

**2024 - 2025**

# **BELLAIRE FFA**

**EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK &  
AGRICULTURE COMPLEX RULES**



**Bellaire FFA Livestock Show & Auction**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year and the Bellaire FFA/Bellaire Agriculture Science Department. We look forward to working with new and returning students in our program. Hopefully the changes made in leadership and our commitment to youth development will encourage diverse participation leading to an unprecedented level of student achievement in all aspects of the Program of Activities.

The Agriculture Science Program model consists of three elements: Classroom Instruction, Supervised Agriculture Experience and the FFA Chapter. This is a unique program, and we believe it will be a life-changing experience for you. We offer a variety of opportunities to develop leadership skills as well as experience personal growth along with potential career success throughout your participation.

We look forward to each of you attending as many activities as possible. It is a great way to make new friends and create memories that last a lifetime. Remember, as with any endeavor you pursue, you only get out of this organization what you put into it. We are here to offer guidance and support to each of you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if we can be of any assistance. Please also make sure to sign up for our Remind group, Bellaire FFA, with the class code: @bffa24-25 and frequently visit <http://www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org> to view updates, activities, our FFA calendar, and register your name and email!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Collier & Mr. Pacia*

## **2024-2025 Bellaire FFA Chapter Officer Team**

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Vice President – Darius Armstead  
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# 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show Schedule

## Wednesday, March 26, 2025

4:00pm–5:00pm	Arrival and Check in of Horticulture and Visual Arts projects
5:00pm	Mandatory Roll Call – <i>(Students who are late or miss the roll call will be fined)</i>
5:30pm	Weigh in of market projects (steers, goats, lambs, pigs)

## Thursday, March 27, 2025:

1:00pm	Mandatory Roll Call – <i>(Students who are late or miss the roll call will be fined)</i>
5:00pm	<u>BFFA Livestock Show</u> – <i>(STUDENTS EXHIBITING MUST BE IN OFFICIAL DRESS)</i>
	- Market Rabbit Show
	- Egg Laying Hen Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Market Rabbit Show)</i>
	- Market Broiler Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Egg Laying Hen Show)</i>
	- Market Goat Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Market Broiler Show)</i>
	- Market Lamb Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Market Goat Show)</i>
	- Announcement of Horticulture Show Results
	- Announcement of Visual Arts Show Results
	- Breeding Heifer Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Visual Arts Results)</i>
	- Market Steer Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Heifer Show)</i>
	- Market Swine Show – <i>(Following conclusion of Market Steer Show)</i>
After the Show	Mandatory Roll Call meeting – <i>(Students who are late or miss the roll call will be fined)</i>

## Friday, March 28, 2025:

8:45am	Mandatory Roll Call – <i>(Students who are late or miss the roll call will be fined)</i>
9:00am	Turn Over Day – <i>(Tasks will be assigned to EVERYONE!)</i>

**\*\*Roll Call will be taken several times throughout the day & fines will be accessed.\*\***

## Saturday, March 29, 2025:

8:00am	Mandatory Roll Call – <i>(Students who are late or miss the roll call will be fined)</i>
10:45am	ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN OFFICIAL DRESS
11:00am	Buyers' Luncheon
11:00am	Silent Auction Begins
1:00pm	Live Auction Begins

\*\*Thirty Minutes after completion of the live auction, there will be a MANDATORY MEETING in the bleachers. At this time, students and parents will be given specific duties and tasks. Any updates or changes for Sunday's clean-up day will be announced at this time as well.\*\*

## Sunday, March 30, 2025:

9:00am	Mandatory Roll Call – <i>(Students who are late or miss the roll call will be fined)</i>
9:30am	All students will be cleaning out their stalls, tearing down pens along with completing other tasks per their project barn(s) as well as removing all personal items from the Bellaire Agriculture Complex. Any personal items left after the conclusion of the barn workday on Sunday, March 30, 2025 will become property of the Bellaire Agriculture Science Department. This does not apply to students with breeding projects.

All students are responsible for attending meetings throughout the entire Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. Additional meetings may be announced throughout the day as needed. **Students will be fined \$50.00 for missing roll call for a meeting or \$25.00 for being late.** Late is defined as arriving at the meeting while attendance has already started. Missing the meeting is defined as not attending more than half of the meeting or not attending the meeting at all. The barn will open at 8:00 am and close each night at 9:00 pm. ***No one is allowed in the barn after 9:00pm and before 8:00am beginning Wednesday evening through Saturday evening the week of our livestock show unless accompanied by a Bellaire FFA Agriculture Instructor.***

## Some Important Dates

Bellaire FFA Advisors and/or Bellaire Administration shall be the final authority of these rules and regulations and shall arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incidental to the show. Please note these dates below may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Everyone is responsible for checking the FFA calendar weekly at: [www.bellaire.ffanow.org](http://www.bellaire.ffanow.org), sign-up for emails through our website & through Remind 101 to receive text msg updates for any changes to dates, rules, events, locations, times, etc. Also, some dates and events are listed that may/may not pertain to you or can be used as just a simple reference reminder.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
August 1, 2024	11:55pm	Harris Co. Fair Broiler Order Deadline	Harris County Fair Online ( <a href="http://www.hcfairandrodeo.org">www.hcfairandrodeo.org</a> )
September 1, 2024	All Day	Breeding Heifer Papers Must be in Exhibitor's Name for Harris Co. Fair	Harris County Fair Online ( <a href="http://www.hcfairandrodeo.org">www.hcfairandrodeo.org</a> )
September 4, 2024	12:30pm 5:00pm	Chapter Business Meeting Bellaire High School Open House	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. Ag Room 1300
September 5-14, 2024		West Texas Fair and Rodeo	<a href="http://www.westtexasfairrodeo.com">www.westtexasfairrodeo.com</a>
September 10, 2024	6:00pm	Annual Sept. FFA & Parent/Alumni Livestock Purchase & Show Mtg.	Bellaire HS Ag Shop Room 1300
September 20, 2024	11:55pm	Harris County Fair Market, Breeding, & Prospect Entry Deadline	Harris County Fair Online ( <a href="http://www.hcfairandrodeo.org">www.hcfairandrodeo.org</a> )
September 24, 2024	12:30pm	- Chapter Officer Meeting - BFFA Laying Hen Orders Due	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. Ag Room 1301 Bellaire HS AST's
Sept. 25 – Oct. 23, 2024		Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo	<a href="https://www.hotfair.com/">https://www.hotfair.com/</a>
September 26, 2024	TBA	Bellaire Homecoming Game/Tailgating	Butler Stadium
Sept. 27 – Oct. 27, 2024		State Fair of Texas	<a href="https://bigtex.com/">https://bigtex.com/</a>
October 1, 2024	12:30pm 11:55pm	Chapter Business Mtg. Harris County Fair Hort./Arts Entry Deadline	Bellaire HS Ag. Dept. Ag Room 1300 Harris County Fair Online ( <a href="http://www.hcfairandrodeo.org">www.hcfairandrodeo.org</a> )
October 8, 2024	4:00pm	-Bellaire FFA Junior FFA Membership Dues Deadline -Deadline to Submit ALL Required BFFA 2025 Show Paperwork with Signatures -Deadline to Submit 2025 BFFA Show Animal Purchases, Livestock Animal Activity Fee, W9's & Livestock Show Entry Fee	Bellaire HS AST's Bellaire FFA website ( <a href="http://www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org">www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org</a> ) Bellaire FFA Alumni
October 11, 2024	12:17-1:09pm	Bellaire FFA Membership Lunch/Social	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. Ag Shop Room 1300
October 12, 2024	8:30am-1:30pm	1st Barn Workday	Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities
October 23-26, 2024	All Day	Harris County Fair & Rodeo	Gerald Young Ag Facilities ( <a href="http://www.hcfairandrodeo.org">www.hcfairandrodeo.org</a> )
October 25, 2024	midnight	Online Quality Counts Deadline	( <a href="https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/ac/acregister.aspx">https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/ac/acregister.aspx</a> )
October 2024	TBA	Bellaire FFA Trunk-o-Treat with Leading Ladies Group	TBA
October 29, 2024	12:30	Chapter Officer Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. Ag Room
November 1, 2024	All Day  12:30pm	-Deadline for Original Heifer Registration Papers to be in sole Exhibitor's Name within their respective breed association -Ft. Worth Stock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Star of Texas Entry Forms & Payment Deadline	Bellaire HS AST's
November 1-15, 2024	All Day	-Thksgvg. Pie Fundraiser Begins	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. (Runs 11/1 - 11/15)

