted bird with their alternate.
5. Only eligible FFA members in official dress may assist the exhibitor at show time.
6. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated in turkeys.

****TISD is not responsible for death any time after the exhibitor has picked up their poultry.**