



2024 Exhibitor Handbook

January 2-6, 2024

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Justin Little—Sheep/Goats
Mike Howe—Swine
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Yvonne Sandmann—Poultry
Corbin Evans—Shop
Hannah Gilmore—Equine
Rhonda Smithson—Horticulture
Leslie Bell—FCS

2024 Schedule of Events

Equine Show Dates TBD as of 10/9/2023



Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Noon—5:00 pm

FCS Show Drop Off & Check-in
Horticulture Show Drop Off & Check-in

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:00 am

Steer weigh-in/classification



Poultry Check-in

Beef, Longhorn & Dairy Heifer Check-in



9:00 am

FCS Judging

Horticulture Judging



Poultry Show (broilers followed by breeding)

10:00 am

Cattle Show (Dairy, Steers, Beef Heifers, Longhorns)

Cattle show to begin after poultry, no earlier than 10:00 am



4:00—6:00 pm

FCS Project Viewing

Horticulture Project Viewing

Thursday, January 4, 2024

7:30 am

Rabbit Check-in

8:00 am

Rabbit Show (market followed by breeding)

Lamb & Goat Weigh in/ Classification



9:00 am—Noon

FCS Project Viewing

Horticulture Project Viewing

10:00 am

Lamb Show (Breeding followed by Market)

Goat Show (Dairy, Breeding, Market)



Noon—1:00 pm

Release of FCS Projects

Release of Horticulture Projects

4:00 pm

Swine Move in (or at the conclusion of goat show)

6:00—8:00 pm

Swine Weigh in/Classification

Friday, January 5, 2024

9:00 am

Swine Show (breeding followed by market)

8:00—10:00 am

Shop Projects Check-in

1:00 pm

Shop Show

2:00 pm

Abilities United Show

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Noon

Supporter's/Buyer's Luncheon

12:30 pm

United Way Group Photo followed by
Announcement of Scholarship Winners

1:00 pm

Premium Sale

Entry Deadlines & Fees

NEW All entries are due **November 17, 2023** at 11:59 pm. Entries must be submitted through the online Showworks entry link posted on the CCJLS website: ccjls.org

<u>Division</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Market & Breeding Sheep, Market, Breeding & Dairy Goats, Market & Breeding Swine, Steers, Breeding Heifers, Longhorn Heifers & Dairy Cattle	NEW \$20 per head
Equine	\$12 per class
Market Poultry, Meat Rabbits, Shop	NEW \$20 per entry
NEW Horticulture	\$10 per entry
FCS	\$6 per entry
Breeding Poultry & Breeding Rabbits	\$5 per head

NEW Late Entry Deadlines & Fees

Late entries in the amount of **three (3) times the entry fee in any division will be accepted beginning November 20, 2023 and no later than 11:59 pm, December 15, 2023.** No entries will be accepted after the late entry deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Late entries must be submitted through the online Showworks entry link posted on the CCJLS website: ccjls.org

Payment must be made online for all late entries. No checks or cash will be accepted for late entries, no exceptions.

Entry Payment

Payment with one (1) check from each school (FFA & FCCLA) or County 4-H office for their total entries will be accepted. No Personal checks or cash will be accepted.

NEW Online payments will be accepted with a debit or credit card. A processing fee of \$1 will be added for all online payments.

ENTRY FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

Validation Guidelines & Deadlines

- All market swine, sheep and goat species must be state validated.
- Steers can be either state validated or county validated.
- Breeding Heifers must be registered in the exhibitor's name and state validated or show as commercial.
- Commercial heifers must be county validated.
- Longhorn Heifers must be county validated.
- Meat Pen Rabbits must be county validated.

See Validation dates and costs below. State validation tags must be ordered through 4-H Extension Agent or AG Teacher. County Validation Cost will be \$25 per tag for steers and heifers.

Validation Dates & Locations

Sheep & Goats

Date: October 12, 2023
Location: Cooke County Fairgrounds
1901 Justice Center Blvd
Gainesville, TX 76240
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Cost: State Validation Cost

Steers & Heifers

Date: October 23, 2023
Location: Cooke County Fairgrounds
1901 Justice Center Blvd
Gainesville, TX 76240
Time: 4:00–7:00 pm
Cost: \$25

Horticulture

Date: November 14, 2023
Location: Era ISD Ag Shop/Greenhouse
Era, TX 76238
Time: 6:00 pm until finished
Cost: none

Swine

Date: TBD
Location: Cooke County Fairgrounds
1901 Justice Center Blvd
Gainesville, TX 76240
Time: 6:00 pm until finished
Cost: State Validation Cost

Rabbits

Date: December 11, 2023
Location: Cooke County Fairgrounds
1901 Justice Center Blvd
Gainesville, TX 76240
Time: 6:00 pm until finished
Cost: None

Broiler Order Deadline

All broiler entries must come from one (1) county order. Each exhibitor must purchase a minimum of 25 birds. **Order Deadline is October 2, 2023.** One check must accompany the FFA chapter or 4-H order. Make checks payable to Valley View FFA. Order chicks DOES NOT enter the exhibitor in the junior livestock show. Entries must be made separately. No refunds will be made on chick orders. All orders must be placed through the County 4-H extension agent for 4-H members or Ag teachers for FFA members.

