

NUECES COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AG MECH & HANDICRAFT DIVISION

AG MECH

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2011 GRAND CHAMPION AG MECH
 MORGAN VASSAUR
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RULES: AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

Entry Deadline.....November 1, 2011
 Notification of Project Entry Deadline: Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Check In: Trailers & Large Projects - Tuesday, January 17, 2012
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 All other projects – Tuesday, January 17, 2012
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Judging:
 Junior Division - Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:00 AM until complete
 Senior Division - Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:00 AM until complete

Showmanship:
 Junior and Senior Divisions:
 Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Friday, January 20, 2012 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Award Presentation:
 Friday, January 20, 2012 4:30 PM (In the shop area)

Silent Auction:
 Saturday, January 21, 2012 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Release Projects:
 Saturday, January 21, 2012 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 (Subject to Committee's approval)
 Sunday, January 22, 2012 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM

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1. ENTRY NUMBER/DIVISION:

a. SENIOR:

- i. Senior exhibitors are defined as ages 14 and over as of August 31, 2011.
- ii. Senior Exhibitors may enter three (3) individual shop projects. However, each shop project must be in different Senior Divisions. Division I, Division II, Division III, or Division IV
- iii. Division V is limited to Junior Exhibitors only.

b. JUNIOR:

- i. Junior exhibitors are defined as ages 13 and under as of August 31, 2011
- ii. Junior exhibitors may enter two (2) projects. Classes 11, 12, 13 or 14 one wood – non metal and one metal.
- iii. Junior exhibitors will have the options to compete in the senior division, however they may only show two (2) projects and both projects must be shown in same Age Division either Junior or Senior Division.

c. Team PROJECTS:

Team projects will be limited to three members of a FFA, FCCLA chapters and or 4-H clubs, all names must be on the entry card, \$15.00 per member. If any member of a team project is a senior exhibitor that has junior exhibitors part of the project, it will be considered a senior exhibited project. The project (Team) receives the premium and/or prizes not each member of the team.

2. **CONSTRUCTION/DATES:** A project can be exhibited only one time at the Nueces County Junior Livestock and must begin and end construction within one calendar year of the exhibition date. Calendar year is from January 18, 2011 through January 15, 2012.

3. **PROJECT CONSTRUCTION:** Projects exhibited must have been constructed by FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H members either as apart of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science or as part of their 4-H project.

4. RECORD REQUIREMENTS:

- A student generated working plan with measurements. (May be hand or computer cad drawings)
- Labeled photographs showing stages of construction
- List of materials used
- Estimated cost of materials and construction time.
- These are required; and to be properly displayed in a three-ring binder.
- NO POSTER BOARDS!
- Projects not having the required items displayed, will automatically drop a ribbon grade.
- EACH EXHIBITOR MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN STANDARD FFA OR 4-H EXHIBITOR'S NAME CARD FOR THEIR PROJECTS.

****** All project books must be present at the start of judging Junior and Seniors Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:00 AM.**

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5. **PROJECT FINISHES:**

- All projects must be painted, properly treated, clean and in presentable condition even though they have been used or they will be dropped a ribbon grade.
- All trailers must follow DOT regulations and must have a license plate at the time of showing.

6. **DISPLAY SAFETY:**

- Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support.
- ALL BBQ PIT LIDS AND DOORS MUST BE SECURED OPEN OR CLOSED WITH CHAIN AND PADLOCK TO PREVENT INJURY.
- Projects that must be hoisted from the top side are to be fitted with lifting eyes at balance points that will accommodate one-inch shackles.
- Sharp edges and points are to be padded and or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury.
- There is to be no more than two (2) gallons of fuel in any fuel tank; the fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape; and the battery, if equipped, is to be disconnected. All Oxygen and Acetylene tanks must be empty and capped.
- **PROJECTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND SIFTED FROM THE SHOW IF SAFETY GUIDELINES ARE NOT MET AT THE TIME OF CHECK IN**
- Indoor display of projects are not guaranteed. (i.e. large trailers and other projects)
- Barn door is 13' 6" wide by 20' tall. Projects that are larger could be subjected to being placed outside.

7. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show nor the officials of this division will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.

8. **JUDGING STANDARDS:** Standard for judging will be the following:

a. Workmanship and Variety of skills performed.....	30%
b. Design and Structural balance.....	30%
c. Degree of difficulty.....	20%
d. Plans, photos, bill of materials.....	10%
e. Practical Utility.....	5%
f. Ability to answer judges questions.....	<u>5%</u>
	100%

**** No penalty for not being there for questions by the judge if you are exhibiting other projects. (Ex. Swine)

9. All project classifications, or project placement are ultimately at the discretion of the executive committee (Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent) and they have the ability to change categories or make new classes if needed.

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10. DIVISIONS: SHOP PROJECTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE DIVISIONS:

DIVISION I: AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

CLASS 1: HAY HAULING, SPRAYING EQUIPMENT, MOUNTED AND PULL TYPE TRACTOR EQUIPMENT, SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT, AND HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT.

