



**2026 HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR
PREMIUM LIST AND OPEN CLASS**

Monday, August 17th, 2026

Time	Event	Location
10am	Fashion Revue and Performing Arts Judging	Arts Tent
12pm - 4pm	Fair Office Hours	Fair Office
6pm	Performing Arts/Fashion Revue Evening Show + Awards Ceremony	Entertainment Shelter

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

Time	Event	Location
9am	Fair Office Hours	Fair Office
1pm	4-H General Exhibit Judging + Horse Related Judging	4-H Building
5pm	Sponsor/Volunteer Supper	Entertainment Shelter
6pm - 8pm	4-H Poultry Check - In	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
6pm - 8pm	4-H Rabbit Check - In	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
6pm - 8pm	4-H Market Lamb & Meat Goat Weigh-In	Schulze Livestock Building
6pm - 8pm	4-H Sheep & Goat Check-In	Schulze Livestock Building
7pm	All 4-H Non-Livestock Exhibits Must Be in Place	

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

Time	Event	Location
9am - 8pm	Fair Office Hours	Fair Office
9am	4-H Booth, Banner & Community Pridge Judging	4-H Building
9am	4-H Rabbit Show, followed by Open Class Show	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
10am - 12pm	4-H Horse Check - In	Horse Barn
10:30am	4-H Poultry Show, followed by Open Class Show	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
1pm	4-H Cat Showmanship	4-H Building
1pm - 3pm	Weigh Market Barrows & Gilts/Swine Check-In	Schulze Livestock Building
1:30pm	Beef Steer Weigh-In Breeding Beef Check-In	Krech Arena
3pm	4-H Dairy Goat Show, followed by Open Class Show	Show Pavillion
4pm	4-H Horse Show, Pleasure	Horse Arena
5pm	4-H Meat Goat Show, followed by Open Class Show	Show Pavillion
5pm-7pm	Ag Playground	
6pm	Little King and Miss Check-In-Talent Check-In	Entertainment Shelter
6:30pm	Talent Contest and Royalty Coronation	Entertainment Shelter

Thursday, August 20th, 2026

Time	Event	Location
9am - 6pm	Fair Office Hours	Fair Office
9am	4-H Swine Show, followed by Open Class Show	Show Pavillion
10am	Premium List Search Drawing	Office Building
10am	Best Apple Pie Contest Judging	Fair Office
10am-5pm	Live Reptile Experience	
10:30am	Mollie B. & The Busta Band	Entertainment Shelter
11am	Senior Citizens Day Lunch	Entertainment Shelter
12pm	All Livestock in Place	
12pm	Commercial Buildings Open	Commercial Buildings
12pm	4-H Dairy Check-In	Cattle Barn
12pm-7pm	Ag Playground	
12pm	Bingo Opens	Bingo Shelter
1pm	Awards Ceremony	Entertainment Shelter
2pm	4-H Beef Show, followed by Open Class Show	Krech Arena
2pm	Euchre Tournament	
2pm	ADA Dairy Bake Off - Kids	Udder Place
3pm	ADA Dairy Bake Off - Adults	Udder Place
3pm	4-H Horse Show, Trail	Horse Areal
3pm	National Eagle Center Live Eagle Program	Entertainment Building
5pm	4-H Horse Show, Drill + Games	Horse Arena
5pm	Brodini Magic Show	Arts Area
5pm	Alpha Amusements Carnival Rides	Midway
7pm	Tri State Modified Truck & Tractor Pull	Grandstand

Friday, August 21st, 2026

Time	Event	Location
8:45am	4-H Dairy Show	Krech Arena
9am-6pm	Fair Office Opens	Office Building
10am	Best Decorated Patriotic Cookie Contest	Office Building
10am	Master Gardener's Youth Flower Arranging	Arts Area
10am-5pm	Live Reptile Experience	Arts Area
11am-3pm	Balloon Animals with Balloons by Kevin	Arts Area
11:30am	Diaper Derby	Office Building
Noon	Bingo	Bingo Tent
12pm	Ag Playground	Arts Area
12pm-5pm	Kids Stations/Crafts	Arts Area
12pm-5pm	Lions Club Kids Eye Screening	Arts Area
1pm	Brodini Magic Show	Arts Area
2pm	Alpha Amusements Carnival Opens	Midway
2pm	4-H Sheep Show & Lamb Lead	Krech Arena
3pm - 6pm	Face Painting	Arts Area
4pm	Kids Coloring Contest Judging	Fair Office
4:30pm	Brodini Magic Show	Arts Area
5pm	4-H Horse Awards Program	Horse Arena
5pm	Hat Bar with Moon Child Collective	Near Grandstands
5:30pm	Line Dancing Lesson	Entertainment Building
6:30pm	Mutton Bustin' Check-In	Near Grandstands
7pm	Rogue Rodeo	Grandstand
8pm	Teen Dance with Radio 1 DJ	Arts Area
8:30pm	Steele River Band	Entertainment Building

Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

Time	Event	Location
9am - 6pm	Fair Office Hours	Fair Office
9am	Market Livestock Auction	Show Pavillion
9am	Open Class Dairy Show	Krech Arena
9am	Open Class Horse Show	Horse Arena
10am	Commerical Building Exhibits Open	Commerical Buildings
10am	Live Reptile Experience	Arts Area
10am-2pm	Balloon Animals with Balloons by Kevin	Arts Area
10:30am	Brodini Magic Show	Arts Area
11:30am	Lego Building Contest	Entertainment Building
12pm	Bingo	Bingo Tent
12pm-7pm	Ag Playground	Arts Area
1pm	Dress Your Show Animal Contest	Krech Arena
1pm-3pm	Master Gardener's Tomato Tasting	Office Building
2pm	Super Class Showmanship Show	Krech Arena
2pm	Brodini Magic Show	Arts Area
3pm	MN Meats: Houston County Grilling Contest	Near 4-H Foodstand
3pm	Alpha Amusements Carnival Rides	Midway
6pm	Demolition Derby	Grandstand
8pm	Teen Dance with Radio 1 DJ	Arts Area
8:30pm	Blue Collar 40	Entertainment Shelter

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Time	Event	Location
9am - 5pm	Fair Office Hours	Fair Office
9am	State Fair Exhibitor Meeting	Show Pavillion
10am	Best Macaroni and Cheese Dish Contest	Office Building
10am	Live Reptile Experience	Arts Area
10:30am	Kiddie Pedal Pull Check-In	Entertainment Building
11am	Commercial Building Exhibits	Commercial Building
11am	Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull	Entertainment Building
11am	4-H Livestock Exhibitor Meeting	Show Pavillion
12pm	Bingo	Bingo Tent
12pm	Classic Car Show	
1pm	Tuff Trucks	Grandstand
1pm	4-H Supreme Showmanship Show	Krech Arena
1:30pm	Brodini Magic Show	Arts Area
2pm	Car Show Awards	
3pm	4-H Awards Ceremony	
4pm	All Exhibits Released	

Save the Dates for the 2027 Houston County Fair: August 18th-22nd, 2027

2026 FAIRBOARD OFFICERS

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The Directors of the Houston County Agricultural Society present you with a copy of its Premium List for the annual Houston County Fair, August 19th-23rd, 2026, and wish to extend a hearty welcome to all attending the fair.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The fair office is open during the week of the fair only. The posted fair office hours for 2026 are as follows:

Sunday, August 16th | 5 pm - 7 pm
Monday, August 17th | 12 pm - 4 pm
Tuesday, August 18th | 9 am - 6 pm
Wednesday, August 19th | 9 am - 8 pm
Thursday August 20th | 9am - 6pm
Friday, August 21st | 9am - 6pm
Saturday August 22nd | 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday, August 23rd | 10 am - 5 pm

In case of an emergency at the fairgrounds, the fair office, located on the grounds have a public telephone available. The office also has emergency preparedness supplies including a first aid kit. The Caledonia police are on duty through out the fair and can be contacted incase of an emergency.

MEMBERSHIP

Purchase of a \$3.00 Membership at the Secretary's Office at the fairgrounds makes one a member of the Houston County Agricultural Society and entitles the holder to vote at the annual meeting held in November. Open class exhibitors must purchase a membership.

PARKING & CAMPING

Weekend Parking passes can be purchased ahead of time at the Fair Office or at the parking entrance gates during the fair. Please obey all "No Parking" and "Fire Lane" signs. Fire lanes must remain clear to meet fire code and allow manure handling; illegally parked vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Handicap parking is available to those who need assistance and anyone needing assistance from the parking lots can call the fair office to request transportation if needed.

Daily Parking Fee: \$5

Weekend Parking Pass: \$15

Limited camping spots are available during fair week. This is primitive camping, with no electricity or water hookups. The camping fee is \$150 per camper (vehicle pass not included; purchase separately). Campers must park only in designated areas.

Camping list opens July 1st, 2026. Call the fair office at 507-725-3397 to add your name to the list or reserve your spot online at houstoncountyfair.com, or by emailing houstoncountyfairmn@gmail.com. Camping spaces are NOT SECURED until full payment is received. All camping payments MUST be received by August 1, 2026. Cancellations for camping spots after August 1 are non-refundable. Campers parked without a pass will be towed at the owner's expense.

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. While the greatest possible care will be executed by the management to protect patrons of the Houston County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his or her actions and the management will not be accountable or responsible for any injury.
2. The Houston County Agricultural Society management assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property to the concessionaire, exhibitor, or patron, due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes. Each exhibitor is to provide his/her own insurance coverage for possible loss or damage. Each commercial exhibitor or concessionaire should provide the Houston County Fair a certificate of liability insurance at or prior to the time of set up.
3. The Directors of the Houston County Agricultural Society reserve the right to refuse any offensive or obscene exhibits which, in the judgment of the Fair Board, would be offensive to the general public.
4. Protests must be made in writing and be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00. Any person or group that conducts a protest action must limit its activity to the location designed by the Houston County Fair Board. The designated location is on the fairground's property at the east end of the grounds, north of the dairy barn and south of the infield grandstand fence. No entrances or exits can be obstructed or limited in any way. All appeals and protests will be settled by the Fair Board at the next meeting of the Board when all parties involved will be heard.
5. No firearms are allowed on the fair grounds.
6. No dogs or other pets shall be allowed on the fairgrounds. These are the exceptions:
 - a. Certified service animals should be currently vaccinated against rabies and accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate;
 - b. Dogs or other pets may be allowed when part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized and contracted by the Fair Board.
7. No Alcohol or Grills are allowed on the Fairgrounds. Please support our Fair Vendors.
8. Please use designated smoking areas for Smoking, Vaping,

E-Cigarettes, and Cannabis use.

9. No personal e-bikes, rangers, side by sides, golf carts, 4-wheelers, or any other motorized vehicle is allowed on the Fairgrounds during the fair.