General Rules

1. Any youth enrolled in a Cooke County public, private or home school of less than college level and resides in Cooke County that is a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA is eligible to enter. **Youth who reside outside of Cooke County but are enrolled in a Cooke County school and are an FFA or FCCLA member OR reside outside of the county, do not attend a Cooke County school, but are a Cooke County 4-H member must designate which county he/she will be participating in.** Youth who have been banned from any other stock show are not eligible to compete. Students may compete in the following divisions based on membership: **FFA: All divisions, FCCLA: All divisions except market animals, 4-H: All divisions**
2. Current state UIL/TAPPS “No pass, No Play” rules will be enforced. **All ag teachers, FCS teachers and county 4-H agent will be required to submit an approved eligibility list of their participating exhibitors, signed by an appropriate school administrator prior to the exhibitor’s show check-in date.**
3. All animals must be shown and/or sold by the owner. The owner is defined as a member of FFA or 4-H who has validated the animal either within the state validation system or during the county validation. The animal may be validated as a family entry by immediate family members as defined by the AgriLife Validation system.
4. Exceptions: major illness (accompanied by doctor’s note), death, religious, military, or any UIL/TAPS competition above the district level. Exceptions **MUST** be approved by the CCJLS Board Grievance Committee prior to the show or sale date. **If an exhibitor cannot exhibit or sale the animal due to an exception, it will be the responsibility of the Ag teacher, FCS teacher or extension agent to submit a **Substitute Exhibitor Request Form** to the Grievance Committee and provide an alternate name to exhibit the project. ****students not in attendance for the premium sale due to an approved exception must notify the committee by 8am on the date of the sale.**** In the case of an exhibitor showing more than one animal in the same weight class, a Cooke County 4-H or FFA member may show one of the animals.
5. Any complaint must be filed in writing by an Ag teacher, FCS teacher, or Extension agent, signed and submitted to the executive committee for action by the board. All complaints should be presented to the committee by **5:00pm on Friday of the following week of the show** along with a \$100 fee. The fee will be refunded only if the complaint is confirmed.
6. All animals will meet Texas Animal health requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. All livestock must be placed on record and feed by the validation deadline.
2. Entry fees will be applied as listed on page 5. No refunds will be made after the entry closing date.
3. **A summary report listing all entries from each FFA chapter, 4-H club and FCCLA club will be provided to the Ag teachers, extension agents, and FCS teachers for review and approval at the completion of the entry period. Only corrections to on time entries can be made at this time.** Signed summaries are due back on December 1, 2023, along with payment to the show secretary/treasurer.
4. An exhibitor may enter and show a maximum of 3 market entries per species and sell only one market entry.
5. Exhibitors may enter and show as many breeding animals as desired.

6. Female market animals can be changed to breeding classes. The same animals cannot be shown in market classes. Breeding animals cannot be changed to market classes.
7. An exhibitor may enter one entry per class in the Family and Consumer Science Show and not more than eight (8) entries, total, in the show. Only one item can sell in the premium sale.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Junior showmanship (13 and under on date of the show) and senior showmanship (14 and over on date of show) classes in each livestock division and **shop division** will be judged. Exhibitors must show their own animal or project.
2. Exhibitor classes will be posted before show time.
3. Exhibitors in violation of the rules will be disqualified from the show and premium sale. Exhibitors should practice rules of fair competition.

a. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body and painted /dyeed to conceal the additional material. No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. Use of adhesives, aerosol cans, powder or filler material on any animal will not be allowed (aerosol oils may be used in cattle, no adhesives) NO dressing other than water may be used on swine. The final decision will rest with the Division Superintendent and executive committee.

b. Any animal showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with, in the opinion of the Judge, Division Superintendent, General Show Superintendent, for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness will be disqualified.

c. Altering of any type of Legal documents, such as Registration papers, Coggins test certificates, and Health papers

4. **All entered livestock must stay in the assigned stall space provided by the Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show division superintendents. Animals WILL NOT be permitted to return to their trailer after weighing in and/or check in.**

5. Glitter, ribbons, and other ornaments on animals will not be permitted during the show or sale.
6. The Cooke County Junior Livestock Show Board reserves to its executive committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences regarding, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the show and the right to amend or add to these rules as the judgment may determine.
7. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must sell in the premium sale unless one exhibitor owns more than one champion/reserve champion. Then, the exhibitor must select which entry will sell. If an exhibitor has more than one sale eligible entry in the same species, they must sell the highest placing entry.
8. Each participant may only sell one eligible item/animal in the sale.
9. No pets, except service animals, are allowed on the show grounds.
10. 4-H entries are limited to: members of chartered Cooke County 4-H clubs with a completed and approved membership enrollment by December 1 of the current 4-H year.
11. When the actual entries in a division or category become less than 5, the category or division will be awarded rosettes and may be eliminated at the discretion of the executive committee.
12. Any check issued to an exhibitor from the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show will be void after 90 days from the date issued. A \$50 reissuing fee will apply.