CLASS 2: SHOP TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, TRUCK, TRACTOR, AND AG EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES.

CLASS 3: LIVESTOCK AND UTILITY TRAILERS

DIVISION II: LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

CLASS 4: GATES, LIVESTOCK PANELS, SQUEEZE CHUTES, LIVESTOCK RESTRAINING, LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT, TRIM CHUTES, BLOCK STANDS, LIVESTOCK CRATES, HEAD GATES, SADDLE RACKS, TACK BOXES, TACK.

CLASS 5: FEEDERS, SELF FEEDERS, CREEP FEEDERS, STORAGE BUILDINGS

CLASS 6: WILDLIFE ACCESSORIES

DIVISION III: HOME & YARD CONVENIENCES & NON-AG PROJECTS

CLASS 7: HOME

CLASS 8: YARD

DIVISION IV: NON-AG PROJECTS BBQ PITS

CLASS 9: BBQ PITS, COOKING EQUIPMENT

CLASS 10: BBQ PIT TRAILERS

DIVISION V: JUNIOR DIVISION HANDICRAFTS

CLASS 11: WOOD & NON METAL PROJECTS
ELEMENTARY GRADES 3-5

CLASS 12: WOOD & NON METAL PROJECTS
ELEMENTARY GRADES 6-8

CLASS 13: METAL PROJECTS
ELEMENTARY GRADES 3-5

CLASS 14: METAL PROJECTS
ELEMENTARY GRADES 6-8

Each class will compete for placing ribbons. Only First place winners of classes will compete for Division Champion. The Second place project in the class of the class winner will then compete for Reserve Division Champion with the other class winners of that Division.

11. **JUDGING:** Exhibitors are not to interfere with judging. It is recommended that the exhibitor be with their projects, as they are judged, to answer questions and demonstrate operation as requested by the judges. Family members are encouraged to attend judging, **but they cannot interfere with the judges or the exhibitors during the interview process. Advisor/Parental interference during judging/ participant interviews can result in participant's score being reduced.**

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12. **PLACING:** The official judge will rate each shop project according to rule #8. The judge will assign each project a ribbon color. Score cards will not be released to exhibitors.
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| Blue (Excellent)..... | 100-90 |
| Red (Good)..... | 89-80 |
| White (Fair)..... | 79-70 |

In addition to the above award, the following prizes will be awarded in each of the four Divisions:

Division Winner.....	Plaque
Reserve Division Winner.....	Rosette

Division winner in each of the four divisions will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion of the show. The Reserve Division winner from which the Grand Champion is selected shall move up for competing for the Reserve Grand Champion Shop Exhibit.

Grand Champion	Plaque/Buckle/Banner
Reserve Champion.....	Plaque/Buckle/Banner

13. **PREMIUMS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS:** The above statements are guaranteed. Additional prizes will be awarded if they become available. **WHITE RIBBONS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL PRIZES.**
14. **SILENT AUCTION:** The Ag Mechanics Committee will allow all entries to be entered into a silent auction. The auction will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012, from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. You will need to notify the Committee upon check-in if you would like to participate. The Ag Mechanics Committee will provide sheets for the auction, but in no way will the Committee be responsible for negotiating, bargaining, or collecting money. **IF YOU ENTER THE SILENT AUCTION YOU MUST BE AT YOUR PROJECT SATURDAY NIGHT (5:00 PM - 6:00 PM) THE LAST HOUR OF THE SILENT AUCTION TO PICK UP YOUR BID SHEETS.** No "For sale" signs will be allowed on any projects.
15. **SHOWMANSHIP:** There will be a showmanship award to a Senior Grand and a Senior Reserve Grand and a Junior Grand and a Junior Reserve Grand showman. The judges will be anonymous and will be in and out throughout the show from Thursday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM - 12 Noon. Examples of showmanship included but are not limited to:
- Examples:
- a. Presentation of project:
 - i. Neatness of project - Clean and free of dust and debris.
 - ii. Neatness of surroundings - Includes floor under and around the project.
 - iii. Safety - All safety procedures must be adhered to when displaying project.
 - iv. Documentation - plans, bill of materials, photographs, name cards.
 - b. Exhibitors Presentation:
 - i. Attire - Exhibitors should dress appropriately.
 - ii Sportsmanship - Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project including those exhibiting next to them.
 - iii. Knowledge - Exhibitors should be able to answer questions when their project is being judged. They should be well informed of the project they are representing,

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but should not be boisterous or argumentative.

16. **SWEEPSTAKES:** An award will be awarded to the FFA chapter and 4-H club that accumulates the most points based on the following:

Blue - 3 points
Red - 2 points
and club participation

17. **Club Managers and FFA Advisors** are advised to submit to the show office by close of business on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, the quantity and descriptions of projects that their group will bring to the show. This gives the committee an idea of the space needed for the projects entered so arrangements can be made before check-in.

IMPORTANT:

Committee will not be responsible for any project not picked up Sunday, January 22, 2012 by 10:00 AM.

Projects will be left outside the building after that time.



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