November 2, 2024	8:30am-1:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Barn Workday	Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities
November 5, 2024	8:00 am	Lake Houston District LDE's	C.E. King High School
November 6, 2024	12:30pm	Chapter Business Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. Ag Shop 1300
November 9, 2024	8:30-1:30pm 8:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Barn Workday Lake Houston District Greenhand Camp	Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities Summer Creek High School
November 11-14, 2024	TBA	Bellaire FFA Show market sheep, goat, and swine viewing & selection	Bellaire Agriculture Complex (Exact Date/Time TBA)
November 15, 2024	12:30pm	Thksgvg. Pie Fundraiser Deadline	Bellaire HS Ag Advisors (Runs 11/1-11/15)
November 19, 2024	12:30pm 6:00pm	-Chapter Officer Meeting -FFA Potluck Social -BFFA Show Ad Sales Begin	Bellaire HS Ag. Room 1301 Bellaire HS Ag Shop Rm 1300 Bellaire HS Ag Dept. (Runs 11/19-1/11)
November 20, 2024	All Day	Area III LDE's	CFISD- Berry Center
November 25, 2024	TBA	Tentative Thksgvg. Pie Delivery	Bellaire HS Ag. Shop Rm 1300
December 2-13, 2024	All Day	Winter Pie Fundraiser Begins	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. (Runs 12/2-12/13)
December 3, 2024	12:30pm	Chapter Business Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Dept. Ag Shop 1300
December 5, 2024	12:30pm	City of Bellaire Holiday in the Park	City of Bellaire Town Center
December 6-7, 2024	All Day	Texas FFA State LDE Contest	Sam Houston State University- Huntsville, Tx.
December 13, 2024	12:30 pm	Winter Pie Fundraiser Deadline	Bellaire HS Ag Teachers (Runs 12/2-12/13)
December 17, 2024	6:00pm	FFA White Elephant Party	Bellaire HS Ag Shop Rm 1300
December 20, 2024	TBA	Christmas Pie Delivery	Bellaire HS Ag Shop Rm 1300
January 7, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Officer Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Room 1301
January 8, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Business Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Shop Rm 1300
January 11, 2025	9:00am-1:00pm 12:30pm	3rd Barn Workday BFFA Show Ad Sale Turn-in Deadline	Bellaire Agriculture Complex Bellaire HS Ag Teachers
January 13, 2025	All Day	-VATAT Ag Teacher Midwinter Conf. -Area III Elite Conference	Merrell Center Merrell Center
January 15, 2025	12:30pm	-Deadline to Submit All BFFA Breeding/Hort./Vis.Arts Show Paperwork, Signatures, Entry Fees	<a href="http://www.bellaire.ffanow.org">www.bellaire.ffanow.org</a> & AST's
January 17, 2025	12:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Late Show Ad &/or Money Deadline	(\$25 Fine per each item turned in late)
Jan. 17 – Feb. 8, 2025		Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	<a href="http://www.fwssr.com">www.fwssr.com</a>
January 24, 2025	12:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Late Show Ad &/or Money Deadline	(\$50 Fine per each item turned in late)
January 29, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Officer Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag. Room 1301
January 31, 2025	12:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Late Show Ad &/or Money Deadline	(\$75 Fine per each item turned in late)
February 1-16, 2025		San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo	<a href="http://www.sanangelorodeo.com">www.sanangelorodeo.com</a>
February 4, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Business Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Shop Rm 1300
February 6-23, 2025		San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo	<a href="http://www.sarodeo.com">www.sarodeo.com</a>
February 7, 2025	TBA 12:30pm	Tentative BFFA Broiler Delivery Final Late Show Ad &/or Money Deadline	Bellaire Agriculture Complex (\$100 Fine per each item turned in late)
February 8, 2025	8:30-9:30am 9:30am-Noon Noon-2:00pm All Day	Barn Workday Showmanship Clinic Barn Workday BFFA Student Show Bio's Deadline	Bellaire Agriculture Complex Bellaire Agriculture Complex Bellaire Agriculture Complex Email to Bellaire HS Ag Advisors
February 12-19, 2025	TBA	Tentative BFFA Rabbit Delivery	TBA
February 25, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Officer Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Room 1301
March 4, 2025	12:30pm	-Chapter Business Meeting -BFFA Show Buy-Out Deadline -Deadline for Required Barn Workday Hrs. -Deadline to have participated	Bellaire HS Ag Shop Rm 1300 Bellaire HS Ag Advisors