BEEF CATTLE DIVISION

Entry Deadline:

NEW

November 17, 2023

Validation Deadline:

October 25, 2022

Superintendent:

Matt Bryson

Arrival: January 3, 2024, 6:00am

Steer Weigh in: January 3, 2024, 8:00am

Heifer Registration & Check in: January 3, 2024, 8:00am

Judging: January 3, 2024, @ conclusion of poultry show, no earlier than 10:00 am

Show Order: Dairy Cattle, Steers, Heifers

RULES

MARKET STEERS

NEW

1. Steers will be shown by weight only: light, medium and heavy weight.
2. Steers showing brands of other shows are ineligible.
3. All steers must be dehorned.
4. Show will be blow and go. No adhesives, glues, paint or fillers will be allowed.
5. Steers must weigh at least 800 lbs. No maximum weight limit.

REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS

NEW

1. The following divisions will be recognized in the breeding heifer show: American, British, Exotic and AOB.
2. Classes will be 6-12 months, 12-18 months, 18-24 months, 24 months and older.
3. All heifers will be shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues paint or fillers will be allowed.
4. Ownership date on registration paper must reflect date on or before validation date.
5. Entries not registered to the exhibitor are ineligible to show.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFERS

1. Heifers not sate validated with registration papers will show in this division.
2. Must be county only validated.
3. Classes will be 6-12 months, 12-18 months, 18-24 months, 24 months and older.
4. All heifers will be shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues paint or fillers will be allowed.

NEW

LONGHORN HEIFERS

1. Must be county only validated.
2. Classes will be 6-12 months, 12-18 months, 18-24 months, 24 months and older.
3. All heifers will be shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues paint or fillers will be allowed.

DAIRY CATTLE DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Wayne Becker

Arrival: January 3, 2024, 6:00am

Check in: January 3, 2024, 8:00am

Judging: January 3, 2024, @ conclusion of poultry show, no earlier than 10:00 am

Show Order: Dairy Cattle, Steers, Heifers

RULES

1. Must have at least three (3) animals to constitute a breed. Otherwise, animals will go into an AOB class.
2. Age division will be split by the division superintendent.

GOAT DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Justin Little

Arrival: January 4, 2024, 6:00am

Breeding Goat Check in: January 4, 2024, 8:00am

Weigh in & Classification Market Goats: January 4, 2024, 8:00 am

Judging: January 4, 2024, @ 10:00 am (following sheep show)

RULES

DAIRY AND BREEDING GOATS

1. Must have at least three (3) animals to constitute a class.
2. Classes are:
 - A. Junior Does (not in milk) 0-6 months
 - B. Junior Does (not in milk) 7-12 months
 - C. Junior Does (not in milk) 13-18 months
 - D. Junior Does (not in milk) 19-24 months
 - E. Senior Does under 3 years (including younger animals that have freshened)
 - F. Senior Does 3 years and older

MEAT GOATS

1. Wethers or does may be shown
2. Purebred or crossbred goats may be shown.
3. Animals must have horns tipped blunt, no smaller than a dime, or disbudded prior to arrival.
4. All meat goats will be weighed and divided into at least three (3) weight classes as equally as possible.
5. Minimum weight is 50 lbs.
6. Goats will be shown with neck chains or halters and trained to lead.

SHEEP DIVISION



Entry Deadline:

November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Justin Little

Arrival: January 4, 2024, 6:00am

Breeding Sheep Check in: January 4, 2024, 8:00am

Weigh in & Classification Market Sheep: January 4, 2024, 8:00 am


Judging: January 4, 2024, @ 10:00 am (Breeding followed by Market)

RULES

BREEDING SHEEP

1. Must have at least three(3) animals to constitute a breed.
2. Classes are: Ewe lambs, Yearling ewes, Mature ewes

MARKET LAMBS

1. Lambs will be weighed and divided into equal as possible weight classes by breed. Lambs will be classified by a classification committee member at the time of weigh in and placed into one of the following breeds:
 - A. Fine Wool
 - B. Fine Wool Cross
 - C. Southdown
 - D. Haired Sheep
 - E. Medium Wool Cross
2. Wether and ewe lambs can be show.
3. Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross and Medium Wool Cross lambs minimum weight is 80 lbs.
-  4. Southdown and Haired Sheep minimum weight is 60 lbs.
5. No maximum weight limit.
6. All lambs must be shown slick shorn to a uniform body length over the entire body. Top knots and boots below hock and knees may be left on lambs.

SWINE DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Mike Howe

Validation:

TBD

Arrival: January 4, 2024, 4:00 pm (or at conclusion of goat show)

Weigh in & Classification: January 4, 2024, 6:00–8:00 pm


Judging: January 5, 2024, 9:00 am (Breeding followed by Market)

RULES

BREEDING SWINE

1. Classes are: July, August, September
2. All breeding swine entries must be ear notched.
3. Must have three(3) to have a separate breed, otherwise classes will be combined.

MARKET SWINE

1. Swine will be weighed and divided into equal as possible weight classes by breed.
2. Minimum weight is 150 lbs. Maximum weight is 280 lbs.
3. Large classes may be broken into two(2) equal weight classes when necessary.
-  4. Breeds will show in the following order (this is permanent, no rotation of order each year):
 - Berkshire
 - Dark OPB
 - Duroc
 - Hampshire
 - White OPB
 - Yorkshire
 - Crossbred
5. Barrows or gilts may be shown in the market show.
6. All market swine entries must be ear notched and state validated.
7. Houston Livestock Show guidelines will be used for classification of breeds.