10. If you have recently traveled to a foreign country within the last 2 weeks, please do not enter the livestock barns as a precaution against spreading foot and mouth disease.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS

If you are interested in becoming a Commercial exhibitor, please find commercial applications on the Houston County Fair Website or by emailing: houstoncountyfairmn@gmail.com.

Setup is Wednesday, August 19th between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Commercial Exhibit Building hours are:

Thursday Noon - 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 8p.m.

Sunday 10 to 4 p.m.

Exhibits must not be removed until 4 p.m. Sunday without permission from the fair board officers.

OPEN CLASS REGISTRATION

All Open Class Entries must be submitted either in person, by mail or online by August 12th, 2026. Late entries will not be accepted. Tags will be available for pick up in the Fair Office: Tuesday, August 18th and Wednesday August 19th during normal office hours listed.

In Person Open Class Registration Dates:

Saturday, August 8th, 2026 | 8am - 1pm

Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 | 5pm - 8pm

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition for premiums is open to everyone regardless of race, creed, sex, age or place of residence.

2. Every exhibitor in the open class shall be required to purchase a membership when his/her entry is made. Children under the age of 10 are exempt from membership fees.

3. The Society will not assume any responsibility for disease, sickness, injury, loss or damage to exhibits contracted during the fair.

4. If, for any reason whatsoever, the general receipts of the Society are reduced or diminished, then the Society does not guarantee full payment of premiums listed in this book.

5. The management will not be responsible for typography errors in this list, but should any occur, same will be interpreted by the Board of Directors.

6. The Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or incident to the fair.

7. Any person knowingly violating any of the rules of this

Society will thereby forfeit all rights to any premium that may be awarded to them.

8. Any late registration or unpaid stalling fees will result in loss of all premiums for that individual.

9. When picking up exhibits at the close of the fair, be sure to bring your claim checks.

10. Super Class (Class 100) is designed for individuals with mental, physical, and intellectual challenges. If a participant enters any projects in this class, same participant is not eligible to enter in any other general classes.

ENTRY PROCEDURES AND EXHIBITS

1. All exhibits including livestock and non-livestock need to be registered by August 12th, 2026. Entries received after August 12th, 2026 will NOT be accepted.

2. The Society reserves the right to limit the number of entries if space is unavailable. The management will endeavor to arrange for space for all qualified exhibitors. However, if present accommodations are exhausted, the management reserves the right to close entries at any time.

3. Exhibits shall be in place prior to the official opening of the fair, except livestock. See classes for details.

4. Stock and articles must be entered in the name of the bona fide owners.

5. No person shall enter an article that has heretofore been exhibited and a premium paid thereon in the same lot except in certain designated classes.

6. All articles exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor and, except in designated classes, must be made, manufactured, or raised during the past 12 months by the exhibitor. Livestock must have been owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to the fair.

7. Two entries allowed in the same lot by any exhibitor, except in livestock classes or unless stated differently in the department.

8. No article will be allowed to compete for cash premiums that is not named and numbered in this premium list, except where a judge has split lots. Articles not listed may be displayed upon the approval of the division superintendent. A request can be made to the Board of Directors to make provisions for additional classes or lots in succeeding years.

9. No article may compete for more than one premium, except livestock, which may be included in calf on foot, get of sire, produce of dam, and best 3 head. Individual poultry cannot be used in pen lots. This rule does not bar sweepstakes or special award competition.

10. Exhibitors will be furnished with cards containing exhibitor number, division, class and lot designation and description of article. Such cards must be attached to or in close contact with the article to which they belong.

14. Grain and field seeds shall be exhibited in plastic five-quart pails free from any personal advertising.

15. All roots shall be cleaned and trimmed for exhibition.

16. Exhibits must not be removed until 4 p.m. Sunday without permission from the fair board officers.

OPEN CLASS PREMIUMS

1. Claims for errors in premium checks must be made within 15 days of the date of the check.
2. All checks not cashed within 60 days of the date issued will be considered forfeited to the Houston County Agriculture Society.
3. Any exhibitor in violation of any rules may be subject to forfeiture of all premiums at the discretion of the Houston County Agriculture Society.
4. Premiums will not be paid for animals or exhibits removed prior to release time, 4pm on Sunday, with the exception of the livestock trailer classes.
5. In fairness to all exhibitors, entries will not be taken past the stated deadline under any circumstances.
6. Every article or animal exhibited must correspond to a class/lot within the exhibitor handbook and be within its proper lot and classification to qualify for premiums
7. Exhibitors must check their exhibitor ticket/registration to ensure they are entered in the correct class prior to showing. Notify the Fair Office prior to the start of the show or judging of any discrepancies. Any errors in registration not corrected prior to judging will result in disqualification of the exhibit, will therefore be ineligible for any ribbon, premium, or points.
8. Every effort will be made to have premium checks available for pick up by 4pm on Sunday. Checks not available will be mailed out.
9. Any unwanted or ribbons to donate can be dropped off at the Fair Office
10. Where there is no competition, first premium may be awarded, but the money paid will be based on the recommendation of the judge relative to the merit of the exhibit. NO award will be made if the exhibit does not merit an award.
11. All Premiums will be based on the Merit of the Exhibit and Placement. In each Lot there may be the following awards and premiums issued: Blue Ribbon 1st Place = \$4.00, Red Ribbon 2nd Place = \$3.00, White Ribbon 3rd Place = \$2.00. Livestock exhibits: Blue Ribbon 1st Place = \$6.00, Red Ribbon 2nd Place \$5.00, White Ribbon 3rd Place = \$4.00.
12. In the overall Department one Grand Champion and one Reserve Champion will be awarded of the top place winners in the Lots showing the overall winner of that department.
13. Static Exhibit Points are awarded to each Exhibit placing in a lot receiving a colored ribbon as follows: Blue = 3 points, Red = 2 points, White = 1 point. Overall points accumulated by an exhibitor in the non livestock projects will showcase the Years Overall Fair Open Class High Point Winner and receive an award of \$100 and be placed on the Achievement Wall from year to year.

JUDGING

1. Judging will begin on the first day (Wednesday) and will continue until completed.
2. Awards shall be designated by ribbons or cards as follows: Championship; Reserve Champion; First (blue); Second (red); and Third (white).
3. Judges must report to the fair office for instructions prior to beginning their work.
4. The superintendent or an assistant of a division shall assist the awarding judges as clerk and shall make a written entry on the record of award made. This record shall be signed by the judges and returned to the fair office.
5. The superintendent of each division shall check to see that each article entered on the record book is presented and properly arranged before the judges place the entries. If an article cannot be found, the judges shall be informed.
6. Any interference by the exhibitor to influence or dictate the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition and must be reported to the fair office by the division's superintendent.
7. The superintendent of a division may request the judge in his division to state the reason for awards if such a request is made by an exhibitor or spectator.
8. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where mistake, fraud, or misrepresentation becomes apparent. In such cases, the Board of Directors' decision is final.
9. An exhibitor may make a written protest of a decision of a judge to the superintendent of the division within three hours after the time the award is made.
10. All protests shall be settled by the Board of Directors at a meeting where all parties will be notified to appear.
11. No former prize winnings are to be displayed before judging in that class is completed.
12. No Champion or Reserve will be given in a class of one entry unless the judges feel it deserves it.
13. Judges have the right to split lots.

OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

1. All livestock needs to be registered by August 12th, 2026. Entries received after August 12th, 2026 will NOT be accepted.
2. The Society reserves the right to limit the number of entries if space is unavailable. The management will endeavor to arrange for space for all qualified exhibitors. However, if present accommodations are exhausted, the management reserves the right to close entries at any time.
3. All articles exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor and, except in designated classes, must be made, manufactured, or raised during the past 12 months by the exhibitor. Livestock must have been owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to the fair.
4. Two entries allowed in the same lot by any exhibitor, except in livestock classes or unless stated differently in the department. When more than one entry is made from the same farm or by the same family, proof of ownership must be shown to the superintendent of that division.
5. No article will be allowed to compete for cash premiums that is not named and numbered in this premium list, except where a judge has split lots. Articles not listed may be displayed upon the approval of the division superintendent. A request can be made to the Board of Directors to make provisions for additional classes or lots in succeeding years.
6. No article may compete for more than one premium, except livestock, which may be included in calf on foot, get of sire, produce of dam, and best 3 head. Individual poultry cannot be used in pen lots. This rule does not bar sweepstakes or special award competition.
7. Exhibitors will be furnished with cards containing exhibitor number, division, class and lot designation and description of article. Such cards must be attached to or in close contact with the article to which they belong.
8. In the case of dairy, beef and sheep breeding classes, the owner must furnish certificate of registry in the respective breed association upon request to be eligible for premiums.
9. Each person exhibiting livestock species that need health papers must have them available to give to the superintendent at the unloading area. All animals will be checked before entering the barns. All rules and regulations of the Minnesota Livestock Sanitary Board must be observed. No animals will be unloaded without the proper health papers.
10. Straw and hay must be furnished by the exhibitor.
11. Animals must not be removed until 4 p.m. Sunday without permission from the fair board officers. Auction animals will be released at time(s) designated by the fair board.
12. All 4-H animals may be entered in open class and will be required to pay said fees.
13. All horses or other animals must be exercised in arena only.
14. All livestock must be in place by Noon on Thursday, August 20th, 2026.
15. Livestock Exhibitors: Please take note of all entry fees listed on the entry form. Fees must accompany entry to ensure stall assignments.
16. No wood chips allowed as bedding. Wood shavings are acceptable.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The official fair veterinarian for 2026 is: Travis Kingsley, D.V.M. from Caledonia Vet Clinic.

Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, contagious disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, contagious disease or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in the exhibition. Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases. Livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that the animal is being treated is not acceptable.

All livestock will be inspected by the official veterinarian on opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition, including poultry and rabbits. The official veterinarian will order immediate removal from exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. They may not enter a show ring. This includes livestock with warts or ringworm.

In the event that a 4-H or open class exhibitor is asked to remove their animal by the Houston County Ag Society's official veterinarian for health reasons, they must do so within six hours. The vet will mark the affected animal with a marking stick. If the exhibitor fails to comply, they will be subject to the following consequences:

- the individual will lose all premiums, both 4-H and open class.
- the individual will lose any 4-H State Fair trip (livestock and non-livestock) for that year.
- the individual and his/her immediate family will be banned from exhibiting livestock at the Houston County Fair for a period of three years following the year in question.

Non-livestock exhibiting will be permitted for the entire family during the three probationary years.

Any family exhibiting livestock needs to have their animals checked by their own veterinarian (not the Houston County Fair Vet) prior to the fair if the animals are in question for health reasons. If the family veterinarian has a question about any animal, he/she should contact the State Vet/Health Board or the Houston County Fair Vet. Please note that ringworm, warts, etc., can appear even after the family vet has given approval. The decision of the Fair Vet, along with the decision of the superintendent, to remove an animal is final.