in at least 2 different Chapter Activities

March 4-23, 2025		Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	<a href="http://www.rodeohouston.com">www.rodeohouston.com</a>
March 6-16, 2025		Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show	<a href="http://www.rgvls.com">www.rgvls.com</a>
March 10-14, 2025		HISD Spring Break	
March 14-29, 2025		Rodeo Austin	<a href="http://www.rodeoaustin.com">www.rodeoaustin.com</a>
March 17-25, 2025	TBA	Cleaning, Mowing, Setting-up & Preparing Ag Facilities for BFFA Show	Bellaire Agriculture Complex (Exact Dates TBA)
March 26-29, 2025	View Website	Bellaire FFA Livestock Show & Auction	Bellaire Agriculture Complex
March 30, 2025	View Website	Mandatory Ag Facility Clean-up	Bellaire Agriculture Complex
April 2, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Officer Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Room 1301
April 8, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Business Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Shop 1300
April 10, 2025	All Day	Area III CDE's (various contests)	Sam Houston State University- Huntsville, Tx.
April 12, 2025	All Day	-Area III CDE's (various contests) -Deadline for Exhibitors to Deliver Processed Rabbits & Broilers to their Buyers and Horticulture/Visual Arts	Texas A&M University- College Station, Tx. TBD
April 14, 2025	TBA	Lake Houston District II Convention	Galena Park Ag Facilities
April __, 2025 (TBA)	TBA	Exhibitors Receive Buyer Info. for their Thank-You Cards/Letters	Bellaire HS Ag Advisors
April __, 2025 (TBA)	12:30pm	Deadline to turn in Buyer/Add-on Thank-You Cards/Letters	Bellaire HS Ag Advisors
April 22, 2025	12:30pm	Chapter Officer Meeting	Bellaire HS Ag Room 1301
April 25, 2025	TBA	Texas FFA State CDE Contest	Sam Houston State University- Huntsville, Tx.
April 26, 2025	TBA	Texas FFA State CDE Contest	Texas A&M University- College Station, Tx.
May 7, 2025	6:00pm	Bellaire FFA End of Year Celebration	Bellaire HS Commons Area
May 10, 2025	8:00am	Area III FFA Convention	Gerald Young Ag Facilities
June 2025	TBA	State FFA Degree Check	TBA
June 2025	TBA	Lake Houston District Chapter Leadership Camp	TBA
June 2025	TBA	Bellaire FFA Steer Purchase/Delivery	TBA
June 16-27, 2025	TBA	Texas Major Steer & Heifer Validation	TBA
June 30-July 4, 2025	All Day	Texas FFA State Convention	Fort Worth, Texas
July 2025	TBA	Washington Leadership Conference	Washington, D.C.

## **Bellaire FFA Livestock Show & Auction Basic Requirements & Deadlines**

### **Before the Show:**

1. We highly recommend that students & parents attend the **Tuesday, September 10, 2024** FFA Livestock Purchase and Show Meeting at 6pm.

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2. Students **MUST** attend **ALL** regularly scheduled monthly FFA Meetings unless three (3) days prior approval is given by the AST's in order to show at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. FFA tentative meeting dates are as follows: Oct. 1, Nov. 6, Dec. 3, Jan. 8, Feb. 4, Mar. 4.

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3. **ALL** exhibitors **MUST** be an active FFA member in good standing with *Bellaire FFA & Bellaire FFA Alumni Association*. This includes but is not limited to: purchasing & entering livestock for our show, entering visual arts, horticulture and breeding animals.

**\*\*Students will NOT be allowed to purchase livestock, enter projects to show and compete, nor sell any projects at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show & Auction if a student and/or their parent/legal guardian has ANY outstanding debt with Bellaire FFA and/or Bellaire FFA Alumni Association.\*\***

ALL outstanding debt **MUST** be paid in full to the Ag Advisors by cash, cashier's check or money order made payable to: Bellaire FFA.

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4. To become a member of the Bellaire FFA chapter, students **MUST** complete the online membership form that can be found on our chapter's webpage at: [www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org](http://www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org) & junior FFA members must pay their yearly FFA dues to the **AST's by 4pm, Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Active High School members (grades 9th-12th) must be enrolled in an Agriculture Science course for the 2024-2025 school year. Junior FFA members (grades 3rd-8th) will not be enrolled in an Agriculture Science course but must pay their Jr. FFA membership dues of \$20.00.

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5. **ALL** students wishing to exhibit at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show **MUST** fill out and turn in the following forms/items to the Bellaire FFA website [www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org](http://www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org) no later than **4:00pm Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2024**:

**\*\*Note: Animal order forms are NOT needed to complete by this date for breeding animals, visual arts nor horticulture\*\***

- 2024 – 2025 HISD Student Media Consent & Release form

\*\*completed and signed by the parent

- Acknowledgement of the 2024-2025 Bellaire FFA Exhibitor's Handbook & Agriculture Complex Rules/ Student Check-off Sheet form

\*\*both student & parent names printed, signed & dated

- Acknowledgement of the 2024-2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show General Rules & Regulations, Auction Rules, and All Show Requirements form

\*\*both student & parent names printed, signed & dated

- BFFA Livestock Show Animal Order Sheet

\*\*both student & parent signatures, ALL info complete for market animal purchases, Livestock Animal Activity Fees & entry fees marked correctly

- Printed hardcopy of *W-9 form*

\*\*completed with the STUDENT'S information & signed by the student

**\*\*ALL animal purchases, livestock activity fees & show entry fees  
MUST be paid to the Bellaire FFA Alumni Assoc.\*\***

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6. Students wishing to exhibit breeding animals, horticulture and visual arts at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show **MUST** turn in the "Bellaire FFA Livestock Show Breeding, Horticulture and Visual Arts Entry Form" and total amount owed for each entry no later than **12:30pm, Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

**\*\*Please note ALL other required forms for exhibiting breeding animals, horticulture and visual arts are due no later than 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.\*\***

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7. ALL students wishing to participate and show at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show MUST sell a minimum of (3) catalog ads for the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show Catalog. Ad sales will start on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024** and are due no later than **12:30pm, Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

Any ads NOT turned in or ads turned in with incomplete forms such as: no artwork/business card included with the form, and/or any advertisements turned in without the total amount owed WILL BE considered NOT turned in by the deadline. The following consequences for NOT meeting the **12:30pm, Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** deadline will be as follows:

1. Students turning in ad forms, artwork, business cards, money, etc. after the deadline but before 12:30 pm, Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a ***\$25.00 LATE FEE FINE*** per each incomplete/unpaid ad turned in late.
2. Students turning in ad forms, artwork, business cards, money, etc. after 12:30pm, Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and before 12:30pm, Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a ***\$50.00 LATE FEE FINE*** per each incomplete/unpaid ad turned in late.
3. Students turning in ad forms, artwork, business cards, money, etc. after 12:30pm, Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and before 12:30pm, Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a ***\$75.00 LATE FEE FINE*** per each incomplete/unpaid ad turned in late.
4. Students turning in ad forms, artwork, business cards, money, etc. after 12:30pm, Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and before 12:30pm, Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a ***\$100.00 LATE FEE FINE*** per each incomplete/unpaid ad turned in late.
5. **Students that DO NOT turn in at least 3 complete ad forms, artwork, business cards, money, etc. by 12:30pm, Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.**

