

2024-2025

***Waller Independent
School District FFA
Livestock Show***

February 24th - February 28th, 2025

Waller ISD Agriculture Science Facility

Exhibitors Handbook

******Developed by Waller Agricultural Science Department******

******Approved by WISD Administration******

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Waller ISD FFA Livestock Show 2025 Schedule

Thursday, February 20th, 2025

Exhibitors will be able to put shavings in their pen and bring their show supplies from 3-5 p.m. No show boxes or dividers will be allowed. You will be allowed to use a locker to store your show supplies. If you would like to lock up your items, please bring your own lock.

Monday, February 24th, 2025

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Arrival of all Species

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Poultry Check-in

6:30 p.m. Poultry Show

Lamb Show Immediately following Poultry Show

Goat Show Immediately following Lamb Show

(Barn closes at 9:00 pm or 30 minutes after the goat show whichever one is later)

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025

7:15 a.m. Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting/Roll Call

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Horticulture & Ag Mechanics Check-In

9:30 a.m. Horticulture & Ag Mechanics Show

2:35 p.m. Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting/Roll Call

3:00 p.m. Hog Show

Steer Show Immediately following Hog Show

Commercial Heifer Show Immediately following Steer show

Jr. Breeding Heifer Immediately following Commercial Heifer show

(Barn opens at 6:00 am and closes at 9:00 pm or 30 minutes after the steer show whichever one is later)

Wednesday, February 26th, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Judging Contest

Thursday, February 27th, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Judging Contest

Friday, February 28th, 2025

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buyers Dinner

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. Live Auction

Conclusion of Live Auction: Load Out and Clean Up

(Barn opens at 6:00 am and closes 30 minutes after the auction)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, students are expected to be at school all day. Tuesday is the only day exhibitors are excused from school, but only if they are showing a project on Tuesday.

All students are responsible for attending meetings throughout the entire Livestock Show. Meetings are listed in the above schedule.

Waller Independent School District
2025 WISD FFA Livestock Show
General Rules

The Waller ISD Agricultural Science Teachers (AST) shall be the final authorities of these rules and regulations and shall arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incidental to the show.

1. Only Waller ISD FFA dues paying members in grades 8-12 of good standing with their chapter and enrolled in classes of Agricultural Science are eligible to qualify as exhibitors. Any student who withdraws from enrollment in WISD for any reason will not be eligible to exhibit an animal at that school years show.
2. All students participating in the 2025 Waller FFA Show and Sale must meet the minimum requirements in each of the following categories.
 - Regularly scheduled monthly meetings- Students may not miss more than one monthly meeting from September - May. (Pre-arranged absences must be approved by Mr. Stokley a minimum of 7 days in advance.)
 - Chapter Fundraiser- Students must sell a minimum of \$250.00 of Seitz Fundraising Product.
3. University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules of eligibility will apply to both the show and sale. Students will lose eligibility January 8th. Students may regain eligibility on February 3rd and 25th. **(No Pass/No Play)**
4. Students placed in DAEP or an alternative education program due to behavior will be addressed in the "Return to Play" Committee meeting to determine if the exhibitor may regain eligibility to show at the Waller FFA Show.
5. Any exhibitor placed in ISS during the week of February 24th through February 28th will forfeit their privilege to exhibit an animal in the Waller FFA Show.
6. If an exhibitor has been deemed ineligible to show due to UIL or disciplinary action, their animal will be ineligible to be show/auction as well.
7. **All FFA meetings and work assignments held during show week shall be attended by all FFA exhibitors. Exhibitor roll call and clean-up details are MANDATORY and are included on the Ag Show Schedule. Details may include, but not limited to: moving panels, setting up arenas, cleaning trash, organizing equipment, loading/unloading animals and equipment, etc. If a student is not present for Roll Call or a Mandatory Event they will be fined \$50. Failure to follow school/show policy may result in a fine or possible forfeiture of exhibition and/or sale slot. Determination of consequence will be at the discretion of the Ag. Science teachers.**
8. If you are going to be late to a meeting for any reason, you MUST contact Mr. Stokley with a valid reason, or a monetary fine may be deducted from your check. The FFA Advisors hold the final decision regarding penalties.
9. Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal in the show ring during the WISD FFA Livestock Show unless an emergency arises and substitutions are pre-approved by the Agricultural Science Teachers, or in the event that both of the exhibitors species are being shown at the same time (ie: both goats are in the same class.)