POULTRY DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Yvonne Sandmann



Arrival & Check in: January 3, 2024, 8:00 am

Judging: January 3, 2024, 9:00 am (Broilers followed by breeding)

RULES

BREEDING POULTRY

1. Poultry will be shown as standard or bantam
2. Males and females are eligible to be shown.
3. Breeds will be recognized according to the APA Standards of Perfection book.
4. All APA Standards of perfection rules will be followed.
5. All flocks must be inspected prior to show.

BROILERS

1. All entries must come from one(1) county order. Each exhibitor must purchase a minimum of 25 birds. See order deadline information on page x.
2. Pen will consist of three(3) broilers.

RABBIT DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Elizabeth Huchton/Zachary Downe

Validation:

December 11, 2023, 6:00 pm @ Cooke County Fairgrounds

Arrival & Check in: January 4, 2024, 7:30 am

Judging: January 4, 2024, 8:00 am (market followed by breeding)

RULES

BREEDING RABBITS

1. Rules and breeds of ARBA Standards of Perfection will be followed.

MEAT RABBITS

1. Pens will consist of three(3) rabbits, of the same breed and variety.
2. Minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. each. Maximum weight of 5.5 lbs. each.
3. Must be ten(10) weeks or younger in age at show time.
4. Must be owned by exhibitor 30 days prior to show. Market rabbits will be validated and a tattoo will be documented. Exhibitors may validate an unlimited number but may only exhibit three(3) pens.

SHOP DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Corbin Evans

Arrival: January 4, 2024, before 10:00 pm (large projects only)

January 5, 2024, 8:00–10:00 am (small projects)

Judging: January 5, 2024, 1:00 pm

RULES

1. Divisions will be: Metal, Wood, Leather Work
2. Categories will be: Small, Medium and Large in each division.
3. The division superintendent and/or judge reserve the right to reclassify projects upon arrival.
4. The shop show will follow rules as published by the San Angelo Livestock Show.
5. Students entering projects must be present at the time of judging and should submit a project documentation notebook.
6. Entries will be awarded ribbons according to the placing of the judge.
7. **Showmanship will be awarded to one overall Senior age exhibitor (14 and older on day of show) and one overall Junior age exhibitor (13 and under on day of show).**
8. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each division and the class winner of each category will be eligible to sell in the premium sale.
9. Exhibitors are limited to five(5) entries in this division.
10. FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs may make group entries where several students are involved. Any premium money earned will go to the respective FFA chapter or 4-H Club.
11. Projects must be picked up by 8:00 pm on Friday, January 5, 2024, unless qualified for the premium sale.

NEW

EQUINE DIVISION

Entry Deadline:



November 17, 2023

Superintendent:

Hannah Gilmore

Arrival & Judging: TBD

RULES


1. There is a \$12.00 entry fee per class as listed.
2. Junior exhibitors are 13 and under. Senior exhibitors are 14 and over (on the day of the show)

1- Mares (Halter)	9- Jr. Ranch Horsemanship	17- Jr. Ranch Trail	25- Jr. Barrels
2- Geldings (Halter)	10- Sr. Ranch Horsemanship	18- Sr. Ranch Trail	26- Sr. Barrels
3- Jr. Showmanship	11- Jr. Western Pleasure	19- Jr. Hunter Showmanship	27- Jr. Poles
4- Sr. Showmanship	12- Sr. Western Pleasure	20- Sr. Hunter Showmanship	28- Sr. Poles
5- Jr. Ranch Showmanship	13- Jr. Ranch Pleasure	21- Jr. Hunter Under Saddle	29- Jr. Stakes
6- Sr. Ranch Showmanship	14- Sr. Ranch Pleasure	22- Sr. Hunter Under Saddle	30- Sr. Stakes
7- Jr. Horsemanship	15- Jr. Trail	23- Jr. Hunt Seat Equitation	
8- Sr. Horsemanship	16- Sr. Trail	24- Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation	

3. A horse may enter only one time per class. Exhibitors may add a class on the day of the show (\$35 late fee will apply), but not a new horse entry.
4. Exhibitors may enter more than 1 horse in the speed division. No other divisions.
5. The horse must be owned solely by the exhibitor, his/her parents (biological or stepparents), brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardians by the entry deadline. Proof of ownership will be checked on the day of the show.
6. FFA entries or 4-H entries that have been acquired since 5/1/19 may provide copies of registration papers or grade horse description papers. These must be submitted along with the youth fair entry form.
7. Pursuant to state 4-H rules, appropriate attire must be worn. The horse show will abide by state 4-H rules as governing rules.
8. Current Coggins papers will be checked upon arrival.
9. Patterns will be posted the day of the show. If a student provides a valid email, they may be given the patterns the week before the show. Showmanship class will be used in the event of a tie. Barrels will be the tiebreaker for speed events.
10. Exhibitors cannot cross enter from Western into Ranch classes but may cross enter a Western or Ranch horse into English classes.
11. Points for all around will be given based on class size: example- 5 horses in classes = 1st (5), 2nd (4), 3rd (3), 4th (2), 5th (1), etc. High point overall in Senior and Junior divisions will be calculated as one horse/one rider. Exhibitor must show in one showmanship class and at least 3 performance classes. Points will be calculated across the following divisions: Western, English, Speed or Ranch, English, Speed.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE SHOW

