

GREGG COUNTY YOUTH EXPO
AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All projects must be in place by the designated time according to the official show schedule. Projects may arrive earlier with special permission of the host.
2. The agricultural mechanics project must be constructed by a Gregg County FFA or 4-H member, under the supervision of an FFA Advisor or County Extension Agent.
 - 2.1. Individual projects should be solely owned and all major construction steps completed by the exhibitor. This does not prohibit assistance in holding for nailing or other minor help.
 - 2.2. Partnership projects will be allowed with a maximum of four (4) students per project.
3. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter a maximum of three (3) agricultural mechanics projects.
4. Agricultural mechanics projects must be built since the previous Gregg County Youth Expo and exhibited by an exhibitor currently active in 4-H or FFA clubs or chapters.
5. All projects are deemed finished upon their arrival for check in at the show. No alterations or additions to any project (structural or cosmetic) will be made after arrival. No touch up painting or wet paint of any type will be allowed at check-in time or anytime thereafter. In the event that a project is damaged during transport to the show, necessary repairs will only be made once approved by and under the supervision of the show management. Projects that arrive at the show in multiple parts/pieces and require assembly may be assembled as long as the show superintendents are notified beforehand.
6. Exhibitors must be present during the judging and be available to answer questions from the judge about the construction and/or function of the project.
 - 6.1. Other than show officials, no adults are to be present at the time the projects are judged.

6.2. If the exhibitor or approved substitute is not present, the project will not be judged and will not be eligible for the sale.

7. The Gregg County Youth Expo will not be responsible for projects in case of loss or damage.

8. Agricultural mechanics projects will be judged based on the discretion of the judge.

9. The Gregg County Youth Expo Agricultural Mechanics Show shall be divided into 10 Classes:

- 9.1. CLASS 1 - LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT - which includes livestock feeders, entry gates, saddle racks, and goat carriers, etc.
- 9.2. CLASS 2 - AGRICULTURE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT - which includes tractor implements, shop equipment, hay handling equipment, etc.
- 9.3. CLASS 3 - YARD CONVENIENCE - which includes wood racks, swings, play houses, arbors, etc.
- 9.4. CLASS 4 - PICNIC TABLES - which includes picnic tables.
- 9.5. CLASS 5 - HOUSEHOLD - which includes cedar chests, shelves, coffee tables, household furniture, etc.
- 9.6. CLASS 6 - BARBEQUE PITS- which includes barbecue pits.
- 9.7. CLASS 7 - FIRE PITS - which includes backyard fire pits or any type of fire pit that is not intended to be used for cooking.
- 9.8. CLASS 8 - WILDLIFE - which includes hog traps, deer stands, wildlife feeders, Etc.
- 9.9. CLASS 9 - TRAILERS - which includes utility trailers, livestock trailers, gooseneck trailers, etc.
- 9.10. CLASS 10 - RESTORATION/REBUILD - which includes any restoration or rebuild projects, excluding motorized vehicles.

10. All trailers and other projects that are to be operated and/or transported on public roads are to be equipped with the safety equipment specified in the Vehicles and Traffic

Transportation Code of Texas. Any trailer that exceeds 102 inches (metal to metal) in width must have a signed annual permit. All towed equipment, regardless of standards, is to be equipped with safety chains. Current registration plates or one trip permits and paper plates are required on all trailers that are towed to the show. Hauled trailers are exempt from this rule. Necessary safety equipment includes but is not limited to safety chains, trailer brakes, adequate lights/reflectors, breakaway devices, etc. Any trailer that is deemed to be unsafe/unsuitable for towing from the show or does not meet the required DOT regulations will not be allowed to sell in the premium auction/silent auction and may be required to forfeit any prizes or recognition from the show.

11. The agricultural mechanics show will be divided into a Sale and a Non-Sale category.

There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each of the two categories. The highest placing in each class will be considered for Champion and Reserve of the two categories.

12. In each class, five (5) projects will be recognized, with prizes going to the top two in each class. Other awards given will be Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the two categories, Grand and Reserve Champion Wood Only Projects (Made with Wood Only Excluding Hardware), Grand Champion Showmanship (Individual and Group), and Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Sweepstakes.

13. The FFA chapters and/or 4-H clubs with the most points will be awarded with Grand and Reserve Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes points follow:

13.1. Class placing points:

13.1.1. 1st place-5 points

13.1.2. 2nd place - 4 points

13.1.3. 3rd place - 3 points

13.1.4. 4th place - 2 points

13.1.5. 5th place- 1 point

13.2. Other available points:

13.2.1. Grand Champion Sale Project - 5 points

13.2.2. Reserve Champion Sale Project - 4 points

13.2.3. Grand Champion Non-Sale Project - 5 points

13.2.4. Reserve Champion Non-Sale Project - 4 points

13.2.5. Grand Champion Wood Only Project - 5 points

13.2.5.1. Projects may be 80% wood and 20% metal.

13.2.6. Reserve Champion Wood Only Project - 4 points

13.2.7. Grand Champion Showmanship Group Project - 5 points

13.2.8. Grand Champion Showmanship Individual Project - 5 points

14. Ribbons will be given for each project based on the discretion of the agricultural mechanics judge.

15. Grand and Reserve Champion in the "Sale" category, as marked on the entry form, will be placed in the ribbon auction and will change ownership when purchased by a buyer.

All other "Sale" projects will be eligible for silent auction, which will change ownership when purchased by a buyer.

16. Any agricultural mechanics project determined by the division superintendent and/or the Gregg County Youth Expo Board of Directors to be unsafe will be disqualified and removed from the show grounds.

17. Any deviation from these rules will require action from the Gregg County Youth Expo Board of Directors.

18. The decision of the judge is final.