10. The exhibitors must show in proper show attire. Show attire is a button up collared shirt, jeans with no holes, belt and leather closed toe shoes or boots.
11. Each exhibitor must hand write a minimum of 10 buyer invitation letters. These letters are due to the AST no later than January 17th, 2025. They must be in self-addressed, stamped, and **unsealed** envelopes. **Failure to meet this deadline will result in a late penalty of \$50.00.**
12. Each exhibitor must write a buyer "Thank You" letter, present that letter to his/her Agricultural Science Teacher for approval and receive that approval by **March 7th, 2025** to be eligible to receive his/her Livestock Show check. This deadline is for the Buyer of the project ONLY. Add-on thank yous will be due March 19th with the picture delivery signature. **Failure to meet this deadline will result in a late penalty of \$50.00 and delayed Livestock Show checks.**
13. Upon receiving their livestock show pictures, students will have until **March 19th, 2025** to complete their picture delivery and return signed documentation to their AST. **Failure to meet this deadline will result in a late penalty of \$50.00**
14. Each exhibitor will be given a check sheet that must be completed and signed before the exhibitor will receive their check.
15. During the show students must abide by all school rules and policies. Failure to follow school/show policy will result in forfeiture of exhibition or sale slot.
16. At the conclusion of the load out, all exhibitors must remove all personal equipment from the show facility. Any items left will be considered property of WISD, and handled accordingly. The CTE Department is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
17. During the livestock, show security will be provided. No students will be permitted to stay overnight at the barn. The Ag. Barn will open at 6:00 am and will close at 9:00 pm respectively or 30 minutes following the last show or auction.
18. Project pen stalling will be determined by the Ag Science Instructors.
19. To be an exhibitor of the Waller ISD FFA Chapter, any animal project, local or major, must be housed within the WISD boundaries, unless it is his/her primary residence.
20. Students must be up to date on their AET Record book. In order to receive their Ag Show Sale Check. Record books must entail all inventory for resale, expenses, and incomes for the current project. Record books will be due at the time of sale check pick-up.
21. Payment night to become an FFA Member will be September 23rd, 2024 in the Ag Building from 4:00pm-6:00pm.
22. Loss of Project: In the event that a student's project dies of natural causes, then that student may apply for the "Hard Luck Award". If you plan to apply for this award, you must still comply with the show rules.



23. **Waller FFA Show is terminal. All market animals sold in the auction will be placed on a processing trailer. Buyers will not have the option to donate the project back to the exhibitor or the FFA Chapter.**
24. **If an exhibitor floors a non-selling animal, it must be done within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Commercial Heifer Show. Example: If an exhibitor shows both a steer and a hog, decides to sell the steer, an ag teacher must be notified within 30 minutes of the end of the Commercial Heifer Show.**
25. **No animals will be permitted to leave prior to the Livestock Judging Contest. Any livestock entered into the Waller FFA Show may be used for the contest.**

Waller Independent School District 2025 WISD Livestock Show Species Rules

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1. Exhibitors will be eligible to **exhibit two livestock projects** at the Waller FFA Livestock Show. Projects may be of the same species or different. For example, (one steer, one heifer or two goats, etc.) **However, an exhibitor can show up to two livestock projects and 2 non-animal projects.**
2. Official tag-in dates and times will be set by the WISD FFA Advisors, and students must attend unless pre-approval is granted by the WISD FFA Advisors. There is no maximum amount on how many entries each exhibitor may tag-in.
3. Progress Show is **mandatory**, weather permitting, for all exhibitors, unless absence is pre-approved by Mr. Stokley. The Progress Show will be held January 6th at the Waller County Fairgrounds. There will be no buy-outs. Notices must be provided to Mr. Stokley by December 13th, 2024.
4. Any medications administered to animal projects must meet USDA guidelines and any surgical alterations must be approved by the supervising Ag Science Teacher. Failure to receive permission shall result in disqualification from the show.
5. Classes will be broken at the show as needed by the show management.
6. There is a **maximum weight limit on goats and hogs**. All other species do not have a maximum weight limit.