Entry Deadline:

 **November 17, 2023**

Superintendent:

Leslie Bell



Arrival: Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 12:00 noon- 5:00pm

Judging: Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 9:00am


Viewing: Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 4-6pm; and Thursday, January 4, 2024, 9:00 am–Noon

Entry Pick up: Thursday, January 4, 2024, Noon – 1:00 pm

*****FCS SHOW WILL BE HELD AT*****

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH LIFE CENTER

401 N. Dixon St., Gainesville, TX 76240

The Family and Consumer Science Show of the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show is open to youth enrolled for the school year in a Cooke County school and is an active Cooke County 4-H club  **FFA Chapter** or Cooke County FCCLA member enrolled for the club year.

GENERAL RULES

1. All entries should be made entirely by the exhibitor since the 2023 CCJLS.
2. Any entry that is submitted in an incorrect class will be moved to the correct class at the decision of the Superintendent or judge.
3. Entries must be submitted online through the CCJLS website.
4. Entry fees are \$6.00 per item.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in any class and no more than eight (8) entries total in the Family and Consumer Science show.
6. All participants will receive blue, red, or white ribbons depending on the quality of the project.
7. A Class Champion winner and a Reserve Class Champion winner will be selected out of each class.
8. The division Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Class Champions for each division. The Grand and Reserve Grand Division Champions will sell at the premium sale. If a student is both a Grand and/or a Reserve Grand Division winner, only one item may sell in the premium sale.
9. To be selected as a Class Champion and a Reserve Class Championship, the project will have to have received a blue ribbon.
10. The FCS Superintendent reserves the right to divide classes into more manageable numbers.
11. All decisions of the judges will be final.
12. This event does not require school absence, but current state UIL/TAPPS “No Pass, No Play” rules will be enforced. Parents, teachers, or leaders may turn in entries.
13. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each division (Foods, Clothing, Textiles, Photography, Creative Arts, and Art) will be auctioned for premium money, but actual items will not

sell, except for the Food Division. A fresh food project must be made for the sale. All participants must be present at the sale. Only one entry per person can be sold in the premium sale. Participants must choose which item they would like to sell by 6 pm Friday, January 5, 2024. (This is to allow the third-place winner of the division to be notified and prepare another food product if necessary.)

FOODS DIVISION

1. All entries will use Recipeformatter.com to type the recipe so that all food entries are uniform. Once the information is typed, click "View PDF" and print the recipe on a 8.5"x11" PLAIN WHITE sheet of paper. DO NOT include the participant's name on the front of the paper. The complete recipe must be submitted with the entry. Example: cake and frosting, pie crust and filling, cookies and glazes. A link to recipeformatter.com will be on the CCJLS website.
2. All entries, including frosting, will be made from scratch except for Creative Cakes Class.
3. ENTRIES THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. This includes Cool Whip, whipped cream, cream pies, cheesecake, etc.
4. Entries may be garnished or decorated; however, any decorated cake will be moved to FOOD ART. All garnishes and decorations must be edible. NO FRESH OR CANNED FRUITS AS GARNISH IN ANY FOODS CLASS.
5. All food items must be contained in a disposable bag/container with clear wrap or lids. The complete recipe will be included with the entry and placed under the plate so that it can be sealed by the baggie or taped to the underside of the entry. Cakes will be submitted using a disposable pan or plate. NO CAKE STANDS, BOXES, OR CAKE CARRIERS. Cover cakes and pies with disposable plastic wrap or disposable lids.
6. Classes exceeding 15 entries or more can be divided for quality judging.
7. **The food division will be divided into 4 subcategories based on relevance. The Champion and Reserve Champion of each subcategory will be eligible to sell. Subcategories will be: COOKIES, CAKES, BREADS, & SWEET/SAVORY**

NEW

FOOD SUBCATEGORY CLASSES

NEW

COOKIES

1. Chocolate Chip Cookies- Present 12 in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter
2. Drop, Sliced, Shaped, Rolled Cookie- Present 12 in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" diameter
3. Bar cookie- Present 12 in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" diameter.

NEW

CAKES

4. Scratch Cake- Single-layer cake and frosting are from scratch. Cakes will be submitted using a disposable pan or plate. No cake stands, boxes, or cake carriers. Cover with disposable plastic wrap or disposable lids.
5. Scratch cake- Multi-layer cake and frosting are from scratch. Cakes will be submitted using a disposable pan or plate. No cake stands, boxes, or cake carriers. Cover with disposable plastic wrap or disposable lids.
6. Creative cake- Cakes made with a mix with ingredients added other than listed on the box. Frosting is not required. Cakes will be submitted using a disposable pan or plate. No cake stands, boxes, or cake carriers. Cover with disposable plastic wrap or disposable lids.
7. Cupcakes- 12 standard size frosted cupcakes- presented in a gallon baggie on a disposable

plate not exceeding 9" in diameter OR presented in a disposable container with clear lid

NEW

BREADS

8. Quick Breads- Loaf- Standard loaf size, no mini loaves, presented in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.
9. Quick Breads- Muffins - 12 standard size muffins. Presented in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.
10. Yeast Breads-Loaf - No bread machines or mixes allowed. Standard loaf size, no mini loaves, presented in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.
11. Yeast Breads-Rolls- No bread machines or mixes allowed. Present 12 standard size rolls in gallon size baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.
12. Yeast Breads- Sweet Rolls- No bread machines or mixes allowed. Present 12 standard size rolls in gallon size baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.
13. Biscuits/ Scones- 12 biscuits/scones. Presented in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.

