

**JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR
VALIDATION DATES and ENTRY FEES**

PLEASE NOTE:

All Jim Wells County Fair animal projects must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates.

All livestock entries and memberships are due to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors on Friday, September 4, 2009. **THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINE DATE. NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THIS DATE.** All livestock entries and memberships are due into the fair office on Wednesday, September 9, by 5:00 p.m. The County Extension Agent or FFA Advisors must sign entry cards **BEFORE** they are turned into the fair office. All paper work must be completed before being turned into the fair office.

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION – (STEWER RABBITS) Rabbit must be under 8 months (born after February 24, 2009 and born before April 27, 2009) and weigh 2 pounds on validation date. Be in the exhibitor's possession by Saturday, May 16, 2009. Minimum weight is 8 pounds; maximum weight is 11 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Any stewer rabbit may be double entered in the Breeding Show as long as they meet the required weights for breeding rabbits outlined in the American Rabbit Breeder Association "Standard of Perfection" book. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head. **(ROASTER RABBITS)** To be born after April 27, 2009, must be under 6 months of age. Be in the exhibitor's possession by Saturday, July 18, 2009. Minimum weight is 5½ pounds; maximum weight is 8 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head

BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION - Must own rabbit by Saturday, July 18, 2009. Californian senior bucks 8 months and over must weigh 8 to 10 pounds. Californian intermediate bucks 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 9 pounds. Californian senior does 8 months and over must weigh 8½ to 10½ pounds. Californian intermediate does 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 9½ pounds. New Zealand senior bucks 8 months and over must weigh 9 to 11 pounds. New Zealand intermediate bucks 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 10 pounds. New Zealand senior does 8 months and over must weigh 10 to 12 pounds. New Zealand intermediate does 6 to 8 months must weigh 8 to 11 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION – All market poultry must be ordered by order date. Exhibitors must order a minimum of 30 chicks in order to show both broilers and roasters. **(TURKEYS-HENS ONLY) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** Thursday, May 28, 2009, notified by division superintendent. Three (3) market entries from a project of 5 turkeys per exhibitor are allowed. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head. **(ROASTERS-MALES ONLY WITH A MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 5 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** Thursday, August 27, 2009, notified by division superintendent. Three (3) market entries from a project of 15 roasters per exhibitor are allowed. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head. **(BROILERS-1 PEN OF 3-PULLETS ONLY, WITH A TOTAL PEN WEIGHT NOT TO BE LESS THAN 12 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** Thursday, August 27, 2009, notified by division superintendent. Three (3) market entries from a project of 15 broilers are allowed. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per pen. **PLEASE NOTE:** Exhibitors cannot exceed a total of three (3) poultry entries. Some examples are: Exhibitor may show 3 turkeys, or 3 roasters, or 3 pens of 3 broilers, or 1 turkey, 1 roaster and 1 pen of 3 broilers, etc.; if showing both roasters and broilers a minimum of 30 chicks must be ordered.

CARCASS STEER DIVISION - More than one carcass steer can be validated, but only one (1) steer may be exhibited per exhibitor for the Carcass Contest. Carcass steers must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed and castrated at the time of validation. Steers will be weighed and tagged in order to establish their official beginning record book weight. Minimum live weight is 1000 pounds to be eligible for carcass contest prize money. No carcass calves weighing less than 1000 pounds will be sent to Sam Kane's, but will be disposed of by the Show Board at local livestock sale barns for market price less all Jim Wells County Fair commission and sale barn fees unless exhibitor wishes to keep for future use. All carcass steers will go to slaughter and will not be able to be returned to the exhibitor. Steers entered into the market steer division may also be entered in the carcass steer division if they have paid the necessary entry fee and validated in both divisions by the entry deadline. Market steers that are double entered must be at the carcass validation in order to establish their official beginning record book weight. On the day of validation a short course will be presented on beef cattle feeding, contest participation and is mandatory for participation. Completed record forms must be turned in at the interview. Interviews will take place on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at a place designated by the carcass steer division superintendent. **VALIDATION DATE:** Saturday, May 30, 2009, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Livestock Market LLC. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00

MARKET STEER DIVISION - Minimum weight 1000 pounds; no maximum weight. Steers must be shorn to not more than ¼ inch on any location of the body excluding the tail switch before arrival onto the fairgrounds; ¼ inch length will be checked at weigh-in. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing. **VALIDATION DATE:** Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **STEERS WILL BE TAGGED AND NOSE PRINTED AT VALIDATION.** **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head.