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8. ALL students exhibiting *breeding and/or market animals*, along with the option of exhibiting horticulture and visual arts, MUST sell a minimum of **\$500.00** in chapter fundraisers and sell a minimum of 3 catalog ad's. A student NOT wishing to participate in the Bellaire FFA fundraisers has the option to pay a "BFFA Show Buy-Out Fee" of **\$250.00**. The **\$250.00** fee is due in full no later than **12:30pm, Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Please note that students choosing to use the "BFFA Show Buy-Out Fee" option are *still required to sell a minimum of 3 catalog ad's*. Failure to do all of the above will result in the student being ineligible to exhibit at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show & other remaining shows under Bellaire FFA for the remaining school year.

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9. Students wishing to exhibit *ONLY horticulture and/or visual arts* projects MUST sell a minimum of **\$250.00** in chapter fundraisers and sell a minimum of 3 catalog ad's. A student NOT wishing to participate in the Bellaire FFA fundraisers has the option to pay a "BFFA Show Buy-Out Fee" of **\$125.00**. This **\$125.00** fee is due in full no later than **12:30pm, Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Please note that students choosing to use the "BFFA Show Buy-Out Fee" option are *still required to sell a minimum of 3 catalog ad's*. Failure to do all of the above will result in the student being ineligible to exhibit at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and other remaining shows under Bellaire FFA for the remaining school year.

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10. **ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS** who will be competing at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show **MUST** successfully complete the Quality Counts Program & Exam by the end of the day (midnight) **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. This includes everyone that has NOT successfully completed and passed the Quality Counts certification for their respective age category. Age categories are as follows: Juniors 3rd-5th grade, Intermediate 6th-8th grade, Senior 9th-12th grade. You can visit our website: [www.bellaire.ffa.org](http://www.bellaire.ffa.org) to download the Quality Counts Enrollment page which will give you step-by-step directions as to registering, obtaining the proper curriculum, taking the course, taking the test, etc. or you may go directly to the website located at: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx> and follow the directions on their website. Test scores will be sent automatically along with a date/time-stamp to the AST's so there is no need to print off the certificate nor turn it in to us.

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11. ALL exhibitors MUST participate in a minimum of two (2) different chapter activities in order to show at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. Activities include: (Chapter Community Service Events, District II LDE's, Area

III's LDE's, State LDE's, Lake Houston District Greenhand Camp, Area III Greenhand Camp, Elite Leadership Conference, CDE Invitational contests, Area III CDE's, etc.) by **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

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12. Students who will be exhibiting: *Market or Breeding Animals* for the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show MUST complete a **minimum 10 hours** of work at the Bellaire FFA Ag Complex during our scheduled chapter work days. These work hours are to be finished no later than **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** Students are expected to work on scheduled workdays and MUST sign-in and out with the AST's in order to be counted present for the amount of time worked. Those choosing to attend workdays but NOT work will NOT be granted work hours for that day. The current scheduled workdays are the following:

(\*Due to future unforeseen circumstances such as weather, times/days may vary and will be relayed to students/parents as quickly as possible\*)

10/12/24: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (5 hrs)

2/8/25: 8:30 am – 9:30 am (1 hr)

11/4/24: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (5 hrs)

2/8/25: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (2 hrs)

1/11/25: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (4 hrs)

13. Students who will be exhibiting **ONLY** *Visual Arts, Horticulture or Animals NOT housed on HISD property* for the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show MUST complete a **minimum 5 hours** of work at the Bellaire FFA Ag Complex during our scheduled chapter workdays. These work hours are to be finished no later than **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** Students are expected to work on scheduled workdays and MUST sign-in and out with the AST's in order to be counted present for the amount of time worked. Those choosing to attend workdays but NOT work will NOT be granted work hours for that day. The current scheduled workdays are the following:

(\*Due to future unforeseen circumstances such as weather, times/days may vary and will be relayed to students/parents as quickly as possible\*)

10/12/24: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (5 hrs)

2/8/25: 8:30 am – 10:00 am (1 hr)

11/4/24: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (5 hrs)

2/8/25: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (2 hrs)

1/11/25: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (4 hrs)

14. **ALL exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend mandatory show set-up workdays in order to show. Exact dates and times TBD/TBA. Tentative workdays we are looking at are: March 17-25, 2025. **\*\***(More details will be determined and announced closer to the show.)\*\***

15. Students will need to turn in a photo of themselves and a short Auction Bio to the AST's via email no later than **February 8, 2025.** This sheet will be used during the live auction so the auctioneer can announce your name and a tid-bit of information about who you are. This will also be the information used for the 2025 Bellaire FFA Show Catalog.

16. **Students failing to meet ALL the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show requirements will NOT be eligible to exhibit nor sell at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. Please note there WILL NOT be any refunds issued on project(s) purchased nor livestock activity fees, entry fees, show ads, fundraisers, buy-outs, etc.**

17. Students MUST be academically eligible per UIL and HISD rules to exhibit and sell any project(s) at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. It is ultimately the student's and parent's responsibility to make sure and keep up with the academic grading cycles, grades, and dates of when students can gain or lose eligibility.

\* Students **MUST pass ALL courses on their 4<sup>th</sup> 6 wks report card** in order to be eligible to exhibit and sell at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Auction.

\*\* Any student who fails a course (1) or multiple courses (more than 1) on their 4<sup>th</sup> 6wks report card will be INELIGIBLE to show, compete, participate, etc. and **DOES NOT** have the option of a substitute exhibitor to show nor sell their project(s) unless they pass ALL courses on their 5th 6wks progress report.

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### **During the Show:**

1. Students MUST attend ALL roll call meetings before, during and after the annual Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. A **\$25.00** fee will be assessed per meeting to those students arriving late after roll call has completed. A **\$50.00** fee per meeting will be assessed to those students who DO NOT attend a roll call meeting. Any date

and time changes will be provided as soon as possible and will be communicated verbally and through email/text to all students.

2. ALL students while exhibiting project(s) and participating in the live or silent auction MUST be in complete FFA Official Dress per the Texas FFA and National FFA rules. Official dress is outlined in the FFA manual and can be viewed at both the Texas and National FFA websites. **\*\***(Please note this includes wearing the official FFA jacket, tie/scarf from the moment the first animal enters the showing for the species the exhibitor is exhibiting through the placing of each animal in their classes and throughout the show until the last animal in that species is placed in the overall sale lot order.)**\*\***

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**After the Show:**

1. ALL exhibitors MUST process their market broilers and market rabbits for their buyers. All processed broilers and rabbits along with any plants or visual arts must be delivered to their buyers no later than **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. A fine of ***\$50.00 per each day late*** will be deducted from each student who does not deliver by this deadline.