7. Only academically eligible students may bring projects to the WISD Livestock Show. These projects must have current WISD FFA Livestock Show identification to be exhibited, unless animals were validated for a Texas Major Show.
8. At the time of tag-in, all exhibitors must pay a **\$10 entry fee per project except Jr. Breeding Heifers (\$50 entry fee per head)**.
9. Changing out animal: the animal validated for the WISD Livestock Show and Auction, must be the animal shown and auctioned.
10. Protests: All protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Lead Ag Teacher no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of each show, along with a \$250.00 cash fee, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
11. Showmanship: Must show your own WISD Livestock Show Project. No sharing of animals allowed.
12. All animals will be sifted at weigh in due to the following reasons: crippled, diseased, malnourished or not meeting weight requirements. Sifting will be conducted by either a classifier or ASTs. **All decisions will be final.**
- 13. All male species must be castrated prior to the progress show, January 6th.**

Market Steers

1. All steers must be obtained by the student. Steers can be purchased from outside of the county and from breeders of exhibitors' choice.
2. Tag-in will be held on December 2nd, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 at the Waller Co. Fairgrounds.
3. All steers must be halter broken upon arrival to the Progress Show. Exhibitors must be able to control their steers without assistance. Any wild and unruly steers will be sifted. Sifting will be done by the AST's upon check in.
4. Classification will be done at the show by classifiers. Steers will be classified as either American Cross or Exotic Cross.
5. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at the show. A 25 pound tolerance will be given.
6. Steers will be slick sheared for the WISD FFA Livestock Show not to exceed 1/4" of hair on any part of their body excluding the tail switch. No oils are to be used on show day for the steers. Violators will be disqualified.
7. Pumping is allowed.

Commercial Heifers

1. Heifers must weigh a minimum of 800 lbs. at the show. Heifers will not be weighed in at tag-in.
2. All heifers must be obtained by the student. Heifers can be purchased from outside of the county and from breeders of exhibitors' choice.
3. Tag-in will be held on December 2nd from 4:00-6:00 at the Waller Co. Fairgrounds.
4. Heifers must be surgically dehorned and brucellosis vaccinated at tag-in.
5. Classification will be done at the show by classifiers. Heifers will be classified as either American Cross or Exotic Cross.
6. All heifers must be halter-broken upon arrival to the Progress Show. Exhibitors must be able to control their heifer without assistance. Any wild and unruly heifers will be sifted. Sifting will be done by the AST's upon check in.

7. Upon arrival at the WISD Livestock Show, exhibitors must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Pregnancy Test. Any heifers deemed unsound reproductively will be sifted. Heifers must not have calved by the Ag Show. Any heifer that has calved prior to the show will be sifted, unless she calves at the show.
8. Heifer show is a blow-n-go show. **No glues or adhesives are to be used** on show day. Any violators will be disqualified.
9. Pumping is allowed.

Market Lambs

1. All lambs must be obtained by the student. Lambs can be purchased from outside of the county and from breeders of exhibitors' choice.
2. Both **Wethers and Ewes** are eligible to show.
3. **All ewe lambs must have a USDA Scrapies tag in their ear at tag in.**
4. Tag-in will be held on December 2nd from 4:00-6:00 at the Waller Co. Fairgrounds.
5. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 95 lbs. at the WISD Livestock Show, there is no maximum. A three pound tolerance will be given.
6. Lambs must be sheared upon arrival at the WISD Livestock Show.
7. **No grooming material of any kind is allowed on lambs (WATER ONLY).**

Market Goats

1. All goats must be obtained by the student. Goats can be purchased from outside of the county and from breeders of exhibitors' choice.
2. **Only Wethers** will be eligible to show, no Does will be permitted.
3. Tag-in will be held on December 2nd from 4:00-6:00 at the Waller Co. Fairgrounds.
4. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. at the WISD Livestock Show, maximum of 130lbs. A three pound tolerance will be given.
5. Goats must be sheared upon arrival at the WISD Livestock Show.
6. Goats may be shown with a chain or training collar.
7. **All goats should be dehorned, or if not dehorned, scurs or tips must be less than 1 inch long.**
8. Prior to arrival at the show, all goats are to be clipped to a maximum of ¼" length hair from the hock and knee up, including the head and excluding the tip of the tail.
9. **Goat show is a blow-n-go show. No glues or adhesives are to be used on show day. Any violators will be disqualified.**

Market Hogs

1. All hogs must be obtained by the student. Hogs can be purchased from outside of the county and from breeders of exhibitors' choice.
2. Both **gilts and barrows** are eligible to show.
3. Tag-in will be held on December 2nd from 4:00-6:00 at the Waller Co. Fairgrounds.
4. **Hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. at the WISD Livestock Show, maximum of 300lbs. A five pound tolerance will be given.**
5. Hogs must be clipped upon arrival at the WISD Livestock Show.
6. Water is the only product allowed on hogs on the day of the show.

