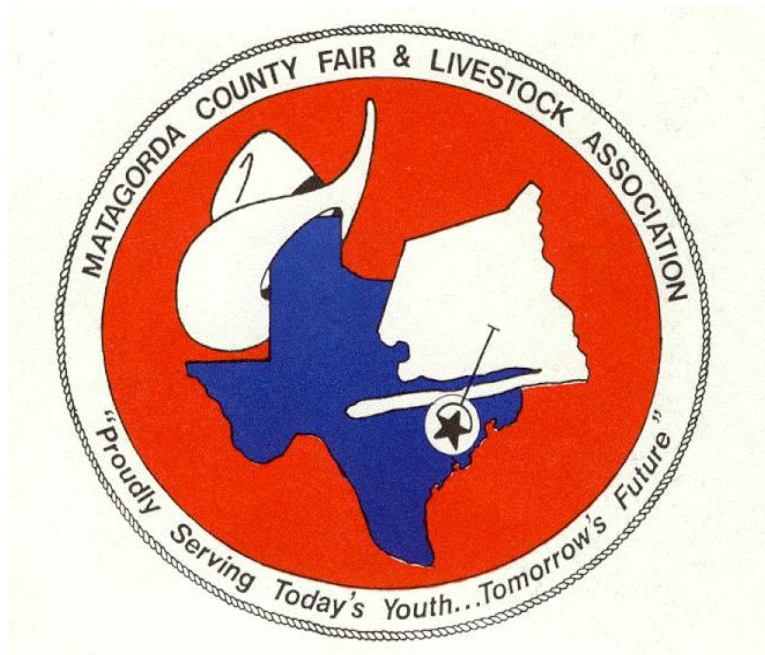


MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW

February 28 and March 1st, 2027

2027 Agricultural Mechanics Project Show Rule Book



“Proudly Serving Today’s Youth....Tomorrow’s Future”

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2027 MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

CHAIRMAN: Matthew Klepac
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Committee Members Braden Kucera, Kameryn Luera, Dick Muniz

Please make sure to read the rulebook as there are new changes highlighted in yellow.

ENTRY FEE DUE: Wednesday, February 10, 2027, by 3:00PM at the Fair Office - \$20.00 PER FOR INDIVIDUAL AND \$20.00 PER EACH TEAM MEMBER. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS AND FEES. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE PRINTED IN LEGIBLE HANDWRITING OR TYPED. DIVISION, CLASS, AND DESCRIPTION MUST BE ON FORM

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS AFTER ENTRY DATE!

CHECK IN:	Sunday, February 28, 2027	3 p.m. to 6 p.m. **
RECORD BOOK JUDGING:	Sunday, February 28, 2027	Following Check In
JUDGING:	Monday, March 1, 2027	8 a.m. * Time subject to change
AWARDS:	Monday, March 1, 2027	Following Judging
CHECK-OUT:	See NOTE below.	

* The student/students must be present during the judging to meet and discuss their project with the judges.

** Check In and Check Out times are subject to change based on potential interference with other events.

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to display projects constructed in Agricultural Mechanics Laboratories and:

1. To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.
2. To recognize individual and group accomplishments in agricultural mechanics.
3. To provide an opportunity for the public to develop an appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA Youth Programs.

RULES

1. All agricultural mechanics projects are subject to Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association general rules and regulations.
2. Projects:
 - (A) Group Project - Each exhibitor can participate in only one group project with **NO MORE** than **FIVE** per Team.
 - (B) Individual Project - Each exhibitor is also allowed as many as six (6) individual projects, limited to only one project per division.

There will be no substitutions made on projects after the entry date.

3. Exhibitors in group projects must comply with the no-pass, no-play rules in the general livestock rulebook.
 - (A) Exhibitors who are not passing will not be allowed to participate, nor will they receive ribbons if their project is placed.
 - (B) At least 50% of the group must be passing for the project to be shown (3 people in the group will require at least 2 students to be passing)
4. An entry fee of \$20.00 (non-refundable) will be charged per exhibitor per project for all projects. Entry fee is due at the time application is submitted.
5. Entries in this division are limited to FFA and 4-H youth members residing in and/or attending school in Matagorda County.

6. Projects exhibited must have been constructed or fabricated by FFA and 4-H members as a part of their agriculture mechanics instruction in Vocational Agriculture or as part of their supervised work experience program.
7. A project can be exhibited only once at the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show and must have been constructed or fabricated within one calendar year of the Exhibition date.
8. All projects must be clean, painted, or treated and in presentable condition even though they may have been used.
9. A record book with a working plan, blueprint or drawing, photographs showing construction and bill of materials are required to be submitted with each project entered. Description of service performed, and "before and after" photos are required at show time.
10. Record Books must be turned in on Sunday, February 28, 2027, when you check in your project for judging. Record books will be returned Monday morning, March 1, 2027, before the show.