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2. ALL exhibitors MUST write a "Thank-You" card/letter to each of their buyer(s) and add-on donor(s) and include a self-stamped envelope that MUST be turned in to the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Advisors. A fine of ***\$50.00 per each day late*** will be deducted from each student who turns in their "Thank-You" cards after the deadline.

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# 2024-2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show

## Purchase Prices

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All required forms and money are due no later than *4:00pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.*

All forms are located on the Bellaire FFA website at [www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org](http://www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org)

**\*\*ALL animal purchases, livestock activity fees and entry fees MUST be paid to the Bellaire FFA Alumni Association.\*\***

**Payment options are as follows: Zelle, cash, or check made payable to the Bellaire FFA Alumni Association**

**\*\*WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5 HEAD PER SPECIES IN ORDER TO SHOW\*\***

### **Steers- June 2024**

Cost: \$2,500.00

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: \$200.00

**Total: \$2,720.00**

### **Lambs**

Estimated arrival: week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Cost: \$ 550.00

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: \$100.00

**Total: \$ 670.00**

### **Goats**

Estimated arrival: week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Cost: \$ 700.00

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: \$100.00

**Total: \$ 820.00**

### **Pigs**

Estimated arrival: week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Cost: \$ 450.00

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: \$100.00

**Total: \$ 570.00**

### **Broilers**

Estimated arrival: February 7, 2025

Cost: \$75.00 for 25 birds – minimum order

\$150.00 for 50 birds – maximum order

Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: \$20.00 (If keeping birds at the Bellaire Agriculture Complex)

**Total: \$95.00 without livestock activity fee to purchase 25 birds and \$170.00 for 50 birds.**

**Total: \$115.00 with livestock activity fee to purchase 25 birds and \$190.00 for 50 birds.**

### **Fryer Rabbits**

Estimated arrival: Between Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Cost: \$ 325.00

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: N/A (ALL rabbits MUST be kept off site from the Bellaire Agriculture Complex)

**Total: \$ 345.00**

### **Egg Laying Hens**

Estimated arrival: TBA

Cost: \$ 40

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Livestock Animal Activity Fee: \$80.00 (If keeping birds at the Bellaire Agriculture Complex)

**Total: \$ 140.00**

For each breeding or market animal project, the student is responsible for securing feed and ensuring their animal(s) are cared for daily. Eligibility check will be completed before the date of the annual Bellaire FFA Livestock Show ("No pass, No play" rule is in effect). If an ineligible student has a project in the barn, the animal MUST be removed from the barn prior to the start of the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Auction/Sale.

Purchase of a livestock project(s) is not required of a student to be enrolled in an agricultural course, or to participate in the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Auction/Sale. Students may also enter Horticulture or Visual Art project(s) to be a participant of the show and auction/sale. Each exhibitor must be a paid Bellaire FFA member, in good standing with the Bellaire FFA Chapter and meet all show requirements to be eligible to exhibit, participate and auction (live or silent) any item in the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.

In addition to purchasing a project, students MUST turn in ALL required forms to their agriculture science instructor online through the chapter's website [www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org](http://www.Bellaire.FFAnow.org) no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Please note that if you plan to participate in the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Auction/Sale you MUST purchase and wear FFA official dress. Please see your agriculture science instructor if you need additional information or help in how to order your official National FFA jacket. FFA jacket information can also be found on our chapter's website under the FFA Official Dress link.

**\*\*\*All Paperwork & Money is due no later than  
4:00pm Tuesday, October 8th, 2024\*\*\***

# Quality Counts Program

In 2012, Quality Counts verification became a requirement for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at county and major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sand hills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco) as well as the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. The verification process will require junior (those in either 4H and/or FFA) exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

The program outcomes clearly demonstrate youth being more knowledgeable of best management practices associated with livestock projects. More importantly, the program's impact has demonstrated positive changes in personal character attributes as well as adoption of livestock best management practices.

Students are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification certificate and number will be provided once the exhibitor has successfully passed the verification test. A passing score has been established by the Quality Counts Program as an 80% or better. The verification number assigned to each individual exhibitor will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. **Exhibitors must complete the exam by midnight Friday, October 25, 2024.**

Exhibitors will be able to complete the verification process by going to: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx> and follow the directions on the website. You may also visit our website: [www.bellaire.ffanow.org](http://www.bellaire.ffanow.org) to download the Quality Counts Enrollment page which will give you step-by-step directions as to registering, obtaining the proper curriculum, taking the course, taking the test, etc. Test scores will be sent automatically along with a date/time-stamp to the AST's so there is no need to print off the certificate and turn it in.

# Bellaire FFA Parent Expectations

At Bellaire FFA, we strive to model safe, civil and productive behavior for our students. As a spectator and active parent of our competitions and shows, this is a reminder of your responsibility to be an appropriate and positive role model.

1. **There is no such thing as your student has a "right" to attend any event with the Bellaire FFA Chapter. Participation in the Bellaire FFA Chapter, such as athletics or any other UIL event is considered a "privilege" and opportunity to participate can be denied or refused by the Bellaire Agriculture Science Department. Any parent or spectator who avails themselves of it is expected to conduct themselves accordingly.**
2. Remember that when you are at a competition, contest or show to support and encourage all of the members of the Bellaire FFA Chapter who are participating in that particular event. To enjoy the skill and competition of the students not to intimidate or ridicule others who are there competing.
3. Remember that students are learning as they are competing and that mistakes are sometimes made.
4. Praise students in their attempts to improve themselves as students, exhibitors and as people.
5. Learn the rules and regulations of each contest, show, etc. so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
6. Respect the decision of the judges and officials of each competition. Remember that they are doing their best to promote a positive experience for all the exhibitors.
7. Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and behaviors.
8. Be an active and supportive parent of the Bellaire FFA Chapter and Alumni (parent) Organization.
9. Keep in mind that while winning is certainly an admirable goal; it is hollow if it comes at the expense of a child, your family and friends, or one's integrity, morals, values, etc.

# Livestock Committee Information

Parents/Guardians/Community Supporters:

Each area below will need at least one, preferably two or more people to coordinate each committee's activities. Most areas will need several people to help make the show successful and a positive experience for all of our students.

## **RAFFLE:**

Get items donated for the raffle ticket sales and organize raffle ticket sales. (Suggestion: Whomever oversees the Alumni Scholarship Committee should head up this committee.)