All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and a record of the test results on a test chart or Intrastate Health Certificate must accompany the tested animals. Livestock and poultry entered in a petting exhibit are not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals at the exhibit.

Livestock and poultry that exhibit symptoms of any infectious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts, may not be exhibited. All animals must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition and at least once daily during the exhibition. All animals imported into Minnesota for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection and meet Board of Animal Health importation requirements.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Please note that the following types of identification are not considered official on certificates of veterinary inspection or test records required for exhibition:

- 1) 4-H tags
- 2) Producer tags without a state or USDA assigned premises number and individual animal number preceded by state abbreviation
- 3) Tattoos not registered with either a breed association or state agency

For questions about approved official identification, contact the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-296-2942 or visit www.bah.state.mn.us.

CATTLE- RFID and EID tags are required for all cattle in the State of Minnesota.

SHEEP & GOATS- All sheep and goats, including wethers, must be identified with official identification approved for use in the Scrapie eradication program. Official identification includes USDA Scrapie identification tags and tattoos approved by the Board of Animal Health. Sheep and goats within 30 days of giving birth (before or after) cannot be exhibited without prior approval from the Board of Animal Health.

HORSES - All horses must have an official negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. A test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam.

SWINE - Swine must be individually identified with an ear tag or herd tattoo.

POULTRY - Poultry, with the exception of pigeons and waterfowl, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band and must have had a negative test for pullorum-typhoid disease conducted within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition or originate directly from parent stock tested and found negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within the last 12 months. In addition, turkeys must be tested negative or originate directly from parent stock that is tested negative for *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, and *Mycoplasma synoviae*. Poultry must be accompanied by a testing or origination certificate approved by the board.

DOGS - Dogs over 6 months of age must have a certificate of rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian.

All imported animals must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection and meet the board's importation requirements.

NOTE: SLAUGHTER CLASSES - All cattle, swine and poultry entered in this class, which are kept isolated in a separate building from all other livestock and poultry at the exhibition and which are slaughtered during or immediately following the exhibition, do not require tests or individual identification.

Department	Class	Lot No.	Entry Description	Qty	Fee	Total
SUBTOTAL						

LIVESTOCK OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT 1 - GAME HORSES TRAILER SHOW

Mary Holter and Christine Novak, Superintendents

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. The show will be held on Saturday, August 22, starting at 9am. All participants are required to have a collard shirt, pants, boots, hat or helmet. Classes may be combined and/or limited at the discretion of the superintendent. Any changes in classes or schedule will be announced prior to the show. Grand Reserve Awarded to Best of Each Class

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.00

- CLASS A: Pole Weaving
- CLASS B: Key Race
- CLASS C: Barrel Racing
- CLASS D: Jumping Figure 8
- CLASS E: Speed Dash
- CLASS F: LT Special

Lot No. / Description

- 1. 10 & under
- 2. 11-13
- 3. 14-17
- 4. 18 & over

DEPARTMENT 2 - BEEF CATTLE TRAILER SHOW

Dan Alstad, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Livestock must be in place by Noon on Thursday, August 20th. Judging will occur, Thursday, August 20th following the 4H show which begins at 2:00pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the best male and female in each breed where judge feels award is deserving. Cows with calves on foot will be judged as follows: Cow 75%, Calf 25%. Two animals in one lot may be shown by one exhibitor except only one group entry per exhibitor. Steers may be used in group entries.

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.00

- Class A: Angus (Black)
- Class B: Angus (Red)
- Class C: All Other Breeds (AOB)
- Class D: Crossbred
- Class E: Hereford
- Class F: Shorthorn
- Class G: Simmental

Lot No./Description

- 1. Heifer, Spring Calf born on or after 1/1/26
- 2. Heifer, Fall Calf born between 9/1/25-12/31/25
- 3. Heifer, Summer, yearling 5/1/25-8/31/25
- 4. Heifer, Jr. Yearling 1/1/25-4/30/25
- 5. Heifer, Sr. Yearling 9/1/24-12/31/24
- 6. Cow with Calf (Calf born after 1/1/26)
- 7. Get of sire 3 animals any age or sex. Need not be owned by exhibitor
- 8. Produce of dam 2 animals, any age or sex. Need not be owned by exhibitor

Class H: Prospect Market Beef

Lot No./Description

- 1. Prospect Market Steer born on or after 1/1/26
- 2. Prospect Market Heifer born on or after 1/1/26
- 3. Prospect Dairy Steer born on or after 1/1/26

Class I: Market Beef (No Dairy)

Lot No./Description

- 1. Market Steer
- 2. Market Heifer

Class J: Market Dairy Steer

Lot No./Description

- 1. Market Dairy Steer (only dairy breeds)
- 2. Market Crossbred-Dairy Steer (dairy breeds crossed with beef breeds)

BEEF BREEDING MALES

Class K: Beef Bulls

Lot No./Description

- 1. Young Bulls, born on or after 1/1/25-present
- 2. Older Bulls, born between 9/1/23-12/31/24

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Class L: Showmanship

Lot No./Description

- 1. Jr. - Up to Age 11
 - 2. Intermediate - Ages 12-16
 - 3. Senior - Ages 17-Adult
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**DEPARTMENT 3 - DAIRY CATTLE
TRAILER SHOW**

Brad Hoscheit, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Livestock must be in place by Noon on Thursday, August 20th for animals remaining on the grounds, however, trailer show option is available for this department. Regardless if you are trailering in your animal or they are staying on the grounds, ALL entries MUST be registered by Wednesday, August 12th and have any outstanding fees paid in full prior to showing.

Trailers will have a designated location and you will be allowed to tie your animals to the trailers. Bedding will be allowed by the trailers if you are tying them to the trailer, but it must be cleaned up by the exhibitor before leaving. Any bedding left by exhibitors will result in a loss of premiums.

Judging is Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Grand and Reserve Champion, as well as Junior and Reserve Junior Champion, will be awarded ribbons to the best female of each breed.

*Two animals in the same lot may be shown by one exhibitor except only one group entry per exhibitor (Lots 14-19).

Purebred and grade identified cattle may be exhibited.

*All animals entered in Houston County Holstein Show and Brown Swiss Canton Show must be entered in open class.

A Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion will be chosen from the Junior and Senior Champions of all breeds. The Supreme Champion will be awarded \$100 and the Reserve Supreme Champion will be awarded \$50.

All dairy exhibitors using the milking parlor will be required to donate their milk money to a special fund used to upgrade and maintain the milking parlor. This fund will also pay the premiums for Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champions. (All dairy exhibitors are also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the wash rack, milk house and parlor during the fair.)

There will be a Little Britches Class for children 8 and under sponsored by the Holstein Club. Junior calves 3/1/25 to 5/31/25 are to be shown in this class, which may be also shown in the open class competition by another exhibitor. The Little Britches Class will be all breeds with no pre-registration necessary. Awards will be provided by the Holstein Club.

CLASS A: Holstein

CLASS B: Brown Swiss

CLASS C: Jersey

CLASS D: Milking Shorthorn

CLASS E: Ayrshire

CLASS F: Red and White Holsteins

CLASS G: Crossbreed & Other Breeds

Lot No. / Description

1. Jr. heifer calf: 3/1/26- 5/31/26
 2. Winter heifer calf: 12/1/25 - 2/29/26
 - 3 Fall calf: 9/1/25 - 11/30/25
 4. Summer junior yearling: 6/1/25- 8/31/25
 5. Spring junior yearling: 3/1/25 -5/31/25
 6. Winter Sr. Yearling: 12/1/24 - 2/29/25
 7. Fall Sr. yearling: 9/1/24 - 11/30/24
 8. Yearling in Milk: 9/1/24-11/30/24
 9. Dry Cow
 10. Jr. 2-yr. old: 3/1/24 - 8/31/24
 11. Sr. 2-yr. old: 9/1/23 - 2/29/24
 12. 3-yr. old cow: 9/1/22- 8/31/23
 13. 4-yr. old cow: 9/1/21 - 8/31/22
 14. 5-yr. old cow: born before 9/1/21
 15. 100,000-lb. Production Class
 16. Jr. Best 3 Females (no milking animals)
 17. Sr. Best 3 Females (must have 2 milking animals)
 18. Produce of Dam
 19. Get of Sire: 3 animals
 20. Daughter/Dam
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**DEPARTMENT 4 - SHEEP
TRAILER SHOW**

Jon Kulas, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Judging shall take place on Friday, August 21st following the 2pm 4-H Show. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best male and female over all breeds.

Open Class Market Sheep Show will be a trailer show. Sheep may be brought in prior to judging and may leave after judging.

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.00

CLASS A: Suffolk

CLASS B: Dorsets

CLASS C: Any other breed not listed

Lot No. / Description

1. Ram, yearling
2. Ram, fall lamb: 9/1/25 to 2/1/26
3. Ram, spring lamb born after 2/1/26
4. Ewe, yearling
5. Ewe, fall lamb
6. Ewe, spring lamb
7. Pair ewe lamb
8. Pair ram lambs
9. Flock (1 ram, 2 ewes)
10. Aged ram
11. Get of sire (4 head out of same ram)

CLASS D: Market Lamb - Any Breed

Lot No./Description

1. Market Lamb - Any Breed
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DEPARTMENT 5 - POULTRY

Dustin Sayles, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Poultry, pigeons and eggs must be in place by 9am on August 19th. Judging will take place following the 4-H show at 10:30 am. Entries limited to 40 birds per family pen entry.

Exhibitors must furnish their own padlock for cages.

Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their birds.

Exhibitors must provide feed and bedding. Pigeons entered at exhibitor's risk- they do fly.

Entries in all poultry classes shall consist of single specimens and trios. Trios shall consist of one male and two females of the same variety. Single entries are not permitted to enter trios. Cockerels, Poulters, and young birds are to be less than 1 years of age at the time of the show. Cocks, Hens, and old birds are to be greater than 1 year of age at time of show. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to best male and female over all in the department. All poultry not entered in proper class will be disqualified. The Newest American Standard of Perfection and National Pigeon Association Standard will govern the judge in all varieties recognized therein. All birds will be judged by comparison. Classifications adapted from the American Poultry Association.

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.00

LARGE FOWL CHICKENS

CLASS A: American Class (Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands and Delawares)

CLASS B: Asiatic (Cochins, Brahmas, and Langshans)

CLASS C: English (Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex and Australorps)

CLASS D: Mediterranean (Leghorns, Minocras, Spanish, Andalusians, Ancona, Sicilian Buttercups and Catalanas)

CLASS E: Continental (Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Polish, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, LaFleche, Faverolles, Marans, Welsummers and Barnvelders)

CLASS F: All other Standard Breeds (Modern Game, Old English Game, Sumatras, Malays, Cubalayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Naked Necks, Araucanas & Ameraucanas.)