NEW

SWEET & SAVORY

14. Traditional Apple Pie—Double crust and filling must be made from scratch. Glass pan may be used with the understanding that the pan will not be returned unless pie is picked up by the participant. No cobblers will be accepted.
15. Brittle Candy—Present 12 pieces in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.
16. Jellies/Jams—Present 2 jars per entry. Must have been preserved since 2023 CCJLS. Project must be in half pint or pint standard canning jars with properly sealed lids.
17. Pickles/Relish—Present 2 jars per entry. Must have been preserved since 2023 CCJLS. Project must be in half pint or pint standard canning jars with properly sealed lids.
18. Salsa—present 2 jars per entry. Must have been preserved since 2023 CCJLS. Project must be in half pint or pint standard canning jars with properly sealed lids.
19. Dehydrated Food—Present 12 slices/pieces in a gallon baggie on a disposable plate not exceeding 9" in diameter.

CLOTHING DIVISION

1. Each garment must be clean and pressed. ALL SEAMS MUST BE FINISHED IN SOME MANNER. Garments should be free of rips and tears, in excellent wearing condition, and completely finished.
2. Garment must have been made since 2023 CCJLS.
3. Garment must be on a hanger.
4. Garment will be judged on coordination of fabric to pattern construction technique (hand and machine work), appropriateness of buttons, trims, etc. to the garment and difficulty of project.
5. Exhibitor may not enter two similar garments.
6. Garments are for people only, no doll garments attached to garment or accessories. (i.e. potholders, etc.)

CLASSES

1. Skirt or Skort
2. Shorts or Pants- Garment must have any of the following: a yolk, waistband, or a zipper
3. Pajama Shorts/Pants
4. Blouse or Shirt
5. Dress- Casual

6. Dress- Semi-formal-Party Dress, Pants Suit, Cocktail Dress
7. Dress- Formal- Prom Dress, Wedding Attire, Gala Attire (floor length)
8. Specialty- Costume/Uniform
9. Apron
10. Recycle/Redesign- Changing an existing garment to make it suitable for more wear. Must have machine and/or hand stitches. STORY CARD MUST BE PROVIDED.

TEXTILES DIVISION

1. Each entry must be completed after the 2023 CCJLS.
2. Each entry should be clean and free from wrinkles. Seams should be finished on sewn items. Entry should be free of rips and tears, in excellent condition, and completely finished.
3. Exhibitors may not enter two similar items.
4. Entries will be judged on construction technique or stitching, appropriateness of embellishments to entry, and difficulty of project.

CLASSES

1. Needlework- Counted cross stitch, knitting, crochet, needlepoint embroidery, candle wicking, or Afghan
2. Pillowcase
3. Quilting- Entry must have surface machine stitching. Minimum size is 35"x 40". Must have top layer, batting, backing and bound edges
4. Hand Quilt- Entry must have surface machine stitching. Minimum size is 35"x 40". Must have top layer, batting, backing and bound edges. Quilting must be done by hand.
5. Pillow/Pillow Sham
6. Stuffed Animal or Doll
7. Misc. Textiles- Example: baby bib, pin cushion, purse/tote, dog clothes, clothing accessories, table linen

CREATIVE ARTS DIVISION

1. Entry must have been completed since the 2023 CCJLS.
2. Exhibitor may not enter two similar projects in two different classes.
3. Story cards must be provided for class 4, 5, 8, 9, & 13. Pictures may not contain names or faces.

CLASSES

1. Fleece- Hand-tied items, blankets, pillows, etc. Must be clean with no rips or tears.
2. Housing accessories- picture frame, wastebasket, rug, wall hanging
3. Wreath and Flower Arrangements
4. 3-D Project Display- Diorama, school history project, interior design- non food items. Story Card must be provided.
5. Food Art- All visible decorations and embellishments will be of food grade. Story Card must be provided.
6. Scrapbook
7. Jewelry
8. Trash to treasure- Story Card must be provided.
9. Decorated clothing and accessories- Must use purchased clothing and add embellishments. Story Card must be provided
10. Holiday Themed Décor
11. Interior Design Collage
12. Woodcraft-Small kits or wood burning. No project larger than 18"x18"x18" will be accepted. Story Card must be provided.

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

1. Entry must have been completed since the 2023 CCJLS.
2. Photographs must be 8"x10"
3. Photographs must be flush mounted on foam board not to exceed ¼" (no borders around pictures)
4. Refer to CCJLS website for examples, class descriptions, and judging criteria.
5. The theme for the 2024 CCJLS is **Reflections**.