## **SHOW & LIVE AUCTION COORDINATOR:**

Coordinate all activities and committees of the show and auction before, during and after the show and auction; purchase banners, plaques, supplies and any special gifts including dedication gift and work with silent auction chair to obtain a few larger items for the live auction.

## **BUYERS:**

Contact past buyers and new prospective buyers for this year's upcoming show.

## **FINANCE:**

Organize volunteers to work the check-in and check-out tables on the day of the auction along with collecting payments and making student disbursements.

## **SILENT AUCTION:**

Collect and organize all items donated for the silent auction. Create bid sheets for items, monitor bidding and distribute items to winners on auction day.

## **FACILITIES:**

Upkeep of grounds/equipment and set-up/breakdown of show.

## **TRANSPORTATION/PARKING:**

Organize parking facilities for show & directing traffic – also obtain transportation to transport buyers to and from the parking area.

## **CONCESSIONS/FOOD TRUCK:**

Organize all food items for concessions before, during and after the livestock show and auction.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Need to coordinate individuals to work with the photographer on show day to take pictures of student/buyer/project after each item is auctioned off, need to be able to print pictures and distribute to buyers' day of show, also obtain and set up décor for photo area, preferably need six (6) to eight (8) individuals to help throughout the show, will need some non-students to help move animals off the auction block and into/out of the photo area.

## **AUCTION SET UP/DECORATIONS:**

Be sure all tables and chairs are ordered, set up and covered. Obtain decorations for buyer's tables and obtain others to help decorate all tables and front of the auction block for the live auction.



# General Agricultural Science Facility Rules & Regulations

The purpose of the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facility Complex located at 11611-B Riceville School Road is to provide an extension of the classroom to be utilized for students Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP). Houston ISD Rules, Regulations and Student Code of Conduct applies to this facility. For all parties to best utilize the Agricultural Science facilities and to ensure the safety of the students, animals, and others on the property the Bellaire FFA Agricultural Science Instructors and school administrators will monitor regulations and operations at the complex. Agriculture Science Instructor(s) and HISD school administrators reserve the right to add, amend and/or modify any rules and/or procedures on an "as needed" basis. The Agricultural Science Teachers (AST) and HISD school administrators will make decisions based on the overall best interest of HISD, Bellaire High School, Bellaire FFA faculty, students and their livestock projects. Neither Houston ISD, Bellaire High School, Bellaire FFA, Bellaire FFA Alumni/Booster Club nor the Bellaire Agricultural Science Teacher(s) as well as any school official will be responsible for injury or death to an animal project. This includes but is not limited to animals housed on HISD property, animals hauled by HISD employees, animals traveling to/from any FFA or non-FFA related event, etc. (*Securing insurance on livestock projects, equipment, trailers, etc. is the owner's responsibility and is highly encouraged.*)

All participants will comply with the following regulations and criteria.

1. As a Houston ISD facility supporting school-related activities, the most recent Houston ISD Student Handbook and the Houston ISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct will apply.
2. For security purposes, the facility will be open between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. unless prior approval from an Agricultural Science Teacher is received. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
3. Only market or breeding livestock project(s) owned and eligible to show by an active Bellaire FFA member in good standing for our Bellaire FFA Show may be housed at the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Complex. To become a member of the Bellaire FFA chapter students MUST complete a membership form and be enrolled in at least one (1) Agriculture Science course for the 2024-2025 school year.  
(Note: Junior FFA members in grades 3rd-8th will not be enrolled in an Agriculture Science course.)
4. For Bellaire FFA students to house Harris Co. Fair and other major livestock show projects at the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities, the following items must be followed.
  - The student must be an active Bellaire FFA member in good standing throughout the duration of the project.
  - The member must validate any Harris County or major show animal under Bellaire FFA.
  - If a member is going to raise and exhibit any market or breeding cattle, swine, goat, sheep, rabbit, etc. projects for Harris County or major shows, the animal must be paid for through their respective breeder before the animal will be signed and validated by the AST(s) under Bellaire FFA.
  - If a member is going to raise and exhibit any Harris County or major show poultry, the poultry must be purchased through Bellaire FFA and the AST will process the paperwork and payment accordingly. (unless otherwise stated by their respective show)
  - A member must complete all Harris Co. Fair and major show requirements, paperwork, entry forms, entry fees, etc. through Bellaire FFA and exhibit the animal under Bellaire FFA.

- Projects purchased, validated, entered with intent to show, etc. under any club, group or organization other than Bellaire FFA will not be housed or raised under Bellaire FFA. This includes but is not limited to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services (4-H).
- All facility usage fees must be paid in full before a project will be allowed to be housed at the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities if space prevails.
- Harris Co. Fair and other major show livestock projects are not guaranteed a stall, pen, pasture, etc. Students and parents are advised to obtain a housing facility. All local Bellaire FFA Livestock Show projects take precedence over any county or major show project.

5. Livestock Animal Activity Fee(s) MUST be paid in full prior to an exhibitor placing their animal at the Bellaire FFA facilities. Both market and breeding livestock are housed at a rate of \$20.00 per month per project. ALL breeding heifers/cows MUST have original heifer registration papers in the sole Bellaire FFA member's name through their respective breed association. Yearly breeding heifer/cow livestock animal activity fees begin on September 1st and runs through August 31st of the following year. (ex. Sept. 1, 2024-Aug. 31, 2025)

**Breeding heifer/cow Livestock Animal Activity Fees are to be paid in full (\$240 per head) no later than 4pm, August 30, 2024.**

6. The Agricultural Science Teachers will monitor all guidelines and criteria closely. Ethical and humane treatment of animals and violation of regulations will not be compromised.
7. Students must be an active Bellaire FFA member in good standing to utilize the Bellaire FFA Livestock facilities. Guests must have *prior permission* to enter the complex and MUST be accompanied by the Bellaire FFA member at all times. FFA members are responsible for his/her family members and guest(s) at all times. If a guest violates the rules of the Agricultural Science Facility, it will be treated as though the student violated the rules.
8. Drive and park in designated areas. Students, parents/guardians, guests, etc. reported and found to be driving in an unsafe manner and/or acting recklessly may lose the privilege to visit and/or house a project at the Bellaire Agriculture Complex.
9. All animal pen(s) must be clean at all times. Pens should be kept nice and clean as well as fresh sand and/or shavings replaced and raked/fluffed daily. New bedding material should be changed 1-2x's a week with poultry and shavings/sand should be added/changed frequently with your larger livestock projects. All animals should have fresh clean water readily available to them at all times. (This includes individual pens and pasture areas) Watering devices and troughs should be checked daily to ensure they are working properly, do not have leaks and are clean for animal consumption. Feed pans or other types of feeding devices must also be checked daily to ensure that your animal is consuming fresh feed and not ingesting wet, moldy, or rancid ingredients. Besides feeding and watering your animal(s) daily, students should give their project(s) regular daily exercise and keep up with proper grooming, rinsing, and bathing. Animals need to be dewormed regularly as per instructions on the type of medication label used. Any animal not being cared for in the proper manner and neglected will be removed from the Bellaire Agriculture Facility Complex at the owner's expense. Steps followed when failure to maintain proper care of animal project and/or housing of the animal are:

**\*First offense** – The student will receive a letter from the AST, which constitutes a typed up formal warning and the problem must be resolved within two (2) days on the date of the letter to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Science Instructors. The letter will be signed by both the student and the parent, filed in the agriculture department’s office and a copy of the letter will be made available to campus administrators.