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet
5. Young Trio
6. Old Trio

BANTAM CHICKENS

CLASS G: Game (Modern Game, American Game, and Old English Game)

CLASS H: Single Comb Clean Legged (SCCL)

Ancona, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalanans, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, Nankin, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Serama, Spanish, Sussex, and Welsummer

CLASS I: Rosecomb Clean Legged (RCCL)

Ancona, Aracuna, Antwerp Belgians (D'anvers), Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Nankin, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights and Wyandottes

CLASS J: All Other Comb Clean Legged (AOCCL)

Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecouers, Cubalayas, Houdans, LaFleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras and Yokohamas

CLASS K: Feather Legged

Booted, Brahamas, Cochins, d'Uccle, Faverolles, Langshans, Silkies and Sultans

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet
5. Young Trio
6. Old Trio

DUCKS

CLASS L: Heavy: (Appleyard, Aylesbury, Pekin, Rouen, Muscovy, and Saxony)

CLASS M: Medium: (Buff, Cayuga, Crested, and Swedish)

CLASS N: Light: (Campbell, Magpie, Runner, and Welsh Harlequin)

CLASS O: Bantam: (Call, East Indie, and Mallard)

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Old Drake
2. Young Drake
3. Old Duck
4. Young Duck
5. Young Trio
6. Old Trio

GEESE

CLASS P: Heavy: (African, Embden, and Toulouse)

CLASS Q: Medium: (American Buff, Pilgrim, Saddleback Pomeranian, Sebastopol, and Steinbacher)

CLASS R: Light: (Canada, Chinese, Egyptian, and Tufted Roman)

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Old Drake
2. Young Drake
3. Old Duck
4. Young Duck
5. Young Trio
6. Old Trio

TURKEYS

CLASS S: Any standard Breed: (Beltsville small white, Black, Bourbon Red, Bronze, Narragansett, Royal Palm, White Holland, and Slate)

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Old Drake
2. Young Drake
3. Old Duck
4. Young Duck
5. Young Trio
6. Old Trio

EGGS

CLASS T: 6 Eggs Required, 1 may be broken out by Judge

Lot No./Description

1. White, Chicken
 2. Brown, Chicken
 3. Colored, Chicken
 4. Any Color, Duck
 5. Quail
 6. Any Others Not Listed
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DEPARTMENT 6 - DAIRY GOATS

Trailer Show

Emma Von Arx, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Animals must be in place by time of show. Judging takes place on Wednesday, August 19th following the 4-H show at 3:00 pm.

Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the overall best animals in the department. Open Class market goat show will be a trailer show. Goats may be brought in prior to judging and may leave after judging.

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.00

CLASS A: Registered Standard

CLASS B: Registered Miniatures

CLASS C: Unregistered

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Junior Doe kids born 4/1- 6/30 this year
2. Senior Doe Kid 1/1- 3/31 this year
3. Dry Yearling Doe born last year
4. Milking Yearling Doe born last year
5. Milking 2-yr. old doe born 2 yrs prior
6. Milking 3-4-yr. old doe born 3-4 yrs prior
7. Milking doe born 5 yrs. Prior

DEPARTMENT 7- MARKET GOATS

TRAILER SHOW

Emma Von Arx, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Animals must be in place by time of show. Judging takes place on Wednesday, August 19th following the 4-H show at 5:00 pm.

Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top two does of each breed.

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.00

CLASS A: Dairy Market

CLASS B: Boer, Kiko and other meat breeds

CLASS C: Other breeds

Lot No. / Description

1. Junior meat breeding doe 4/1-5/31 this year
2. Senior meat breeding doe 1/1-3/31 this year
3. Dry Breeding Yearling born prior year- never kid
4. Dry breeding 2 years and older
5. Market wethers
6. Female non-breeding market

DEPARTMENT 8 - RABBITS

Heather Raey, Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Animals must be in place by 9:00 am. Judging takes place on Wednesday, August 19th, following the 4-H show at 9:00 am.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to the best overall in the department.

- Purebred rabbits are those which have a three-generation pedigree showing the ancestral background being of all the same breed, making it eligible for registration.
- All breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) are eligible. Rabbits will be judged according to ARBA standards.
- Each rabbit must be permanently tattooed in the left ear for identification purposes and ID number recorded on tag.
- No limit on the number of rabbits shown in each lot.
- Exhibitors are responsible for feed and bedding of their rabbits.

Premiums: \$6.00//\$5.00//\$4.000

CLASS A: Small Breeds (4 Class)

Small rabbit breeds include Dutch, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Mini Lop, American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, English Spot, Florida

White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Lilac, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten and Tan.

Lot No. / Description

1. Sr. buck over 6 months
2. Sr. doe over 6 months
3. Jr. buck under 6 months
4. Jr. doe under 6 months
5. Mini Rex under 6 months
6. Mini Rex over 6 months

CLASS B: Large Breeds (6 Class)

Large rabbit breeds include New Zealand, Satin, American Giant Angora, Bevern, California, Champagne Dargent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Creme Dargent, Flemish Giant, Hotot, English Lop, Palomino and Silver Fox.

Lot No. / Description

1. Sr. buck over 8 months
2. Sr. doe over 8 months
3. Intermediate buck 6-8 months
4. Intermediate doe 6-8 months
5. Jr. buck under 6 months
6. Jr. doe under 6 months

CLASS C: Market Rabbit

Can be purebred or crossbred. Pen of three have to be the same breed and variety.

Lot No. / Description

1. Market class, pen of 3, <69 days old, 3-5#

CLASS D: General Rabbit

Can be crossbred. Judged on care and condition.

Lot No. / Description

1. Any age, any breed

CLASS E: Fur

Only rabbits that have been shown can enter this class. Only Champion ribbon awarded.

Lot No. / Description

1. Any age, any breed

**DEPARTMENT 9 - SUPERCLASS LIVESTOCK
SHOWMANSHIP**

Aften Myhre Superintendent

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. Exhibitors will be judged on their presentation, and knowledge of their animal. Exhibitors will be provided an animal to show based on their preference and availability. Volunteer assistants will be available to provide support to participants as they show their animal. Volunteers will be available prior to the show to help exhibitors show tips and information. Judging will take place on Saturday, August 22nd at 2pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top Showmanship in the department.

Each exhibitor will be provided an animal and assistant to show their animal. Participants must contact Aften Myhre or Kendra Van Gundy prior to August 12th to provide information on preference of their show animal or reach out to the Fair Office for a Pre-Registration form.

CLASS A: Under 18 Years of Age

CLASS B: Over 18 Years of Age

Lot No./Description

1. Showmanship

HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

OPEN CLASS ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS: August 12th, 2026
NO entries will be taken after this date.

HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR OPEN CLASS REGISTRATION ONLINE AT FAIRENTRY.COM!

Please either submit this form in person, by mail, or register online at www.houstoncountyfair.com or www.fairentry.com. All entries must be in place by 4pm on Wednesday. Please call or email the Fair Office with questions at 507-725-3397, or houstoncountyfairmn@gmail.com. The \$3.00 membership fee is required with your pre-registration.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DATES: Saturday, August 8th - 8am - 1pm, Wednesday, August 12th - 5pm - 8pm
Tags will be available for pick-up from the Fair Office starting: Tuesday, August 18th, 10am - 4pm.

Exhibitor's First & Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Department	Class	Lot No.	Article - please use exact premium list wording	Qty

To determine your open class entry fee's please use the check boxes to the right to determine your total. For example, if you are entering an item in photography and flower, your total would be \$13.00. If you were just entering item(s) in the open class entry classes (not in photography or fine/art), your total would be \$8.00

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| ☐ Photography/Fine Arts Entry | \$5.00 |
| ☐ All Other Open Class Entries | \$5.00 |
| ☐ Membership Fee | \$3.00 |

NON-LIVESTOCK OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT 10 - GRAINS, SEEDS & FORAGE

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to overall exhibitor. All grains to be tagged and named and should be true to type. Display exhibit in a 4–5-quart plastic pail. Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Grains

Lot No. / Description

1. Best 10 ears- yellow dent- 2025 crop
2. Best 10 ears- yellow den – 2026 crop
3. Tallest stalk of corn
4. Shelled hybrid corn - 2025 crop
5. Any Small Grain (oats, wheat, rye)
6. Soybeans
7. Best 2026 Oats in Straw
8. Tallest Sunflower, single head
9. 2026 Flint, Indian, or Rainbow Corn

CLASS B: Grass and Forage

Baled hay is exhibited as a full section of bale 12” long.

Haylage made from legumes or legumes and grasses must be exhibited in clear one-gallon plastic bags, with variety labeled.

Lot No. / Description

1. Medium red clover sheaf
 2. Alfalfa sheaf
 3. 2026 baled alfalfa hay
 4. 2026 baled alfalfa hay -mixed
 5. Other forage grasses
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DEPARTMENT 11 - VEGETABLES, HERBS & FRUITS

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

How to Fix Vegetables

- Have correct number required
 - Current growing season may determine maturity
 - Wash Gentle
 - TOMATOES: Remove stem and display with stem end down
 - CUCUMBERS: Need ¼” stem left on
 - SWEET CORN: Remove all but 2 inner husks
 - ROOT VEGETABLE (including Beets and Carrots): Remove root 1” below ball. Trim 1” above the top
 - KOHLRABI: Remove root just below ball. Leave 2” stems on top
 - ONIONS: Pull 2 weeks before fair and dry so you can twist stems and cut 1” above onion. Do NOT peel
 - RHUBARB: Pull and leave ½” of bottom and ½” of leaf end
 - PEPPERS: Leave ½” stem
- Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Vegetables

All annual varieties must have variety listed on the tag, for example: Early Girl- Tomato

Lot No. / Description

1. Asparagus - 3
2. Beans, Green - 12 pods with 1/2” stem
3. Beans, Yellow - 12 pods with 1/2” stem
4. Brussel Sprouts - 6
5. Beets - 5
6. Broccoli - 1 Specimen
7. Cabbage, Green - 1
8. Cabbage, Red - 1
9. Carrots - 5
10. Cauliflower - 1
11. Celery, Root Removed - 1
12. Cucumbers, Burpless - 3
13. Cucumbers, Slicing - 3
14. Cucumbers, Dill - 3
15. Eggplant - 1 Specimen
16. Garlic - 1 Bulb
17. Gourds, Mixed - 5
18. Ground Cherries - 1 Quart
19. Kale - 1 Plant
20. Kohlrabi - 3
21. Onions, Yellow - 3
22. Onions, White - 3
23. Onions, Red - 3
24. Parsnips - 3
25. Peppers, Bell, Sweet, Any Color - 3

26. Peppers, Long, Hot or Sweet - 5
27. Peppers, Any Other, List Variety - 3
29. Peas, List Variety - 12 Pods
30. Potatoes, Norland - 10
31. Potatoes, Waseca - 10
32. Potatoes, Kennebec - 10
33. Potatoes, Red Pontiac - 10
34. Potatoes, Any Variety Not Listed - 10
35. Pumpkin, Small Pie - 1
36. Pumpkin, Field - 1
37. Radishes - 5
38. Rhubarb - 5 Stems
39. Rutabaga - 3
40. Squash, Acorn - 1
41. Squash, Buttercup - 1
42. Squash, Butternut - 1
43. Squash, Yellow Summer - 3
44. Squash, Zucchini - 3
45. Squash, Any Other Variety - 1
46. Sweet Corn - 2 Ears
47. Swiss Chard - 1 Plant
48. Tomatoes, Red - 1 Plant
49. Tomatoes, Roma - 5
50. Tomatoes, Yellow - 5
51. Tomatoes, Cherry - 10
52. Turnips - 5
53. Any Other Vegetable, 3-6 Specimens, List Variety
54. Most Unusual, Freak Vegetable (For Show Only)
55. Largest Vegetable in Show (For Show Only)

CLASS B: Garden Display

Display must have the specified vegetable minimums from the same garden and displayed in a decorative container.