MARKET LAMB DIVISION – Minimum weight 90 pounds except Southdown 80 pounds; maximum weight 155 pounds. Lambs must be slick/clean shorn prior to final weigh-in. **CLASSIFICATION and VALIDATION DATE:** Friday, June 26, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head.

MARKET SWINE DIVISION - Minimum weight 230 pounds; maximum weight 280 pounds. **VALIDATION DATE:** Friday, July 3, 2009. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head.

BREEDING GILT DIVISION – Minimum weight 230 pounds; maximum weight 280 pounds. Breeding gilts will consist of 4 divisions: Duroc, Hampshire, OPB and Crosses. **VALIDATION DATE:** Friday, July 3, 2009. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

MARKET GOAT DIVISION – Market goats may be either wethers or does and must weigh a minimum of 70 pounds at weigh-in. **POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATES:** All goats must be in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by Tuesday, July 7, 2009. Goats must be validated at the fairgrounds on one (either) of the following dates and times: Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or Tuesday, July 7, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per head.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT DIVISION – POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE: All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged or tattooed, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by Friday, July 31, 2009. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to countyfair@sbcglobal.net on or before July 31, 2009 on official validation forms. Information provided must include exhibitor names, mailing address, phone #, club or chapter, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), photo of goat, goat's number id, goat's sex, and goats approximate date of birth. Verification of validation will be e-mailed back to exhibitor at address provided. **CHECK-IN:** Goats are to be on the fairgrounds Wednesday, October 21, 2009, for check-in by noon. The division superintendent will assign pens if available. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per breeding goat.

JUNIOR HORSE DIVISION – All horses entering the Jim Wells County Fair must be tested for EIA according to the Texas Animal Health Commission rules & regulations. The exhibitor must own horse by August 1, 2009. Horses under lease to, but not owned by exhibitor, do not qualify. Exhibitor must be able to show proof of ownership and age. **VALIDATION DATE:** Saturday, August 1, 2009. All horses must be at the fairgrounds in order to be validated from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

JUNIOR BREEDERS BEEF HEIFER DIVISION – Heifer must be owned, in possession and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the parent association prior to August 1, 2009. Must show and have in possession the original registration papers (except the Houston Livestock Show Scramble heifers). **VALIDATION DATE:** Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. WILL CHECK PAPERS AT VALIDATION. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine age of heifers. Must show proof of ownership. Heifer must be in the exhibitor's possession prior to Saturday, August 1, 2009. **VALIDATION DATE:** Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. WILL CHECK BREEDERS' STATEMENT AT VALIDATION. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

SCRAMBLE HEIFER DIVISION – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine age of heifers. Heifers must have come from a previously held Jim Wells County Calf Scramble. **VALIDATION DATE:** Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. WILL CHECK BREEDERS' STATEMENT AT VALIDATION. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

VOCATIONAL SHOP PROJECTS DIVISION – Open to all vocational students, 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members enrolled in public and parochial schools in Jim Wells County. Projects constructed during the previous 12 month period prior to the fair are eligible. Projects must be the direct result of the student's own effort. Projects must be entered between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Ribbons will be presented at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Exhibitor must sell a fair membership. **ENTRY FEE:** \$1.00 per project.

HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION – Entry forms available at the County Extension Office. Entries must be turned into the same office by Friday, September 11, 2009. Articles must be the work of the exhibitor completed since the 2008 fair and have not been judged previously in the fair. **ENTRY FEE:** None (BUT PLEASE NOTE) youth entries must be a member of 4-H, FHA, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one (1) fair membership ticket. Adults must be a member of the Fair Association. Senior citizens are free, no fee required.

CALF SCRAMBLE DIVISION – Only active 4-H and FFA members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may participate. Contestants must answer 5 questions (on a separate sheet of paper) that are attached to the minor's release/entry card. Contestants must submit the answered questions, minor's release/entry card to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors on Friday, September 4, 2009. Incomplete minor's release will not be accepted. All information requested must be complete. **RECIPIENTS MUST SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO THEIR SUPERVISORS, SPONSORS AND THE SCRAMBLE HEIFER SUPERINTENDENT BY NO LATER THAN THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.**