A plaque will be given to the Team or Individual with the highest scoring Record Book in the following:
Junior Grades 3-5, Intermediate Grades 6-8, Senior Grades 9-12

Record books will be judged as follows:

a. Cover Sheet & Outline.....	5 points
b. Project Information.....	20 points
c. Summary of Expenses.....	15 points
d. Pictures.....	10 points
TOTAL	50 Points

A sketch of project including measurements and materials MUST be turned in with the entry form.

11. Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Regulations are to be provided for all projects (trailers, portable livestock equipment, and tractor equipment) that will be operated on public roads. If the project is for farm use only and not registered, it does not have to meet TXDOT regulations.
12. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 5 exhibitors per project.
13. **All exhibitors must have their parents sign a release form.** Exhibitors showing more than one project do not need to provide more than one release form.
14. Projects may be individually, or group constructed/fabricated and may be individually, or chapter owned.
15. Any project that does not fit into one of the classes stated will be disqualified by the Committee.
16. All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards (supplied by Exhibitor's Club or Affiliate). Additional signs, banners, for sale signs, etc. must be approved by the Committee Chairmen.
17. Attention to safety needs to be observed during project exhibition and may be reflected in the overall project score, if not compliant.
18. All entries must be checked in at the fairgrounds, inside the fairgrounds fence by the check-in deadline to be entered the contest.
19. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association nor Officials of this Committee will be responsible for any losses or damage to projects, including weather damage.
20. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association reserves the right to display projects as space and quantity of projects allow. It is possible that larger projects, livestock handling equipment, etc. may be displayed at an alternate location.

21. The Divisions will be split into two groups for judging purposes. There will be two judges in each group. Projects will be judged on the following:

a. Workmanship and Finish	30 points
b. Design & Material Used.....	20 points
c. Degree of Difficulty.....	15 points
d. Plans, Bill of Materials, Photos.....	10 points
e. Showmanship	25 points
TOTAL	100 Points

22. After judging is completed, the First in Class of each Division (except for the Market Place Division) will then be judged for Grand Overall and Reserve Grand Overall.

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Ag Mechanics Show Record Book Outline

I. Cover Sheet & Outline	5 Points
II. Project Information	20 Points
a. Drawing or sketching of project	
b. Total number of hours spent on project	
c. Explanation of how project was painted and by whom, paint was used and where project was painted. If commercially painted; list paint used and company name.	
d. Material safety data sheet	
III. Summary of Expenses	15 Points
a. Bill of Materials	
b. Other expenses i.e..... rental, fuel etc.	
c. If commercially painted, cost of painting job and company that painted the project.	
IV. Pictures (No less than 10, No more than 40)	10 Points
a. Before	
b. During	
c. After	
TOTAL	50 Points

Please Note: A notebook with tabbed dividers is required.

AWARDS

Ribbons will be presented to each member of the first and second place projects of each class in each division. One Division Ribbon will be given to the first and second place project in each division.

Showmanship plaques will be awarded to one group and one individual.

A Sweepstakes award will be given to the school with the highest points earned. Points are as follows: 1st place 3 points, 2nd place 2 points and 3rd place 1 point. In the case of a tie, the school with the most Grands will be the winner.

A plaque will be given to the Team or Individual with the highest scoring Record Book in the following:
Junior Grades 3-5, Intermediate Grades 6-8, Senior Grades 9-12

Buckles will be given to the Overall Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion for the show. All buckle winners will need to be present on Thursday, March 4, 2027, at 7:00pm for our Buckle Presentation during the Rodeo. Please report to the back of the north corridor.

A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to the top two placing seniors overall.

NOTE: All projects MUST BE REMOVED from the Fair Grounds by Sunday, March 7, 2027 @ 1:00 pm

Division 1 AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DIVISION:

Hay Equipment
Spraying Equipment
Mounted and Pull-Type Tractor Equipment
Hydraulic Equipment
Shop Equipment
Truck, Tractor, and Agricultural Equipment Accessories
Other Livestock Equipment

Division 2 LIVESTOCK HANDLING EQUIPMENT DIVISION: CLASS METAL

Gates and Panels
Squeeze Chutes and Restraining Equipment
Trim Chutes, Blocking Stands, Livestock Crates
Head Gates
Feeders
Other Livestock Equipment

Division 3 LIVESTOCK HANDLING EQUIPMENT DIVISION: CLASS WOOD PROJECTS *(OVER 50% MUST BE WOOD)*

Gates
Restraining Equipment
Blocking Stand, Livestock Crates
Feeders
Other livestock Equipment

Division 4 TRAILER DIVISION:

Small Utility (up to 10 ft long)
Utility and Implement Trailers (bumper pull)
Utility and Implement Trailers (gooseneck)
Stock Trailers
Multi-Bale Trailers (round bales)

Division 5 HOME CONVENIENCE/RECREATION DIVISION: METAL

Barbeque Pits
Trailer Barbeque Pits
Outdoor Metal Furniture
Wood Racks
Indoor Metal Furniture
Other Metal Home Item

Division 6 WOODWORK *(OVER 50% MUST BE WOOD)*

Outdoor Wood Furniture
Wood Racks
Indoor Wood Furniture
Other Wood Projects

Division 7 WILDLIFE

Wildlife Feeders
Animal Traps
Deer Blinds
Bird Houses
All Other Wildlife Equipment