Will be judged on the following:

- Quality 50%,
- Arrangement 25%
- Labeling of varieties 25%

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Classic Garden Display, At Least 5 Varieties
2. American 250th Birthday Themed - 3 Vegetable Varieties, Minimum of 3 of Each Vegetable

CLASS C: Fruit

Lot No. / Description

1. Apples, Delicious - 5
2. Apples, Cortland - 5
3. Apples, Haralson - 5
4. Apples, Honeycrisp - 5
5. Apples Honeygold - 5
6. Apples, Sweet Tango - 5
7. Apples, Jonathan - 5
8. Apples, Macintosh - 5
9. Apples, Zestar - 5

10. Apples, Crab, List Variety - 10
11. Apples, Any Other Not Listed, List Variety - 5
12. Apricots - 5
13. Blackberries - 12 Specimen
14. Blueberries - 12 Specimen
15. Cherries - 12 Specimen
16. Currants - 6 Stems
17. Gooseberries - 12 Specimen
18. Grapes - 3 Bunches
19. Melon, Muskmelon - 1
20. Melon, Watermelon - 1
21. Melon, Any Other Variety, List Variety - 1
22. Peaches - 5
23. Pears - 5
24. Plums - 5
25. Raspberries - 12 Specimen
26. Strawberries - 12 Specimen
27. Walnuts - 1 Pint Nutmeats
28. Hickory Nuts - 1 Pint Nutmeats
29. Any Other Nutmeats Not Listed - 1 Pint

CLASS D: Herbs

Freshcut, 1 small bundle of 3 Stems, tied and labeled

Lot No./Description

1. Basil
2. Rosemary
3. Mint
4. Chives
5. Parsley
6. Sage
7. Dill
8. Cilantro
9. Thyme
10. Herb Garden - 4 Different Herbs Potted and Labeled

DEPARTMENT 12 - FLOWERS

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will take place on Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

The Fair Board will not be responsible for the loss or damage to containers or other articles used in exhibits. All entries must be in a presentable condition when brought in, and the superintendent shall have the right to remove any flowers that have become unsightly. All flowers/ plants must be grown within the past 12 months. Grand and Reserve Champion will be awarded to the best in the department. Best Rose will receive the Violet Pert Award.

The Master Gardeners Club will present the following monetary awards: Loretta Knutson Open Horticulture Award (\$50) to:

one(1) open class entry; and “Best Overall Entry” Award (\$50) to:

one(1) 4-H Entry

“Best Overall Entry” awards will be presented by the Forget-Me-Not Garden Club of Houston, in the amount of \$50, to:

one(1) Open Class Entry; and

one(1) 4-H Entry.

Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Gladiolus.

You may show unlimited colors but only one spike of each color.

Lot No. / Description

1. Any one color, one spike
2. Two colors, one spike
3. Tri-colors, one spike
4. Tri-Tones, one spike
5. Bouquet

CLASS B: Dahlias -

Specimens must be of the same color.

Lot No. / Description

1. Annual seed, three blooms
2. Ball, three blooms
3. Cactus, one bloom
4. Fringed, three blooms
5. Large 8” and over, one bloom
6. Medium 4”-7”, one bloom
7. Miniature 2”-4”, three blooms
8. Pompom less than 2”, three blooms
9. Any other variety, three blooms

CLASS C: Cut Flowers-Annuals
Specimens must be of the same color.

Lot No. / Description

1. Allium, three stems
2. Alyssum, three stems
3. Asters, double, three blooms
4. Asters, single, three blooms
5. Baby’s breath, annual, three sprigs
6. Baby’s breath, single, three sprigs
7. Baby’s breath, double, three sprigs
8. Balloon flower, three stems
9. Balsam, three stems
10. Bachelor Buttons, five stems
11. Begonia, one stem
12. Calliopsis, three blooms
13. Canna, one stem
14. Carnation, three stems
15. Celosia, crested, two stems
16. Celosia, plumed, two stems
17. Clematis, three blooms
18. Coleus, three stems
19. Cosmos, three stems
20. Datura, one bloom
21. Flowered/berried branch, one stem
22. Globe Amaranth, three stems
23. Globe Thistle, three stems
24. Snowball, one stem
25. Lobelia, three stems

For Marigolds only, size definition is as follows:

Large (larger than 3”)

Medium (2”-3”)

Dwarf (smaller than 2”)

35. Marigold, large, yellow, three blooms
36. Marigold, large, orange, three blooms
37. Marigold, medium, yellow, three blooms
38. Marigold, medium, orange, three blooms
39. Marigold, medium bi/other, three blooms
40. Marigold, dwarf, yellow, five blooms
41. Marigold, dwarf, orange, five blooms
42. Marigold, dwarf, bi/other, five blooms

43. Nasturtium, five blooms

45. Pansies, three stems
46. Petunias, single, five stems
47. Petunias, double, five stems
48. Petunias, ruffled, five stems
50. Snapdragon, mixed, three spikes
51. Statice, annual, three stems
52. Strawflower, three stems
53. Sultana, (Impatiens), single, three stems
54. Sultana, double, three stems
55. Sultana, variegated, three stems
56. Sunflowers, 3 of one variety, smaller than 6”
57. Sunflowers, Greater than 6”, one stem
58. Verbena, three stems

59. Veronica, three stems
60. Vinca, three stems
61. Violas, three stems
62. Zinnia, over 4", three stems, one variety
63. Zinnia, 2"-4", three stems, one variety
64. Zinnia, < 2", five blooms
65. Any other not listed, three stems

CLASS D: Cut Flowers-Perennials
Specimens must be the same color.

Lot No. / Description

1. Achillea (Yarrow), three of one variety
2. Aquilegia (Columbine), three of one variety
3. Coral Bells, three flower stems
4. Coreopsis (Tickseed), three of one variety
5. Delphinium, three of one variety
6. Dianthus (pink), three stems
7. Echinacea (Coneflower), three of one variety
8. Gallardia (Blanket flower), three of one
9. Heliopsis (False Sunflower), three of one
10. Hosta, three leaves 7" or larger
11. Hosta, three leaves smaller than 7"
12. Hydrangea giant, one stem
13. Hydrangea colored, one stem
14. Liatris (Gayfeather), one spike
15. Lily, Asiatic or hybrid, one stem
16. Lily, Aurelian, one stem
17. Lily, Calla, one stem
18. Lily (Day), yellow, one stem
19. Lily (Day), any other color, one stem
20. Lily, Oriental or hybrid, one stem
21. Lily, Trumpet or hybrid, one stem
22. Lily, Tiger, large, one stem
23. Mums, small, one spray
24. Mums, large, three blooms
25. Rudbeckia, three of one
26. Scabiosa, three of one
27. Sedum, three stems
28. Statice, perennial, three stems
29. Sweet Peas, perennial, three stems
30. Phlox (three stems)
31. Any other not listed, three of one variety
32. Hosta flower bloom, one stem
33. Mini Hosta- 3 leaves under 2" wide

CLASS E: Roses

Best Rose will receive the Violet Pert Award.

Lot No. / Description

1. Hybrid Tea, one
2. Floribunda, one
3. Climbing/Rambler
4. Miniatures, one bloom per stem
5. Miniatures, one specimen spray
6. Shrub rose, one bloom per stem
7. Shrub rose, one specimen spray

CLASS F: Indoor Plants

Please list any special plant care needs on tag

Lot No. / Description

1. Hanging basket, one variety
2. Baby Tears
3. Begonia, Fibrous, one variety
4. Begonia, Tuberous, one variety
5. Begonia, Rex, one variety
6. Cactus, Christmas
7. Cactus, any single variety
8. Cactus, Dish Garden, two or more varieties
9. Chinese Evergreen
10. Dieffenbachia, one variety
11. Ferns, one variety
12. Geranium
13. Geranium, Ivy type
14. Gloxinia
15. Jade or Rubber Plant
16. Norfolk Pine
17. Ornamental Pepper
18. Philodendron, one variety
19. Succulent, one variety
20. Succulent, more than one variety
21. Swedish Ivy
22. Orchids
23. Hens and chicks
24. Any other not listed
25. Fairy gardens (Must be Portable)

CLASS G: Outdoor Plants

Please list any special plant care needs on tag

Lot No. / Description

1. Hanging basket, one variety
2. Hanging basket, two varieties
3. Hanging basket, > 3 varieties
4. Potted Herb Garden, > 3 varieties
5. Potted Begonia, Fibrous
6. Potted Begonia, Tuberous
7. Potted Geranium
8. Potted Impatiens, single
9. Potted Impatiens, double
10. Potted New Guinea
11. Potted Petunia, one variety
12. Any other potted, one variety
13. Any other potted, 2 or more varieties
14. Hanging bag planter, one variety
15. Hanging bag planter, > 3 varieties
16. Hens and Chicks
17. Potted Coleus, one variety
18. Succulent, one variety
19. Succulent, more than one variety
20. Fairy Gardens (Must be portable)
21. Outdoor Cactus

CLASS H: Arrangements

Lot No. / Description

1. America 250th Birthday Theme - Incorporate Red/White/Blue Colors
2. America Honoring our Service Members - Incorporate at Least 1 Service Branch or Service Member
3. Arrangement Theme - "I Have A Dream"
4. Arrangement Theme - National Park - Incorporate Rock, Wood Matter along with Florals
5. Boquete or Corsage

New A dish garden consists of a shallow container filled with multiple small plants arranged to create a compact, indoor garden. You find these gardens using a variety of plant types, such as succulents, ferns, and air plants, that share similar light and water needs. You assemble them in containers like ceramic dishes, glass bowls, or wooden trays, ensuring proper drainage

7. Dish Garden - Three or more plants, named, container 4 inches high and under, diameter up to 18 inches. No artificial plant material allowed.