Broilers

1. All broilers will be paid by September 23rd. Cost \$1.74 per bird.
2. Exhibitors may order 25, 50 or 75 broilers.
3. Broiler's arrival date is TBA.
4. Broilers will be shown as a pen of three at the WISD Livestock Show. Cockerels and/or Pullets may be shown.
5. Broilers must be alive upon entering the pen/coop assignment prior to the show. Once in the pen/coop if the bird expires it will still be allowed to show.
6. All broilers **MUST** be placed in the coop/pen upon check-in and remain in the coop until time of exhibition.
7. Broilers will be wing banded upon delivery, and those that show at the WISD FFA Livestock Show must have the appropriate band present on the bird.

Agriculture Mechanics

1. There will be a \$10 entry fee per project in this division. Entry forms are due to Mr. Diiorio with a detailed description of the project by **12/13/24**.
2. All projects must be owned and built by the dues-paying FFA members under the supervision of a Waller agriculture science instructor who are currently enrolled in the Waller Agriculture Science program.
3. A student may only enter one (1) project in each class with a max of 2 ag mechanics projects.
4. All projects must be clean, painted or treated in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.
5. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither Waller ISD nor officials of this show will be responsible for loss or damage of the exhibit.
6. A working plan, blueprint or drawing, photographs showing construction, and a bill materials must be submitted with each project at time of check-in. These must be enclosed in a three-ring notebook.
7. If you plan to put your non-animal project(s) into the silent auction, you must notify Mr. DiIorio 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Ag-Mechanics show. You must complete a silent auction sheet at that time, with a starting bid.
8. All silent auction items must remain at the Ag. Barn until the conclusion of the auction.
9. Only 1 Ag-Mechanics project will be sold per exhibitor, in **either** the live auction or silent auction.
10. Student(s) must be present during judging.
11. The Best of Show Agriculture Mechanics Project **must** be sold in the auction.

****Exhibitor is responsible for delivery of the silent auction item if the buyer fails to pick up on the day of auction. ****

Jr. Breeding Heifer:

1. Heifers that are shown in the Commercial Heifer Show are not eligible to show in the Jr. Breeding Heifer show.
2. Must be validated for Texas Majors under exhibitor name.
3. Heifers will **NOT** be eligible for auction.
4. Registration papers are required at check in.
5. Entry Fee of \$50 is due payment night, September 23rd.
6. This will be a blow and go show only, **no adhesives, paints, oils etc. are permissible.**

Horticulture

There will be a \$10 entry fee per project in this division. Entry forms are due to Mrs. Barkley by **12/13/24**.

Container Grown Plants:

Exhibitors will plant and cultivate 3 or more different examples of plant species in an appropriate container.

General Guidelines: Exhibitors should review the guidelines prior to preparing their entry.

- Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for at least 8 weeks prior to the Show.

- o Plants should show evidence of being grown in the container, such as being securely rooted in the soil.

- o If plants are found to have been freshly potted or do not stand up during the Show because they were not potted soon enough, the award will be withheld.

- o If single elements require replanting during the eight-week period prior to the Show, the exhibitor should document (in writing and with photos) the removed element and the replacement element. The documentation will be part of the

Exhibitor Project Log. (See the “Exhibitor Project Log” section below).

- Entries should be complete upon arrival to the Show.

Exhibitors may not receive assistance from anyone during the set up.

entries should be designed to be viewed from all sides. To designate a preferred viewing side, exhibitor may mark the center back of the container with a white chalk mark.

Planting Guides

- Entries should feature 3 or more different plant species per container.

- o Plant selection is at the exhibitor’s discretion.

- o Plants may belong to any species.

- o Plants must be healthy, free of disease, and bug free.

- o Plants are the only living items that may be included with the entry – no other living items are permitted (e.g., animals, reptiles, bugs). Vivariums are excluded from the competition.

- Plants should be clearly and attractively potted in a container that is suitable for tabletop display.

- o Select a container that enhances the creative presentation of the entry.

- o If submitting a container grown plant, double potting is permitted, provided natural top dressing is used, and the inside of the container is not visible. Top dressing must not float when watered.

- Leaf polish or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted.

- Accessories are permitted; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of natural, fresh planted materials rather than of accessories to create a scene.

- Containers must fit on the table provided for display.

- o Entries must not exceed a size of 30” wide x 30” deep.

- o Entries may not exceed 50 lbs.

Texas Tables:

In Texas Tables, exhibitors will design a floral arrangement for a table. The setting DOES NOT have to be for a dining table; participants can create a table arrangement for any situation (e.g., an arrangement for a buffet table, coffee table, a guest book sign in table, etc.)

- Entries will be displayed on a 36” round particle board table with a natural burlap table covering.

