

2026 AG MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW ROCKDALE FAIR ASSOCIATION

Purpose of the Agricultural Project Show

1. To provide an opportunity to recognize and promote the developmental skills and talent of FFA & 4-H members by projects constructed for Ag Mechanics competition.
2. To provide an opportunity to display projects for public appreciation of this important phase of the FFA and 4-H youth.
3. Junior Division is 3rd - 8th grade and Senior 9th - 12th grade.
4. **NEW—Projects that are constructed by groups (2/3) may be brought to the fair for EXHIBITION ONLY—These will be judged as a group/ribbon only- NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PREMIUM SALE**

Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

1. **A \$30.00 entry fee PER EXHIBITOR, PER ENTRY and W-9 form is required. Only 1 project per exhibitor. Exhibitor may also participate on a team project for Exhibition only. Each team member must pay entry fee and submit separate entry form.**
2. Exhibitors must be a Milam Co. resident attending a public or private school or a non-resident attending Milam Co. public or private school. Must be an active member of a Milam Co. FFA Chapter or 4-H Club and a minimum of 9 years old or in the 3rd grade as of September 1 of the current year. Must be eligible by the school no pass no play rules.
3. Projects must be individually constructed and entered to be eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Champion ag mech. Projects must be constructed during the calendar year of the Fair and not shown at the any prior year's Fair or sold in an auction or private treaty prior to show. Project may not have been shown or exhibited in spring shows.
4. All projects must be painted or properly treated, must be cleaned, unused and in a presentable condition.
5. **ALL SET UP MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR ONLY.** (Parents and Ag teachers may assist with exhibitor present)
6. If touch up or repairs are needed these must have prior approval from the superintendent and be performed by exhibitor on fair grounds.
7. Projects will be judged on:
 - A. Workmanship
 - B. Design and materials used.
 - C. Presentation
 - D. Practicality
 - E. Degree of difficulty
 - F. General appearance and finish
8. Projects must have a portfolio with pictures /bill of material/drawing design etc.
9. **The top-placing project in each category will compete for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion. Grand and Reserve Champions MUST SELL.**
Pictures will be taken at the conclusion of judging.

10. Categories used for project placement:

A. WELDING

B. WOOD

C. COMBINATION

D. EXHIBITION ONLY

11. Entry forms and W-9 form must be postmarked no later than midnight, **September 14, 2026.**

Entry, W-9 & fee mailed to: Rockdale Fair Association
Attn: Ag Mechanics
PO Box 1582
Rockdale, Texas 76567

**** PROJECTS WILL BE CHECKED-IN ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, 2026
ONLY BETWEEN 9:00 am to 11:00 am and will be classified at that time.
PROJECTS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 11:00 am.**

**** Judging will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026; at 1:00 pm.**

**** All parents will be asked to stand behind the taped off area during judging.**

**** Exhibitors must be present at judging.**

12. Exhibitors will need to secure the project from falling or tipping over. T-post will be allowed to wire projects up but cannot be suspended in the air. Participants are encouraged to chain and lock all projects. Trees will not be a source used to secure or lock down projects.

13. Violation of any Rockdale Fair rule, or misconduct by exhibitors or parent/guardian will serve as a disqualification of exhibitor from the show for the current year and/or the following year if the Rockdale Fair Association deems it necessary.

14. The Rockdale Fair Association and Associates will not be held responsible for any damages/vandalism that occur while the project is on Fair grounds. This includes the unloading and loading of projects. It is STRONGLY recommended that all projects be designed so that they can be carried by team members.

15. Any exhibitor, who participates in the Ag Mechanics sale or who is the proud recipient of a Belt Buckle will follow sale rules: see Livestock General Rules

16. Senior and Junior Grand and Reserve projects **WILL SELL** at the Youth Auction Sale on Saturday, October 17, 2026. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you have any questions, please contact: LANA MCDERMOTT-254-697-1178

**17. ALL PROJECTS WILL BE RELEASED-OCT. 18, 2026 from 6:00am-9:30am
This includes sale items and the seller is responsible to deliver to buyer.**

18. Prizes will be given for:

Grand and Reserve overall in Junior and Senior division

Showmanship Junior and Senior Division

Overall project/record book

19. ALL General and Sale rules apply to AG MECH entries—

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