8. Using a child's toy as a planter
9. Basket Arrangement
10. Lighted Arrangement - Must include a battery powered or solar powered element
11. Moving Arrangement - Must include an element motion
12. Wreath with Florals - Natural wreath material, florals may be fresh or dried
13. Native Flowers & Grass Arrangements
14. Dried Flower Arrangement
15. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 50 -FOOD PREPARATION

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Scorecards available are located in the appendix.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best product from each class.

Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: Bread and Rolls - (1/2 standard-size loaf)

Lot No. / Description

1. Bread, Tea Ring, All American 250 Theme, Iced, Decorated
2. Bread, Herb Addition
3. Bread, Oatmeal

4. Bread, Raisin
5. Bread, Rye
6. Bread, Sourdough
7. Bread, Vegetable Addition
8. Bread, White
9. Bread, Whole Wheat
10. Bread, Other
11. Raised Doughnut - 3
12. Parker House Rolls - 3
13. Finger Rolls - 3
14. Buns - 3
15. Cinnamon Rolls - 3
16. Bread Machine Product
17. Crescent Rolls - 3

CLASS B: Cakes

4" x 4" pieces of unfrosted cakes; 1/4 of unfrosted pound, sponge, bundt or angel food cakes are to be exhibited. No Mixes Allowed.

Lot No. / Description

1. Angel Food (1/4)
2. Apple sauce (4" x 4")
3. Chiffon
4. Chocolate
5. Plain butter
6. Pound
7. Spice
8. Sponge
9. Vegetable Addition (ex. Carrot Cake)
10. White
11. Other
12. Cupcakes (3)

CLASS C: Ethnic Foods

3 Should be included in the exhibit.

Lot No. / Description

1. Lefse
2. Rosettes
3. Krumkake
4. Sandbakkles
5. Polvorones
6. Nankahtai
7. Any Other Ethnic

CLASS D: Cookies and Bars

Unfrosted. Decorated cookies (Lot 15) are judged on appearance and decorations only. Three (3) should be included in exhibit.

Lot No. / Description

1. Brownies – three
2. Bars, fruit addition- three
3. Bars, vegetable addition - three
4. Layered bars - three

5. Unbaked bars – three
6. Chocolate chip cookies – three
7. Chocolate drop cookies - three
8. Ginger cookies - three
9. Filled or sandwich cookies - three
10. Icebox (refrigerator) cookies - three
11. Salted peanut drop cookies - three
12. Unbaked cookies – three
13. White sugar cookies - three
14. Peanut butter cookies - three
15. Oatmeal cookies - three
16. Shortbread - three
17. Other bars - three
18. Other cookies - three
19. Cut cookies (rolled) - three
20. Biscotti

CLASS E: Pies

Small or individual pies are satisfactory.

Lot No. / Description

1. Apple Pie
2. Blueberry pie
3. Cherry pie
4. Peach pie
5. Pecan pie
6. Other pie (no custard)
7. Baked pie shell

CLASS F: Candies

Must provide 3-4 pieces of candy for each exhibit.

Lot No. / Description

1. Caramels
2. Divinity
3. Fudge
4. Mints
5. Nut brittle
6. Penuche
7. Toffee
8. Other

CLASS G: Quick Breads (1/2 of small loaf)

Lot No. / Description

1. Banana bread , no other additions
2. Nut bread, no other additions
3. Zucchini bread, no other additions
4. Beer bread
5. Vegetable bread, label vegetable
6. Other quick breads not listed, label bread
7. Baking powder biscuits - 3
8. Muffins, Corn - 3
9. Muffins, Fruit - 3
10. Muffins, Vegetable - 3

11. Quick Coffee Cake (4"x4")
12. Cake doughnuts - 3
13. Scones - 3

CLASS H: Gluten Free or Vegan

Lot No. / Description

1. Quick Bread, 1/2" loaf, label variety
2. Scones or Muffins, label variety - 3
3. Cookies, label variety - 3
4. Bars, label variety - 3
5. Cake, label variety - 4x4 piece

CLASS I: Generations

Grandparents and/or parents team up with younger generation (ages 6-16) to share the fun of making homemade foods.

Lot No. / Description

1. Any bread, rolls or quick breads
2. Any cakes 4"x 4"
3. Any cookies or bars - three
4. Any pies
5. Any candies

CLASS J: Decorated Baked Goods

Decorated cakes are judged on frosting and decorations only, so a dummy cake can be used.

Lot No. / Description

1. Decorated cake
 2. Decorated cookies - 3
 3. Decorated bars- 3
 4. America's 250th Birthday Decorated Cupcake - 3
 5. Decorated pies
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DEPARTMENT 51 - FOOD PRESERVATION

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Grand and Reserve Champion awarded to the best in each department.

General Rules:

1. Standards of preservation from the newest Ball Book will be followed and judged on. Information about new requirements available at fair office. Use our elevation.
 2. Entries are to be exhibited in pint or quart standard glass canning jars. Canning rings should be removed. Mark jars with date, type of processing and time.
 3. Jelly and jams are to be in sealed 1/4, 1/2, or 1-pint standard glass canning jars. All must have two piece lids; rings must be included to close opened jars. Mark jars with date, type of processing and time.
 4. Dehydrated, Freeze Dried, or Fermented foods must follow proper food safety practices according to USDA standards, and accepted standards for each method. More information can be found online at the University of Minnesota Extension website: <https://extension.umn.edu/home-kitchen/preserve-your-own-food>
- Superintendents and judges may open sealed jars, if necessary, for judging. Scorecards located in the appendix.
Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Canned Fruits

Label jar with method of preserving used. Jars must be standard clear glass.

Lot No. / Description

1. Applesauce
2. Apricots
3. Blackberries
4. Cherries
5. Ground cherries
6. Peaches
7. Pears
8. Plums
9. Raspberries, black
10. Raspberries, red
11. Rhubarb
12. Other

CLASS B: Canned Vegetables

Vegetables, except tomatoes, must be canned by pressure canner method.

Lot No. / Description

1. Asparagus
2. Beans, green
3. Beans, yellow wax 0
4. Beets
5. Carrots

6. Corn
7. Peas
8. Pumpkin
9. Tomato juice
10. Tomato soup
11. Tomatoes, whole
12. Any other
13. Mixed vegetables for soup

CLASS C: Canning Display

Articles entered under “display” cannot compete in any single entries. Not less than 8 pint jars of at least 6 varieties.

Lot No. / Description

1. Best display canned fruit
2. Best display canned vegetables

CLASS D: Canned Meats

Meat must be processed in pressure canner.

Lot No. / Description

1. Beef
2. Chicken
3. Fish
4. Pork
5. Wild game

CLASS E: Honey

Lot No. / Description

1. Honey - single comb
2. Honey - extracted (one pound)

CLASS F: Syrups

Lot No./Description

1. Maple
2. Walnut
3. Fruit
4. Other, List Variety

CLASS G: Jellies

Lot No. / Description

1. Apple
2. Apple combination
3. Blackberry
4. Crab apple
5. Elderberry
6. Grape
7. Plum
8. Raspberry, red
9. Raspberry, black
10. Strawberry
11. Other

CLASS H: Jams and Preserves and Marmalades
(crushed or slightly crushed fruits)

Lot No. / Description

1. Applebutter
2. Blackberry
3. Cherry
4. Currant
5. Gooseberry
6. Grape
7. Ground cherry
8. Mixed fruits
9. Marmalade- any fruit
10. Peach
11. Plum
12. Raspberry, black
13. Raspberry, red
14. Rhubarb
15. Strawberry
16. Pepper
17. Tomato
18. Blueberry
19. Apricot
20. Other

CLASS I: Dehydrated and Dried Foods

Present exhibit in unsealed pint or 1/2 pint jars. Freeze dried
may be sealed to prevent moisture absorption.

Lot No. / Description

1. Dehydrated Fruits (4 oz.)
2. Dehydrated Vegetables (4 oz.)
3. Dehydrated Meats (jerky) (4 oz.)
4. Freeze dried Fruit (4 oz.)
5. Freeze dried Vegetable (4 oz.)
6. Freeze dried Meat (4 oz.)
7. Freeze dried Other, list variety (4.oz.)

CLASS J: Pickles

Lot No. / Description

1. Beet
2. Bread & butter
3. Crab apple
4. Cucumber, dill
5. Cucumber, icicle
6. Cucumber, sweet
7. Ripe cucumber
8. Watermelon
9. Other

CLASS K: Relishes & Sauces

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Barbecue sauce
2. Corn relish
3. Chili sauce
4. Pickle relish
5. Pizza sauce
6. Salsa
7. Spaghetti sauce
8. Tomato catsup
9. Tomato sauce
10. Other

CLASS L: Fermented Products and Vinegars

Lot No. / Description

1. Vinegars made from scratch, labeled, bottle between 12-24 oz.
 2. Cucumber, pickles, fermented, no vinegar, 1 quart
 3. Kimchi
 4. Infused Vinegar, non-herb - bottle between 12-24 oz.
 5. Herb infused Vinegar - bottle between 12 - 24 oz
 6. Sauerkraut
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DEPARTMENT 55 - HOMEMADE WINES

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects must be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Thursday at 2:00 pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best wine in the department.

Wine Specifications

1. Wine may be made from any fruit, vegetable, grain or juice commonly used in the making of wine.
2. Wines must not be more than one year old.
3. Each entry must be bottled in a clean 750 ml bottle sealed with a cork.
4. Each bottle must be labeled. The label should contain the following information:
 - Name and address of maker.
 - Date (month, year) fermentation was begun.
 - Entrants are encouraged, but not required, to list whether fruit, dried fruit, or juice was used in making the wine, and any other information which would be useful in describing each entry.

Rules and procedures for entering.

1. A contestant may enter all lots, with one entry per lot.
2. All contestants must be over 21 years of age.

Judging Criteria

- Appropriateness of classification (does the entry belong in the category the contestant has chosen to place it in?)
- General appearance (color, clarity, oil, lack of sediment)
- Bouquet
- Taste

Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

Lot No. / Description

1. Grape wine - red, dry
 2. Grape wine, white
 3. Grape wine, rose
 4. Grape wine - red, sweet
 5. Any berry or cherry
 6. Rhubarb
 7. Dandelion
 8. Sherry
 9. Vegetable wine, dry
 10. Vegetable wine, sweet
 11. Apple
 12. Any Other
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DEPARTMENT 56 – HOMEBREWED BEER

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects must be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day. Judging will take place Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion awarded to best overall. Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

Rules & Regulations

1. Each contestant needs to enter two bottles of beer for each entry. One bottle for the first round and one bottle for the Best of Show round.
2. All contestants must be 21 years of age or older.
3. All beer must be home brewed by an amateur and in non-commercial facilities.
4. Any entry brewed with the help of another brewer must be entered under the names of all brewers that helped.
5. If less than 3 entries are submitted for a lot, that lot will be combined with another lot.

