

**2026 ROCKDALE FAIR ASSOCIATION
YOUTH AUCTION SALE RULES
MARKET ANIMALS, COMMERCIAL HEIFERS,
BAKED FOODS, AG MECHANICS**

Purpose:

In order to hold the number of sales to a minimum and encourage premium prices for all livestock, poultry, rabbits, Ag Mech and Baked goods yet give every 4-H Club and FFA member a chance to participate in the sale, the Rockdale Fair Association has adopted the following rules for the 4-H Club and FFA Youth Auction Sale.

Sale Order Selection:

Youth Auction sale will be sold in the following sale order: steer, swine, lamb, goat, turkey, broilers and rabbits. The Youth sale will consist of 18 steers, 18 swine, 18 lambs, 18 goats, 18 turkeys, 18 pens of broilers & 18 pens of rabbits. There will be 12 Baked Auction Items and 4 Ag Mechanic projects. All Grand & Reserve Champions must sell. If an exhibitor is successful enough to win multiple champions, then a sale selection card should be turned in designating which one of their champions is to sell. If no card is submitted, then the sale order will prevail.

If an exhibitor has more than one animal that could possibly make the sale, then sale selection cards are available in the Livestock office to designate which animal to sell or withdraw when exhibitor's name comes up in the sale order. The selection card must be signed by a parent/guardian and be turned in at the Livestock office no later than **5 p.m. on Friday** to Livestock Secretary, Cindy Hughes.

The sale selection order for Market Swine, Lambs & Goats will be the top 4 in each weight class plus Grand & Reserve Champion. In special circumstances, when four animals are not available in a weight class, the sale order will continue through the remaining weight classes until 18 lots are filled or all animals in the species are used. Market steer, turkey, broiler & rabbit sale order will be selected by the judge.

75% of eligible pens of Commercial Heifers will sell in the Commercial Heifer sale (minimum of 18 pens & maximum of 40 pens).

Non-Placing Entries:

Entries not eligible for the Youth Auction Sale are eligible for sale on the resale truck if the exhibitor notifies the Fair office by **5:00 p.m.** on Saturday. There will be a 6% sale commission deducted from exhibitor's check. Exhibitors are responsible for all animals during the duration of the fair until the removal by the Sunday morning deadline.

Standard Provisions:

- A. Each 4-H Club and F.F.A. member shall be limited to selling only one lot in the Youth Auction, Commercial Heifer, Ag Mechanics and Baked Goods sale, but may be eligible to sell in multiple sales.
- B. **The animal that is selected by the judge must go thru the sale for purchase and NO substitute of animals are allowed.**
- C. There will be a 6% commission deduction to be used to help defray the expenses of the Youth Auction Sale. The cost of the sale picture and frame for the buyer will be deducted from all sales through the Youth Auction Sale including Commercial Heifers, Baked Foods and Ag Mechanics.
- D. Any exhibitor who participates in the Youth Auction, Commercial Heifer, Baked Food & Ag Mechanics sale or who is the proud recipient of a Belt Buckle or Herdsman Award, must write thank you notes to their buyers, added money donors and sponsors. Leave the **stamped** thank-you notes **UNSEALED** and put your name and return address on the envelope. The thank you notes may be sent to Rockdale Fair Association, PO Box 1582, Rockdale, TX 76567, hand delivered to Cindy in Thorndale, or **dropped off at the Livestock office on Wednesday, November 11th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.** The thank you notes are due or postmarked by **November 13, 2026.**

The sale picture and delivery confirmation card, provided by the Rockdale Fair Association must be picked up by the Exhibitor or their parent or representative on **Tuesday, Dec. 8th or Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 2026 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. Failure to pick up the picture will result in a \$100.00 deduction from the exhibitor's sale check. The Exhibitor must personally hand deliver his/her picture to the Buyer or Sponsor by **January 11, 2027**. The picture confirmation card will need to be signed by the buyer/sponsor when the picture is delivered, and the exhibitor will then need to **mail the card postmarked by January 11, 2027** to the sale Secretary. Checks will be mailed after signed confirmation cards are received. Failure to write thank you notes or deliver pictures within the above time frame will result in a \$250.00 deduction for each obligation not met by date specified. Herdsman award winners that fail to meet these obligations will forfeit the \$25.00 Herdsman award. If any of the obligations listed above are not met, this would be a violation of the Rockdale Fair Sale rules, and the exhibitor may be sent a probation or disqualification letter.

- E. Each exhibitor who sold a project in the Youth Auction, Commercial Heifer, Ag Mechanic and Baked Goods Sale must report to the Rockdale Fair Park, Sunday morning following the Fair at 10:00 am for ground clean-up. Failure to report will result in a \$250.00 deduction from the exhibitor's check.
- F. Each seller will receive his/her check for entry sold, by mail, from the Rockdale Fair Association.
- G. All animals placed on the resale truck shall become the property of the Rockdale Fair Association, with the exhibitor having the option to buy back their sale animal for a **\$1,000 fee plus floor price**. Notification must be made to the Sale Secretary within (1) one hour after the conclusion of the Youth Auction Sale. This payment shall be made to the Rockdale Fair Association.
- H. If an exhibitor cannot attend the sale to sell their animal, they must contact the Sale Committee Chairman, James Birkhead, or Sale Secretary, Cindy Hughes, Saturday morning between 8:30 & 10:30 am with the reason for not being able to attend the sale and the name of the substitute. The Sale committee will determine if acceptable.

Sale Purchase Guidelines:

The buyer of all steers, swine, lambs and goats will only have two (2) options for final disposition of their purchase:

- 1. The buyer may place the animal on the resale truck to receive credit for the floor price off their final invoice.
- 2. The Exhibitor will deliver the animal to the locker plant within a 100-mile radius of Rockdale on the date the buyer reserved within 3 weeks of the sale date. If locker appointment is not within this time frame, the buyer and exhibitor will coordinate on when and where for the buyer to take possession of the animal. It is the Exhibitors responsibility to deliver commercial heifers to the buyer, poultry, rabbits, Baked Goods or Ag Mechanics project to the buyer.
- 3. When a project is sold in the Rockdale Fair Association Youth Auction Sale, a change of ownership occurs from the Exhibitor to the new buyer.
- 4. All projects must be removed from the fairgrounds between 6:00am and 9:30am on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Commercial heifers may be released on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12pm to 2pm ONLY loading out on south side of heifer barn and exiting Gate 5 or Sunday morning from 6:00am and 9:30am.

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