**\*Second Offense** – Agriculture Instructors will follow the same steps as listed above in the first offense however, this offense will be considered a final warning.

**\*Third Offense** - The student will be evicted from the Bellaire Agriculture Facility Complex and both student and student’s legal guardian will be notified. Animal owners have 72 hrs to remove their project(s) off the Bellaire Agriculture Facility Complex at owner’s expense.

**\*Fourth Offense**– If the animal has not been removed from the barn within 72 hours of eviction and Agriculture Instructors have documented that both student and parent have been notified, the animal(s) will be taken to a local livestock auction facility and sold at auction value. If the animal was sponsored by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after all outstanding dues and fees are paid) shall be returned to that organization. If the animal was not purchased by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after outstanding dues and fees are paid) will be donated to the Bellaire FFA Chapter.

10. Students MUST provide their own feed, hay (if applicable), medication, grooming and show supplies, cleaning agents, equipment, bedding and all other appropriate animal care needs. Exhibitors who seek care for an animal by a veterinarian are responsible to pay for all medical treatments performed by that veterinarian.
11. No male breeding aged animals that have the ability to breed are allowed on the Bellaire FFA facilities at any time. Any exhibitors who house cow/calf pairs on the facilities that are still eligible to show MUST castrate bull calves by 6 mths of age (from date born) or bull calf will NOT be allowed on the facilities. Heifers no longer eligible to compete at approved FFA sanctioned shows will ONLY be housed in the pasture and will NOT be given a pen/stalling space under the barn. If students are eligible to receive their American FFA Degree and their project does NOT conflict with other students breeding or market projects the Agriculture Science Instructor(s) reserve the right to amend this rule on an “as needed” basis.
12. If a student becomes INELIGIBLE to show their market project for a specific show, he or she will have **5 days, from the day they became ineligible, to remove his or her animal from the Bellaire Agriculture Complex**. If the project is NOT removed by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> day the animal(s) will be taken to a local livestock auction facility and sold at auction value. If the animal was sponsored by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after all outstanding dues and fees are paid) shall be returned to that organization. If the animal was not purchased by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after outstanding dues and fees are paid) will be donated to the Bellaire FFA Chapter.
13. If a student is evicted from the facility, he/she will not be able to house any project(s) at the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities in the future nor allowed back on the premises for the remaining school year.
14. All manure and feedstuffs must be properly disposed of in the approved designated areas.
15. Tack rooms are to be kept neat and clean. Any feed, hay, tack, etc need to be kept inside the owner’s feed/tack box. If the owner does not have room to keep it inside

their box they will need to store the item(s) at home, in their vehicle, their personal livestock trailer, etc. These items can be brought to and from home as needed. Bellaire High School, Houston ISD nor its employees are responsible for theft or damage to any personal items or equipment. Students will not be permitted to bring in large shipments of feed, hay, bedding or tack items unless prior approval is granted by the Agricultural Science Teacher. The safety, sanitation, and appearance of the Bellaire FFA Livestock Facilities are a priority.

16. The student is responsible for cleaning and maintaining their project area (ex. stall/pen & feed/tack storage area) along with any common areas at all times. No modifications may be made to the Agriculture facilities (ex. pen set-up/removal, changes to the pastures, walking, and parking areas, gates, etc.) without prior approval from a Bellaire FFA Agriculture Science Instructor. \*\*At certain times of the year, students may be required to clean their project area and assist others in cleaning the facility as a whole.
17. Pen/stall priority will be given to those exhibitors who have animal projects that will be exhibited at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
18. A student may have no more than two (2) animals at the facility at one time. Agriculture Science Instructor(s) reserves the right to amend this rule on an "as needed" basis if space is available.
19. The use of power equipment such as tractors, bobcats, other front-end loaders, etc. by students is NOT allowed at the facility unless prior approval is given and the student is under the direct supervision of their parent/guardian and/or one of the AST's.
20. At the conclusion of the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show, all market animals will be removed from the barn & students will clean pens out within one (1) day following the show and sale. Only exception to this rule is if a processing issue arises with broiler exhibitors. Those broiler exhibitors MUST then notify the Ag Science Advisors of the issue and if necessary, will have no more than 14 days following the show to remove all broilers from the premises and completely clean their poultry pen area. Students will NOT receive their Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Auction checks until their pen(s) and feed/tack box(es) are cleaned and all items are removed from the premises.
21. At the conclusion of any county or major market livestock show, animals will be removed and pens will be cleaned out within five (5) days after exhibiting the animal at the designated show. **If a student does not clean out the pen within five (5) days, a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be assessed for not cleaning the pen and the student will not be allowed to stall ANY animal at the facilities the following year.**
22. Animals are to be washed in their designated species washing areas only. Alternative washing locations may be approved by the agriculture advisor if a need arises.
23. At all times, students are to keep their projects in their designated barn. AT NO TIME, are students allowed to take their projects into another barn unless asked to do so by an Agriculture Science Instructor. This rule is for safety and health concerns. Broilers and turkeys should remain in the poultry barn, swine in the swine barn, etc. Swine should be walked, washed, practiced showing, etc. within the fenced area of the designated swine barn. When multiple species are housed in the same barn, exhibitors should take extreme caution walking and caring for their animal's so those projects do not harm themselves or other's projects. Agriculture Science Instructor(s) reserve the right to amend this rule on an "as needed" basis.