Beer Specifications

- Beer may be made from malt, hops, grain, fruit/vegetable juice, or any other product commonly used in making beer.
- Each entry must be bottled in a clean brown or green bottle with at least a 10-ounce capacity. We prefer that they have no raised glass band name lettering and printed caps must be blacked out.

Judging Criteria

- Appropriateness of classification (does the entry belong in the lot and style chosen?)
- General appearance
- Taste

Lot No. / Description

1. Ale
 2. Stout
 3. Porter
 4. Wheat beer
 5. Pilsner
 6. Lager
 7. Bock
 8. Mixed styles, specify
 9. Cider
 10. Mead
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DEPARTMENT 100 - Super Class

Three entries per lot. This class is intended for individuals with mental, physical, and intellectual challenges. Entrants entering in Super Class may not be entered in Non-Super Class Departments. Entrants entering in Non Superclass Departments may not enter in Super Class.

Pre-registration is MANDATORY by Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day. Judging will take place on Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best of class.

CLASS A: Super Class Projects (for those with disabilities)

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Fine Arts - All American Patriotic Theme
2. Crafts
3. Fine Arts, Any Other
4. Sewing
5. Needlework
6. Photography
7. Cooking/Baking
8. Gardening
9. Collections (5-8 pieces)
10. Panorama
11. Adult Coloring Book Page
12. Potted Plants
13. Creative Writing

6. Men's Shirt (Short or Long sleeve)
7. Ladies Shirt or Blouse
8. Ladies Skirt
9. Ladies Pants or capri
10. Ladies dress, informal
11. Evening or wedding Gown
12. Coat
13. Costume
14. Other sewn item no listed

CLASS B: Children's Garments

Lot No. / Description

1. Coat or snowsuit
2. Girl's dress
3. Girl's outfit
4. Boys Outfit
5. Sleepwear
6. Costume
7. Special Occasion Garment
8. Any other Child's sewn Item

CLASS C: Accessories

Lot No. / Description

1. Purse/ handbag/Tote bag
2. Hats - American Themed/Patriotic
3. Scarves
4. Mittens/ Gloves
5. Pillowcase (No pillows)
6. Decorated Pillows- Hand sewn
7. Make-up Bag
8. Decorated Pillows-Machine Embroidery

DEPARTMENT 101 - Sewing

One entry per lot. No collections. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best entry overall. Award will be given to the Best American Patriotic Themed Sewing Entry. Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: Adult Garments

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Apron
2. Sleepwear
3. Robe
4. Slacks or shorts
5. Men's Vests

CLASS D: Pets

Lot No. / Description

1. Pet Clothing
2. Pet Blanket
3. Pet Beds
4. Pet Accessories

DEPARTMENT 102 - NEEDLEWORK

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Grand & Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best in the department. Award will be given to the Best American Patriotic Themed Needlework Entry.

Premiums: \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: Hand Canvas work

Lot No. / Description

1. Needlepoint article
2. Needlepoint on plastic canvas
3. Net weaving
4. Pulled thread
5. Drawn thread
6. Norwegian stitchery
7. Long stitch or quick point
8. Latch hook rugs

CLASS B: Hand Surface Embroidery

Lot No. / Description

1. Embroidery, pillowcase
2. Crewel
3. Dresser scarf
4. Other

CLASS C: Hand Thread Count

Lot No. / Description

1. Wall hanging
2. Hardanger
3. Counted cross stitch, framed
4. Counted cross stitch, no frame
5. Stamped cross stitch, framed
6. Stamped cross stitch, no frame
7. Other

CLASS D: Hand Knitting

Lot No. / Description

1. Afghan
2. Adult Poncho, Sweater, or Jacket
3. Tablecloth
4. Child's sweater/jacket
5. Outerwear Accessories (Gloves, Mittens, Hat, Scarf)
6. Shawl
7. Doily, Knitted 12" or Less

8. Doily, Knitted 12" or More
9. Other knitted item
10. Infant Afghan
11. Infant Sweater/Cap
12. Infant Bootie
13. Infant Outfit
14. Infant, Other

CLASS E: Hand Crocheting

Lot No. / Description

1. Afghan
2. Adult Poncho, Sweater, or Jacket
3. Tablecloth
4. Child's sweater/jacket
5. Outerwear Accessories (Gloves, Mittens, Hat, Scarf)
6. Shawl
7. Doily, Knitted 12" or Less
8. Doily, Knitted 12" or More
9. Other knitted item
10. Infant Afghan
11. Infant Sweater/Cap
12. Infant Bootie
13. Infant Outfit
14. Infant, Other

DEPARTMENT 103 - CRAFTS

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best overall in the department. Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: Christmas Crafts

Lot No. / Description

1. Ornament
2. Tree skirt
3. Wall decorations
4. Table centerpiece
5. Miscellaneous (gift wrap, cards, etc.)
6. Mr. or Mrs. Santa Clause
7. Tablecloth or Table Runner
8. Stockings
9. Nativity Scene
10. Themed decorated tree, 3' or under
11. Snowman

CLASS B: Dolls and Stuffed Articles

Lot No. / Description

1. Crocheted or knitted doll

2. Fabric handmade doll
3. Mop or Yarn/string doll
4. Painted china/porcelain doll
5. Paper doll
6. Miniature doll (less than 3")
7. Stuffed animal
8. Fabric snowman
9. Trolls or gnomes
10. Other

CLASS C: Doll Clothes

Lot No. / Description

1. Knitted, three or more outfits
2. Crocheted, three or more outfits
3. Sewn fabric, three or more outfits

CLASS D: Handicrafts

All entries to be hung, must be framed or matted and equipped so they can be hung or they will be refused. Special award to Lot No. 5 - Barn Quilt American/Patriotic Themed, Award will be presented for Best Overall.

Lot No. / Description

1. Macrame
2. Stenciled Item
3. Stepping Stone
4. Seed or Beadwork
5. Barn Quilt * - wood, canvas, or vinyl - size between 24-48"
6. Epoxy craft
7. Decorative candle
8. Scented Candle
9. Soap Making
10. Paint by number kit
11. Basket weaving
12. Plastic canvas article
13. Wall hanging
14. Any holiday decorations
15. Rubber stamp items
16. New uses for old discards
17. Gourds, decorated
18. Scrapbook pages
19. Handmade greeting cards
20. Adult Coloring Book Page
21. Diamond Art
22. String Art

CLASS E: Rugs

Lot No. / Description

1. Woven or loomed
2. Braided
3. Crocheted or Knitted
4. Stitched
5. Latched Hook
6. Other Hooked Rug

DEPARTMENT 105 - CRAFTS 14 & UNDER

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the Best Overall in the Department. *A Special award will be given to Best Overall between all classes for lot 6 Stepping Stones that are American/Patriotic themed. Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Crafts Age 5 & Under

CLASS B: Crafts Age 6-10

CLASS C: Crafts Age 11-14

Lot No. / Description

1. Model airplane, car, or rocketship
2. Soft sculpture or Paper Art Craft
3. Decoupage item
4. Seed, beadwork
5. Tin Can Art
6. Stepping Stone*
7. Knitted or crocheted items
8. Cross stitched or Needlepoint item
9. Quilted item
10. Macrame
11. Scrapbook Page
12. String Art
13. Diamond Art
14. Jewelry (kit)
15. Other Craft

DEPARTMENT 106 - COLLECTIBLES

One entry per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

1. Exhibitors of collections should bring a case to display their hobby, if possible. Use plastic page protectors in ring binders for suitable collections (i.e., postcards, greeting cards, match books, etc.).
2. An exhibitor may make only one entry per lot.
3. The fair management will use diligence to help ensure the safety of articles exhibited, but, under no circumstances, will they be held responsible for any loss or damages.
4. Due to the limited space we have designed a code for how many items can be in each category:
B= 1 book= Small items maximum of 12 pieces
M= Medium items maximum of 8 pieces
L=Large items maximum of 5 pieces
5. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded overall.
Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Age 16 and Under

Lot No. / Description

1. Rocks or shells-S
2. Keychains/lanyards -S
3. Pens or pencils -S
4. Miniature figurines -M
5. Caps -M
6. Collectible cards -B
7. Stamps -B
8. Buttons -S
9. Fast-food restaurant toys -M
10. Unspecified, small items -S
11. Unspecified, large items -L

CLASS B: Age Over 16

Lot No. / Description

1. Buttons -S
2. Stamps -B
3. Bottles or cans -M
4. Thimbles -S
5. Salt & Pepper shakers -M
6. Cups & saucers -L
7. Caps -M
8. Collectible cards -B
9. Pens or pencils -S
10. Duck or goose decoys -L
11. Miniature figurines -M
12. Signs -L
13. Postcards -B

14. Greeting cards -B
15. Bells -M
16. Spoons -M
17. Cookbooks -L
18. Small dolls -M
19. Large dolls -L
20. Angels -M
21. Santas -M
22. Mugs -L
23. Keychains/lanyards -S
24. Refrigerator magnets -S
25. Most unusual collection -M
26. Children's books -M
27. Other books/novels -M
28. Unspecified small- S
29. Unspecified medium- M
30. Unspecified large- L

DEPARTMENT 109 - QUILTING

One item per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to the best quilting in each class. Award will be given to Best American Patriotic Themed Quilt Entry. The construction of all quilt tops must be done entirely by the entrant except in Lot 6. Quilt must have been completed within the past 12 months. All entries must have three layers and be quilted through all layers. The judge may comment on entries for critique purposes. If you would like your piece to have a protective covering, please provide at the time of exhibiting.
Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Hand quilted by entrant.

Lot No. / Description

1. Large quilt > 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both
2. Small quilt < 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both
3. Wall quilt < 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both (must have hanging sleeve attached)
4. Other quilts – table runner, garment, pillow, etc.
5. Group quilt, list all who helped
6. Baby Quilt
7. Mug Rugs
8. Cozy Bowl
9. Potholders

CLASS B: Machine quilted by entrant.

Lot No. / Description

1. Large quilt > 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both
2. Small quilt < 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both
3. Wall quilt < 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both (must have hanging sleeve attached)
4. Other quilts – table runner, garment, pillow, etc.
5. Group quilt, list all who helped
6. Baby Quilt
7. Mug Rugs
8. Cozy Bowl
9. Potato Bags
10. Potholders

CLASS C: Hand quilted by someone other than entrant.

Lot No. / Description

1. Large quilt > 250 inches, pieced, appliqué or both
2. Small quilt < 250 inches, pieced, appliqué or both
3. Wall quilt < 250 inches, pieced, appliqué or both (must have hanging sleeve attached)
4. Other quilts – table runner, garment, pillow, etc
5. Group quilt, list all who helped
6. Baby Quilt
7. Mug Rugs
8. Cozy Bowl
9. Potato Bags
10. Potholders

CLASS D: Machine quilted by someone other than entrant.