- The exhibitor is responsible for positioning their design on the table covering. Exhibitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Show. The table and table covering provided

are for display purposes only and will not be considered in the judging.

- All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the theme “Texas Tables”.
- Entry should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- Accessories may be used in the floral arrangement; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of natural, fresh cut materials to represent the theme rather than of accessories to create a scene.
- Accessories may not be added to the table setting (including, but not limited to, silverware, decorative items, place mats, books, glassware).
- Artificial floral, plant, and foliage may not be used.
- Commercially grown materials may be used.
- No leaf polishes of any kind may be used.
- No painting of fresh materials is permitted.
- Flowers and foliage should be free of blemishes, insects, and disease.
- Each exhibitor’s design will be a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner.

Exhibitor Project Log. (See the “Exhibitor Project Log” section below).

- Entries should be complete upon arrival to the Show.

Exhibitors may not receive assistance from anyone during the set up.

- o Entries should be designed to be viewed from all sides. To designate a preferred viewing side, exhibitor may mark the center back of the container with a white chalk mark.

- A Best of Show will be determined between the two categories (Container Grown & Texas Table) and will sell in the live auction.
- Only 1 Horticulture project will be sold per exhibitor, in either the live auction or silent auction.

****Exhibitor is responsible for delivery of the silent auction item if the buyer fails to pick up on the day of auction. ****

**Waller Independent School District
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Sale and Add-On Rules**

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1. The Waller ISD Livestock Auction will be held on Friday February 28th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. All students selling projects will be required to present their project through the auction ring. When the student has completed the sale of their animal it is **MANDATORY** that they remain in the **sale area** until the conclusion of the sale.

2. The sale is based on selling a maximum of **82 lots**. The Waller FFA Advisors reserve the right to add student livestock projects lots to the auction. The following is an example of how the formula would work:

$$\mathbf{80/100=.80\ or\ 80\%}$$

In this example, the number 80 represents the maximum number of sale lots. 100 represents the number of student projects at the show. The number of eligible entries per division would be multiplied by .80 to determine the actual number to be sold per division. Numbers will be rounded up to the next whole number.

3. The judge of each species will set the sale order.

4. **All Grand and Reserve animals and blue ribbon non-animal projects must sell.**

- **A student may only auction one livestock project unless he/she earns Grand or Reserve with two or more different species.**

- **A student may auction one livestock project and one blue ribbon non-animal project.**

5. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each species must sell in the premium sale. All other entries will be placed in sale order by the respective judges. Any exhibitor wishing to scratch their placing animal from the sale will have that right, but this must be declared immediately following the last species show Wednesday night.

6. Students are encouraged to keep decorations to a minimum while on the auction block. Glitter and paint products are not allowed. All other decorations (blankets, caps, scarves, etc.) must be approved by the advisors prior to the livestock sale.

7. Add-ons donations for all exhibitors will be accepted during the sale at the add-on table.

8. **All exhibitors will pay a commission all sale items, including Best of Shows, add-ons, hard-luck and silent auction items.**

9. Each exhibitor will be required to deliver projects that will not be loaded on the processor's trailer. This includes Heifers, Ag Mechanics, Horticulture or any other project that a buyer wishes to be delivered. All projects must be delivered by **March 7th, 2025**. All take home projects will be given a form that the buyer must sign upon delivery. Poultry exhibitors are responsible for processing and delivery of their broilers (5 minimum) by **March 18th, 2025**. Failure to deliver projects and return signed form by the assigned deadline will result in a **\$250 fine**.

10. Absolutely no livestock or non-animal project sold in the auction or silent auction will be allowed to be returned to the exhibitor's possession. Students/parents are not allowed to negotiate matters with buyers during or after the sale. **Any students found to be in violation of this rule will be banned from future exhibition in the WISD FFA Livestock Show and Sale. Refer to General Rule #23.**

11. Once the project has been sold, it is then property of the buyer to determine the destination.

12. Hard Luck Awards/Monies: If hard luck awards/monies are available, students must fulfill all eligibility, discipline, and show rule obligations assigned by the Waller FFA Chapter.

13. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to move his/her silent auction item to the auction location and to set up the bidding sheet.

Waller Independent School District Rules Acceptance Form

FFA Member's Name Printed

Date

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed

Date

2025 WISD FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW

By signing this document, I (we) are acknowledging that we read the rules and regulations included in the 2025 Waller Independent School District FFA Livestock Show Rule Booklet and agree to follow those rules as printed.

We are also declaring which species we intend to show at the 2025 WISD Livestock show.

STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE DATE