CLASSES

1. Animals- Domestic (Pets & Domestic Barnyard): Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systematically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.
2. Animals- Wildlife: focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.
3. Details and Macro- pictures of small details that suggest a larger story; Ex: clocks, coins, ice crystals, insects, stamps, etc.
4. Dominant color: photos with a dominant color; the dominant element must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, etc. NOT ALLOWED: Black and white photos, duotones
5. Elements of design: images use of graphic elements of design; photos that showcase line, shape pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc.; photo can consist of any subject matter NOT ALLOWED: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign, or Illustrator
6. Enhanced: a single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image; other variations are allowed as well.
7. Food: category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items as advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks NOT ALLOWED: photos of alcoholic beverages
8. Sunrise/Sunset: The focus is sunrise or sunset in any scape focusing on the beauty of the outdoors.
9. Landscapes: The focus is on landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, seascapes and farms focusing on the beauty of the outdoors.
10. Cityscapes: The focus is on cityscapes and urban focusing on the beauty of the outside.
11. Night: photos that capture objects in or against the night sky; photos can include objects such as buildings, landscape features, people, light trails, etc. seen at night; Objects seen in the night sky such as stars and planets are also acceptable; the use of a telescope is permitted; NOT ALLOWED: Sunset and sunrise photos
12. People: Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children and babies, models/fashion, sports, couples; all individuals in the photos must have provided consent
13. Plant/flora: Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/floral should be considered Landscape and Nature category.
14. Theme – **Reflections**: Must contain a focal point that is described by the theme.

ART DIVISION

1. Artwork must have been created since the 2023 CCJLS.
2. Artwork must be mounted, framed, or matted in concept and design and solely the work of the exhibitor. Seal your work to prevent smudging.
3. NO SIGNATURE OR NAMES ON ARTWORK
4. No artwork shall exceed 18" x 24" for all classes.

CLASSES

1. Drawing- Black and white media. Applied to a single color background. Charcoal, black ballpoint pen, calligraphy pens, sharpie, bland or white pastel, Conté, bland and white scratchboard, graphite. Category excludes portraiture.
2. Drawing- Color media. Applied to a single color background. Markers, colored pencils color ballpoint pen, crayon, multicolored scratchboard, pastels, Conté. Category excludes portraiture.
3. Portraiture- portraits in any medium. These can be self portraits or portraits in general.
4. Opaque painting- oil, acrylic, gouache and any other liquid substance on a flat surface.
5. Transparent painting- watercolor, in wash and any other liquid substance on a flat surface.
6. Mix Media- 2D and Relief- Artwork which extends above or below the surface and is flat on the back for the purpose of standing or hanging and can be viewed from one side only. Media can be wet or dry and includes collage, additive and subtractive work. Diptychs and Triptychs are allowed.
7. Mix Media- 3D- Manipulative of any 3D surface, including found objects which have been unaltered; added to, painted on or embellished in any way, including altered books. Diptychs and triptychs are allowed



HORTICULTURE SHOW

Validation Deadline: November 14, 2023 (Plants only)

Entry Deadline: November 17, 2023

Superintendent: Rhonda Smithson

Arrival: January 2, 2024, Noon–5:00 pm

Judging: January 3, 2024, 9:00 am

Release: January 4, 2024

General Rules

1. Entries are subject to all general rules.
2. Maximum display area for plants and floral arrangements is 24" length and/or 24" width to be exhibited on a tabletop.
3. The building will be closed during the judging and will not re-open until Wednesday afternoon, January 3 at 4:00 p.m. Results will be available upon re-opening of building. Entries for all departments will be released Thursday between Noon and 1:00 pm. ITEMS NOT PICKED UP WILL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show
4. The first-place winner will receive a rosette in each class for their department and will be judged for Grand and Reserve Champion of the department. Grand and Reserve Champions and class champions will sell at the Premium Auction on Saturday.
5. Overall, Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the Grand and Reserve floral arrangements and Grand and Reserve horticulture plant divisions for the premium sale.

PLANT DIVISION

1. The Validation plant is the same plant at Show. Entry class at Validation is the same class at Show. Each Horticulture Guide with Entry Number given at Validation must be submitted with each Plant at Show.
2. All plants must be living. No artificial plants will be accepted.
3. All entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor on or before Validation date.
4. Entries will be photographed at Validation. You do not need to bring a photo with you.
5. All entries must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
6. All plants should be watered prior to entry.
7. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show.
8. Plants may be repotted after Tag-in to compensate for growth.

Classes

1. Foliage
2. Flowering
3. Succulents

4. Hanging Basket - (one or more plant species) MUST be in same container at Validation for Show.
5. Dish Gardens - (one or more plant species) MUST be in same container at Validation for Show.
6. Terrarium - (one or more plant species) MUST be in same container at Validation for Show.
7. Seed / Cutting - a plant started from seed or a cutting between January 1 of current year and Tag-in date. Must be in soil / medium at Tag-in.