Division 8 BUILDING

Building Class 1 – 50% or More in Wood
Building Class 2 – 50% or More in Metal

Division 9 MARKET PLACE

Any Project Built from the Above Divisions will be considered for sale at the Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 6, 2027. Items entered in this Division will be judged the same but will not be eligible for points that count toward team points or sweepstakes points. The top three scores will be auctioned off at the end of the Livestock Auction. All exhibitors must be present and in line to sell your project. If you are not present you will forfeit 50% of your auction total. Proceeds from the auction will be awarded to the team. A thank you note must be written and turned in to the Extension Office by Thursday, April 1, 2027, or \$50.00 will be held out of your check.

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association reserves the final absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules of this show will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the Association Committee may order.
- II. **Liability**--Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the entry blanks, and shall indemnify the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to other persons or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibits exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the exhibits so exhibited.
- III. **No-Pass, No-Play**--The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association has adopted a policy to reflect the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule will be enforced by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities 33.081-33.083.

- Provides that a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or the University Interscholastic League during the first three weeks of the grade reporting periods after grade reporting periods in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than an identified honors or advance class. After a six-week grade reporting period or after the first six weeks of a semester or grade reporting period, in the case of a district with a reporting period longer than six weeks, a child who receives a grade below 70 is suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for three weeks, and for three-week intervals thereafter if all grades are not above 70.
- A suspended student may practice or rehearse with other students for an extracurricular activity but may not participate in a competition or other public performance.
- Provides that a student enrolled in a school district who participates in an extracurricular activity or UIL competition is subject to school district policy and UIL rules regarding participation only when the student is under the direct supervision of an employee of the school or district in which the student is enrolled or at any other time specified by resolution of the board of trustees of the district.
- Requires all UIL rules approved for the current year.

This rule is an effort to stress the importance of education. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association's goal is "*Serving Today's Youth....Tomorrow's Future.*" Every youth exhibitor wanting to enter the Fair will be responsible for their grades. The MCF&LA will contact all schools regarding eligibility on all contestants/exhibitors. This rule will be enforced by the MCF&LA for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. If they are not passing, they will not be allowed to enter their exhibits in the Fair. This rule will include all 4-H, FFA, and FHA projects.

Students who were eligible shall not lose eligibility until seven calendar days after the end of the grading period. EXAMPLE: Grading period ends on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Students shall not regain or lose their eligibility until the following Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The Matagorda County Fair Board will support the decision of the schools in cases of ineligibility for academic or other disciplinary reasons.

- IV. **Excused Absences for February Show** – Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair Office by Friday, February 26, 2027, by Noon. The event must be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis.
- V. **Protests**--All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair entries must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned **ONLY** if the protest is upheld. Once championship judging has commenced, NO protests will be accepted. The Judges' and Classifiers' decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least five (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen. (The protest procedure excludes the substance abuse protest procedure.)

**2027 AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW
ENTRY FORM**

Entry Fee: _____ \$ 20.00 per person per entry
_____ Number of entries X \$20.00
_____ **\$ Amount Paid** _____

_____ **Turned in simple sketch of project with measurements.** _____ Check # / Voucher / Cash

Project Constructed By: (Please check whether **Individual** or **Group**)

_____ **Individual:** Name: _____
Address: _____
Mailing address City, State Zip

Division:

Parent's Name: _____
Telephone: _____
Name of School attending: _____ Grade _____

_____ **Group (5):** (Project Constructed By: List student names and school)
1.) _____
2.) _____
3.) _____
4.) _____
5.) _____

Project Construction Supervised By:

_____ Ag-Science Teacher FFA Chapter: _____
_____ 4-H Leader 4-H Club _____

Ag-Science Teacher/4-H Leader, Office Address, and Phone Number:

Name: _____
Telephone: _____ School: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail: _____

Description of Project(s): _____

A sketch of project including measurements and materials MUST be turned in with the entry form.

Market Place Entry _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Project(s) to be entered in Division # _____ **Class** _____ (see Divisions/ Classes)

Premium and/or prizes won to be awarded to: _____

All premiums will be mailed to the Ag-Science/4-H Leader listed above.

Deadline Date for Entry Fee: Wednesday, February 10, 2027, at the Fair Office; 3:00 P.M.

Please note: There will be no substitutions made after the entry date.

Late Entries: Entries received and/or postmarked after the deadline (Wednesday, February 10, 2027) will be charged an additional \$100 late fee.

I/We _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____,

exhibitor(s), have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association and the Substance Avoidance Program including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies and by signing I/we agree to adhere to these rules.

Ag-Science Instructor or 4-H Leader Signature
(Each Exhibitor needs to complete and sign the MCFLA Release and Indemnity Agreement.)

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Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____,
a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been given the opportunity to ask all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Participant's/Contestant's Signature

Parent's Signature

(If Participant/Contestant is under 18 Years of Age)

Witness' Signature

Exhibitor Phone No.

Date

NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.