



**SAN ANTONIO  
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## **Approaching Entry Deadlines**

### **Junior Livestock Show Entry Deadline- December 1**

All Junior Show entries must be made online by the AST/CEA via the Online Entry system **and** postmarked to the Livestock Office on or before December 1, 2016. Incomplete entries (entries not submitted online or postmarked by the appropriate date) will be assessed an additional 10% fee.

- Late Entries: For any Junior Show entries submitted from December 2-15, 2016, all standard entry fees will be doubled, if accepted.
- Late Entries: For any Junior Show entries postmarked or received from December 16, 2016 until the end of exhibitor check-in for the respective show or contest, a late entry fee of \$250 per entry will be assessed, if accepted.

### **Open Livestock Show Entry Deadline- December 15**

New in 2017, all official entries must be made via Online Entry system. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online **and** postmarked on or before December 15, 2016. Incomplete entries (entries not submitted online or postmarked by the appropriate date) will be assessed an additional 10% fee. Entry Worksheets and the Entry Certification Form along with Entry Instructions are available on our website under the [Entry Information](#) section.

## **Junior Shoot-Out Entry Deadline- December 15**

All Junior Shoot-Out entries must be made online by the AST/CEA the Online Entry system. Entry Worksheets, Eligibility Forms, and other important information can be found [here](#).

*Note- No personal checks will be allowed. All entry fees must be paid by check from 4-H or FFA accounts, cashier's check, or money order. It is highly encouraged that all entries arrive from each club/chapter in one packet with one payment.*

## **Featured Events & Competitions**

### **Ag Mechanics Sales Competition and Marketplace**

Independent of the current Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show, this exciting new competition will test the craftsmanship and salesmanship skills of students across the state. The contest will primarily be focused on a sales presentation given by a team of 2-4 students to a panel of judges, as well as a written exam and the development of marketing material. Every project, which can be constructed by any member(s) of the club/chapter entered will be “for sale” to the general public. Top placing teams in the competition will see their project auctioned off at a live auction on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information and competition rules, click [here](#).

### **Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show**

Held the last weekend of the Stock Show & Rodeo, the [Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show](#) focuses on Texas 4-H and FFA members' expertise to design and construct agricultural mechanics projects and tractor restoration projects. A variety of projects are constructed by these talented exhibitors including livestock equipment, trailers, and agricultural machinery. As well, exhibitors may restore tractors that range from early 1900 era models to more modern tractors built in 1990. Exhibitors may compete as individuals or in teams of up to six members. Judging focuses not only on the craftsmanship of the exhibitors, but also their documentation and interaction with the judges' panel.



### **Agrobotics Challenge**

We are looking forward to the second year of this exciting contest. This contest is designed to inspire young people and develop an early interest in robotics engineering and technology with an agricultural focus. This is a team competition for Texas 4-H and FFA members. This fun challenge will test the construction skills and proficiency of the youth. The general public is invited to witness the robots in action during the finals of the [Agrobotics Challenge](#).



### **Food Challenge**

The [Food Challenge](#) gives both FFA and 4-H students from across Texas the chance to showcase their cooking skills, but also requires the students to know preparation, nutritional facts, and origins of ingredients. An individual Junior Division (Ages 8-13) will be included in the 2017 Food Challenge.



### **Landscape Skillathon**

The [Landscape Skillathon](#) will build upon the interest and success of the other skillathons (Beef, Horse, Meat, Sheep, Swine) that are offered at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. This hands-on and interactive competition challenges exhibitors regarding their knowledge of landscape design concepts. Elements will include a written exam, identification stations, and skill stations on topics such as plant identification, fertilizer information, landscape design, and insect and disease identification.



### **Landscape Challenge**

This novel contest was initiated to promote landscape design knowledge and professionalism to youth for future generations of Green Industry professionals, and to educate the public on the beauty and value of landscaping. This is a team competition for Texas 4-H and FFA members. Students will be tested on their landscape design skills and knowledge of plants, plant pests and diseases. The [Landscape Challenge](#) will culminate with a final round of landscaping plots on the grounds which will be an attraction for the general public during the entire Stock Show & Rodeo.



### **Meat Science Skillathon**

The [Meat Science Skillathon](#) is a hands-on and interactive competition which challenges exhibitors regarding their knowledge of meat science and BBQ concepts. Elements will include a written exam, identification stations, and skill stations on topics such as retail cut identification, yield grades, quality grades, and BBQ cookery skills. The contest will be divided into two age divisions (Junior: 8-13 yrs. old, Senior: 14-18 yrs. old) to allow for age appropriate content which encourages exhibitors to continue to participate. Top exhibitors in the Senior age division will also compete in a final round featuring an extemporaneous speech about a meat industry topic. This competition is held in conjunction with our annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off & Festival held January 28.





## Important Dates

### December 1<sup>st</sup>

- Junior Livestock Show Entry Deadline

### December 15<sup>th</sup>

- Open Livestock Show Entry Deadline
- Junior Shoot-Out Entry Deadline

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