Plant Department judging criteria

Judging is done by independent horticulture specialists. Plants are scored on the following qualities:

1. Pot size appropriate for plant(s)
2. Potting medium (soil) appropriate for plant
3. Maintained moisture – not over or under watered
4. Plant shows growth
5. Form and Fullness – symmetry, pleasing spacing, vigorous foliage
6. Condition - free of insect, mechanical, weather, or other damage
7. Grooming - removed spent blooms, browning leaves, or pinched if needed
8. Color - true to variety and age
9. Maturity – not past prime. Blooming or fruiting, if appropriate
10. Distinctiveness – the unique nature of the plant or difficulty of care

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DIVISION

Validation: **No validation required**

1. All flowers and plant materials must be fresh. Foliage and accents such as branches, grains, and plumes must be natural (organic). No artificial flowers or foliage will be accepted.
2. Oasis, floral tape, putty, wiring, etc. are not required, but may be used to secure arrangements.
3. All entries must be designed and prepared by the exhibitor.

Classes

1. Vase Arrangement
2. Arrangement in any container (not vase). Examples: bowl, bucket, basket, cup, or any non-traditional container.
3. Monochromatic Arrangement – one floral color. Optional foliage may be a different color.
4. Holiday themed arrangement

Floral Department judging criteria

Floral Arrangements are scored on the following qualities:

1. Condition - flowers and foliage are fresh, at ideal degree of development
2. Colors are bright, clear, and attractive
3. Proportion -: container and flowers are in good proportion
4. Rhythm - eye moves smoothly through arrangement
5. Spacing - clearly shows specimens
6. Harmony - component parts blend well
7. Balance - well weighted balance of flowers and other specimens
8. Contrast - interest from textures, color contrast, size variation, or bloom stages
9. Design - achieves overall interest
10. Distinctiveness--the unique nature of the arrangement or difficulty creating

PREMIUM SALE

Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 1:00pm

All sale lots will be sold for premium only and retained by the exhibitor, except for Foods Division. **Food Division Exhibitors must prepare a fresh entry which will be presented to the buyer.** No animals or projects will exchange ownership and the buyer recognizes that they are bidding on the auction lot only.

Sale Order

Grand Champion Steer, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Pen of Rabbits, Pen of Broilers, Metal Shop, Wood Shop, Leather Work, Food, Clothing, Textile, Creative Arts, Photography, Art, Horticulture followed by the Reserve Champions of each of these species/divisions.

Followed by:

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
25% of Steers	25% of Steers	25% of Steers	25% of Steers
25% of Swine	25% of Swine	25% of Swine	25% of Swine
25% of Lambs	25% of Lambs	25% of Lambs	25% of Lambs
25% of Goats	25% of Goats	25% of Goats	25% of Goats
25% of Rabbits	25% of Rabbits	25% of Rabbits	25% of Rabbits
25% of Broilers	25% of Broilers	25% of Broilers	25% of Broilers

1. 50% of **animals weighed-in/checked-in** for each species will sell.
2. Swine will sell using a predetermined percentage based on the number of animals in each breed. After breed champion and reserve, the order will be selected from heaviest class to lightest class.
3. Sheep, goats, and steers will be selected using a sale order. After grand and reserve champion, all first in class animals will automatically be selected from heaviest class to lightest class. All other sale slots will be selected by the judge using a sale order system.
4. Rabbits and broilers will be selected in the order they were placed.
5. Each class winner in the shop and Horticulture show will make the sale.
6. Bids will not be re-opened on any animal.
7. Each exhibitor must select only one project to go through the Premium Sale Animals must be sold in sale order by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must be present by noon for the sale unless an exception has already been granted by the grievance committee.
- NEW** 8. Any FCS division entries that become eligible for the sale will sell in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th round, based on their placing. An FCS entry must be Grand or Reserve Champion to sell with the other Champions in the sale order.
- NEW** 9. FCS Food Subdivision Grand and Reserve Champions will sell in the 1st round of the auction.
10. Any exhibitor not making the sale will be eligible for add-on monies. This includes ALL divisions of the show.
11. All sale animals will return to the fairgrounds on the day of the sale to be present during the auction, weather permitting.
12. Grand and Reserve Champion of all breeding divisions, as well as Jr and Sr Grand and Reserve High Point in the equine show, will be recognized at the premium auction.

ADD-ON GUIDELINES

An add-on is a sum of money donated by an individual, business, agency, or organization to the youth seller (exhibitor). The donor does not buy the youth's project; however they do wish to donate a sum of money to the youth to acknowledge their hard work and efforts put forth in their project. Add-ons can be submitted on the day of the premium sale. Additionally, the final add-on deadline is January 31, 2024. Add-ons payments can be dropped off at the Cooke County AgriLife Extension office located at 301 S. Chestnut St. Gainesville, TX or mailed to:

Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show
PO Box 83
Era, TX 76238

EXHIBITOR PHOTO

All exhibitors are encouraged to be present for the United Way photo which will be taken at 12:30pm on Saturday, January 6, 2023.

SHOW LOCATIONS

The Cooke County Fairgrounds will be home to the 2024 Cooke County Junior Livestock Show. All livestock competitions along with shop division contests will be held at this location. FCS and Horticulture shows will be held at First Christian Church Life Center. The Premium Sale will also be held at the Fairgrounds. Please check our Facebook page and website for information about the show, updates and results.

Livestock, Shop Contest Location:

Cooke County Fairgrounds
1901 Justice Center Blvd.
Gainesville, TX 76240

FCS, Horticulture Show Location:

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH LIFE CENTER
401 N. Dixon St.
Gainesville, TX 76240

Website: <https://www.ccjls.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cookecountyjrlivestockshow/>