Lot No. / Description

1. Large quilt > 250 inches, pieced, appliqué or both
2. Small quilt < 250 inches, pieced, appliqué or both
3. Wall quilt < 250 inches, pieced, appliqué or both (must have hanging sleeve attached)
4. Other quilts – table runner, garment, pillow, etc
5. Group quilt, list all who helped
6. Baby Quilt
7. Mug Rugs
8. Cozy Bowl
9. Potato Bags
10. Potholders

CLASS E: Tied quilts

Lot No. / Description

1. Large quilt > 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both
2. Small quilt < 250 inches pieced, appliqué or both

CLASS F: Quilt on a Stick
Must be a square 8" x 8"

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Any construction, method or design, hand or machine quilted by entrant. Quilt backing must include a centered vertical sleeve in which a paint stick has been inserted.

DEPARTMENT 110 - FINE ARTS

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

1. The work of art presented for entry should have been done within the last year.
 2. All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor and should not have been previously exhibited at the Houston County Fair.
 3. All entries to be hung must be framed or matted and equipped so they can be hung, or they will be refused. No Tape, wire recommended.
 4. No oil will be accepted if not dry. Pastels and other works easily damaged must be covered by glass or sprayed with fixative.
 5. A judge will select a prize in each lot. The right to withhold any awards is reserved if, in the judge's opinion, work submitted does not justify an award.
 6. Paintings may be offered for sale to visitors but cannot be removed until release time on August 23rd. If for sale, price should be indicated on the back of the entry tag.
 7. Small articles must be boxed or mounted attractively.
- Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the Best Overall in the department. One award will be given to the Best American Patriotic Themed entry.
- Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: 7 & Under
CLASS B: 8yr-11yr
CLASS C: 12yr-17yr

Lot No. / Description

1. Drawing - crayon, felt or chalk
2. Drawing - pencil or charcoal
3. Drawing- marker or pen
4. Drawing- multi medium
5. Painting - oil or acrylic
6. Painting - watercolor
7. Painting- multi medium
8. Painting - finger
9. Painting - tempura
10. Sculpture, any medium

11. Stained glass article
12. Ceramic or poetry article
13. Jewelry
14. Other types of art

CLASS D: Amateurs
CLASS E: Professional

Lot No. / Description

1. Drawing - crayon, felt or chalk
2. Drawing - pencil or charcoal
3. Drawing- marker or ink
4. Drawing- multi medium
5. Painting - oil / acrylic
6. Painting - watercolor
7. Painting- multi medium
8. Painting - finger
9. Painting – tempura
10. Sculpture, any medium
11. Prints/woodcuts, lithograph, linoleum, block, silk screen, etching
12. Stained glass article
13. Decorated gourds
14. Ceramic, Pottery Article
15. Jewelry
16. Other types of art

DEPARTMENTS 112 & 113- PHOTOGRAPHY

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will take place Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Photography has been broken down into six departments, by age and digital or traditional film processing. Rules are the same for all six departments. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded in each department. Award will be given to Best American Patriotic Themed Photograph in Class A and B entry overall between both departments. Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

DEPARTMENT 112: Photography - Adult
DEPARTMENT 113: Photography -Youth
(Ages 17 & Under)

GENERAL RULES

Professionals are defined as persons making over quarter of their total income from the sale of artwork.

Open To all Amateurs

Entries should only be matted. No Framed photos will be accepted. Finished size of photo must be between 5x7 - 8x10 unless otherwise specified not including matting.

All photos must be the work of the exhibitor within the last year. Any photograph that has been entered in any other competition and won an award is ineligible for competition. Premiums \$4.00//\$3.00//\$2.00

CLASS A: Color Prints

- Lot 1: Subject: America 250th Themed/Patriotic
- Lot 2: Subject: Agricultural
- Lot 3: Subject: Animals
- Lot 4: Subject: Floral
- Lot 5: Subject: Houston County Events
- Lot 6: Creative Art: Tell a Story, “I went for a walk this morning and this is what I saw”
- Lot 7: Creative Art: Tell a Story, “What Freedom Means to Me”
- Lot 8: Enlargement: Any Subject (minimum 8x10, but smaller than 20x24)
- Lot 9: Special Effects: Digital Creativity (Photograph has been significantly enhanced or altered through the use of computer software)
- Lot 10: Special Effects: Macro Photography
- Lot 11: Special Effects: Shoot Through Photography
- Lot 12: Special Effects: Optical Illusion Photography

CLASS B: Black and White Print

- Lot 1: Subject: America 250th Themed/Patriotic
- Lot 2: Subject: Agricultural
- Lot 3: Subject: Animals
- Lot 4: Subject: Floral
- Lot 5: Subject: Houston County Events
- Lot 6: Creative Art: Tell a Story, “I went for a walk this morning and this is what I saw”
- Lot 7: Creative Art: Tell a Story, “What Freedom Means to Me”
- Lot 8: Enlargement: Any Subject (minimum 8x10, but smaller than 20x24)
- Lot 9: Special Effects: Digital Creativity (Photograph has been significantly enhanced or altered through the use of computer software)
- Lot 10: Special Effects: Macro Photography
- Lot 11: Special Effects: Shoot Through Photography
- Lot 12: Special Effects: Optical Illusion Photography

CLASS C: Photo Specialty

Photo size may be less than 5x7 as appropriate for the specialty project. Embellishments may be used for the specialty project as appropriate.

- Lot 1: Photo Collage, minimum of 3 photos, maximum size of 11x14
- Lot 2: Photo Narrative, 1 photo, short narrative up to 500 words
- Lot 3: Photo Greeting Card, 1 photo, any occasion
- Lot 4: Scrapbook page, minimum of 3 photos

DEPARTMENT 119 - METAL SHOP

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026 All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to best in the department.

Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: 17 years and under

CLASS B: 18 years +

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Large article, welded >20"
2. Small article, welded <20"
3. Laser Cut Metal Art
4. Tin Punch Metal Art
5. Article made with Metal Casting - Must have a minimum of 1 element that has been casted
6. Any other not listed

DEPARTMENT 120 & 121- WOODWORKING

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons awarded to the best in the department. Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

DEPARTMENT 120 - WOODWORKING ADULT

DEPARTMENT 121 - WOODWORKING (17 & Under)

CLASS A: Wood Construction

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Toy
2. Chair
3. Clock
4. Table
5. Small decorative box >12"
6. Large decorative box <12"
7. Coat Rack/Hanger
8. Birdhouse or Birdfeeder
9. Shelf, hanging
10. Shelf, free standing
11. Other, not listed

CLASS B: Wood Carving & Whittling

Items in this class may be made by carving, whittling, chip or relief.

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Animal

2. Waterfowl
3. Any other bird
4. Fish
5. Human figure
6. Furniture
7. Walking Stick
8. Decorative Item
9. Other item

CLASS C: Pallet Wood Construction-

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Small item, less than 24"
2. Large item, between 25"- 48"
3. Other, not listed

CLASS D: Specialty

Lot No. / Description Premiums

1. Puzzle
 2. Charcuterie or cutting board
 3. Caning
 4. Inlay
 5. Fretwork
 6. Woodburning
 7. Refurbished/refinished item
 8. Reupholstered item
 9. Turning, solid wood
 10. Turning, laminated
 11. Any other not listed
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DEPARTMENT 122 - Enthusiast Advanced Hobbies

Two entries per lot. Pre-registration is MANDATORY by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th 2026. All projects to be dropped off between 9 am – 4 pm, Wednesday, August 19th and MUST be in place by 4:00 pm that day; Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the best in the department. Premiums \$4.00// \$3.00// \$2.00

CLASS A: Robotics & Tech

Lot No./Description:

1. 3D Printing - Moving item
2. 3D Printing - Stationary Item
3. 3D Printing - Puzzle
4. 3D Printing - Any other not listed
5. Robotics - made from kit
6. Robotics - any other not made from instruction kit

CLASS B: Outdoorsmen/Hunting
Photo submissions must be 5x7 prints.

Lot No./Description:

1. Deer Shed found in 2026, 1 shed
- 2 2025/2026 Trail-cam picture
3. Hero Shot 2025 Deer Season
- 4 Hero Shot 2025/2026 Turkey Season
- 5 Hero Shot 2025/2026 Other Hunting Seasons
- 6 Taxidermy
- 7 Fishing lures handmade

CLASS C: Specialty Building & Painting

Lot No./Description:

1. Model Train - 1 Train car
2. Model Train - 3 to 6 Train cars
3. Train Display - Diorama no larger than 20"x20"
4. Legos - Kit, age 10 and under
5. Legos - Freeform, Age 10 and under
6. Legos - Kit, age 11-17
7. Legos - Freeform, Age 11-17
8. Legos - Kit, age 18 and over
9. Legos - Freeform, Age 18 and over
10. Miniatures - 1 figure
11. Miniatures - Group, 3 to 6 figures
12. Miniatures - Vehicles, Ship, non figure
13. Miniatures - Diorama no larger than 20"x20"
14. Any other specialty build and/or painted item

Department 50 - Food Preparation Class A Breads Scorecard	
Size of Loaf	5 pts
Shape	5 pts
Crust	10 pts
Flavor	35 pts
Lightness	15 pts
Character of Crumb	20 pts
Color	5 pts
Grain (distribution of gas)	5 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 50 - Food Preparation Class B Cakes Scorecard	
External Appearance	20 pts
Crumb	30 pts
Weight	10 pts
Flavor and Aroma	40 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 50 - Food Preparation Class C Ethnic Food	
External Appearance	20 pts
Crumb	30 pts
Flavor and Aroma	40 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 50 - Food Preparation Class D Cookies and Bars	
External Appearance (even shape, uniform size and color, etc.)	20 pts
Crumb Texture	30 pts
Flavor and Aroma	40 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 50 - Food Preparation Class E Pies	
Under Crust	25 pts
Upper Crust	25 pts
Filling	15 pts
General Appearance	10 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 50 - Food Preparation Class G Quick Breads	
Size of Leaf	5 pts
Shape	5 pts
Crust	10 pts
Flavor	35 pts
Lightness	15 pts
Character of Crumb	20 pts
Color	5 pts
Grain (distribution of gas)	5 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 51 - Food Preservation General Scorecard	
General Appearance	20 pts
Quality of Solid	40 pts
Quality of Liquid	20 pts
Pack	20 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 51 - Food Preservation Class G Jellies	
General Appearance	30 pts
Color	35 pts
Quality of Product	20 pts
Pack	15 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 51 - Food Preservation Class J Pickles	
General Appearance	40 pts
Color	20 pts
Texture	20 pts
Clearness	20 pts
Total	100 pts

Department 101 - Sewing Class A Adult Garments	
General Appearance (style, material, condition)	40 pts
Construction	40 pts
Economic Value	20 pts
Total	100 pts