24. ALL students, siblings, parents/guardians, etc. should respect the value of the Bellaire FFA Agricultural Science Facilities and all property housed on it. Anyone found to be involved in the act of defacing Bellaire FFA/Bellaire FFA Alumni/HISD property, equipment, vehicles, trailers, etc. in any manner will result in an IMMEDIATE dismissal from the facilities. If an accident does occur those involved are expected to notify the Ag Science Instructor(s) immediately, otherwise the incident will be considered malicious.
25. Passageways, including door openings, are not to be cluttered with boxes, equipment, people, animals, etc. Both routine and emergency traffic must be able to move efficiently.
26. All broken or stolen equipment or property is to be reported to the Ag Science Instructor(s) immediately. All Bellaire FFA and HISD property MUST be requested to be used and approval granted by an Ag Science Instructor before one may use it. Students and Parents/Guardians may be required to fix/replace Bellaire FFA or HISD property that the exhibitor, the exhibitor's family member/guest or exhibitor's project altered or broke. Consequences and/or removal of project(s) may be administered by the Bellaire Agricultural Science Instructors and/or HISD administration on a case-by-case basis.
27. Only one (1) 24" fan will be allowed in/on any individual cattle stall or two small animal stalls and a maximum of two (2) box fans will be allowed in/on any individual small animal (goat, hog, lamb, etc.) stall.
28. No glass containers are allowed at the barn complex. Broken glass can cause severe damage to a student or project.
29. No personal pets of any kind including dogs are allowed at the barn at any time.
30. All students and parents are to properly secure and lock all gates at the Bellaire Agriculture Complex. Safety of the entire complex must be a top priority of all who use the Bellaire Agriculture Complex. Gate codes should NOT be given to non-Bellaire FFA members or to those members who DO NOT have a current project housed at the Bellaire FFA facilities.

# IMPORTANT UPDATED PROCEDURES

## FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES AT THE BELLAIRE AGRICULTURE COMPLEX

The following fire prevention precautions at the agricultural facility during extended cold weather below 50 degrees. The directives are as follows:

- No heaters which have a flame or burn fuel (no propane or similar heaters);
- No space heaters;
- Heat lamps must be placed so that they do not contact wood, fabric (tarps), or other combustible materials;
- Heat lamps should be installed securely above the reach of the animals and so that the lamp cannot fall into the bedding material;
- Only grounded (three prong) heavy gauge (rated for 15 to 20 amps) extension cords approved for outdoor use should be used.

As a result of small fires in the past, additional protective measures are now in place. The new minimum safety standards for heat lamp usage include:

1. In addition to the shroud on the back side of the lamp, any heat lamp used in the facility must have a guard over the face of the lamp. These are usually metal wire mesh guards that allow the infrared light (heat) to radiate but prevent accidental contact with the bulb.
2. Lamps must be placed high on the side fence of the pen or on the gate or gate post. Lamps may not be placed on the pens adjoining the outer wall of the barn.
3. Lamps must have two (2) independent anchor points. Mount a clip on wherever they are installed. In addition to the clamp, the lamp must be wire, chain, metal carabiner, or heavy gauge zip-tie to the pen rail. If the lamp is not clamped onto the rail, it must have two anchor points (for example: two zip-ties, or a zip-tie and carabiner).
4. If possible, lamps must be plugged directly into the outlet. Extension cords must be grounded, heavy gauge extension cords approved for outdoor use extension cord.

Heat lamps should be used only when weather forecasts indicate weather BELOW 50 DEGREES! If there is a need for the heat lamp when temperatures are over 50 degrees, the student should explain the need to the Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructor(s). Lamps may remain installed during mild temperatures, but should be unplugged to reduce electrical power use and control expenses.

### Lamp Permit System

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends the use of permit systems when an identified hazard cannot be reasonably engineered out of the workplace. There is no reasonable (cost effective) engineering solution to the fire hazard situation in the agricultural barns. Animal bedding material is usually straw or wood chips, which are combustible. All the barns other than the hog barn are normal barn construction with timber and wood framing. Therefore, administrative control over heat sources in the barn is a prudent alternative control measure. Students will inspect the lamps to ensure they are safe each time they visit the barn to care for their animal. Failure to inspect and verify that the lamps are and remain compliant with the standards will result in the removal of the lamp until all safety violations are corrected.

## General Rules

Bellaire FFA Advisor(s) and/or Bellaire High School Administration shall be the final authority of rules and regulations and shall arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incidental to the Bellaire FFA Chapter, Bellaire FFA Livestock Show, Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities Complex, etc.

1. Only currently active Bellaire FFA members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to qualify as exhibitors. An exhibitor is considered a student who purchased, raised, grew, made, owns, exhibits and sells (breeding animals do not sell) his or her own project. To become an active member of the Bellaire FFA chapter students MUST complete a membership form, pay their yearly FFA dues to the Ag Science teachers and be enrolled in at least one (1) Agriculture Science course for the 2024-2025 school year.  
(Note: Junior FFA members in grades 3rd-8th will not be enrolled in an Agriculture Science course.)
2. ALL students MUST be in good standing with Bellaire FFA & Bellaire FFA Alumni Association in order to participate, purchase, enter, show, exhibit, compete, etc. under the Bellaire FFA Chapter. If a student and/or their parent/legal guardian has ANY outstanding debt with Bellaire FFA and/or Bellaire FFA Alumni Association that debt MUST be paid in full before the student will be allowed to do anything further under the Bellaire FFA Chapter. Payment MUST be paid in cash, cashier's check or money order to the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Science Advisors. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
3. No student is guaranteed the opportunity to purchase, house, raise, grow, make, participate, exhibit nor sell any project at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show or at the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Complex. (This includes selling projects through a live auction, barn sale or private treaty.) Participation in the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show is considered an extracurricular activity/event and is a privilege that must be earned, it is not a right.
4. Any student who is suspended from school, placed in ISS for more than three (3) consecutive days or more than one (1) time during the show year, placed in an alternative school or withdrawn from school for any reason will not be able to have his or her project shown or sold at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
5. All students must adhere to the dress code regulations as stated in the Houston ISD policy handbook and extracurricular activities may be held to a higher standard. Exhibitors shall keep hair neatly and properly groomed with no unnatural colors. Boys shall be clean shaven at the time of show and auction. Boys' earrings and any visible body piercings or tattoos by any male or female exhibitor are not allowed. All students should be properly clothed. Males must have shirts and shorts/pants on at all times. Females should not be wearing extremely low cut shirts, cropped tops baring the stomach, short shorts, etc. Clothing depicting drugs, alcohol, sex, gang affiliation, inappropriate language or innuendos, etc. is prohibited.
6. As a HISD facility supporting school-related activities, the most recent **HISD Student Handbook** and **HISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct** will apply to all exhibitors.
7. Any student who withdraws from enrollment at Bellaire High School and/or HISD for any reason will NOT be eligible to exhibit any project(s) at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and any other show(s) under the Bellaire FFA Chapter.

8. ALL livestock projects exhibited by a Bellaire FFA member under the Bellaire FFA Chapter MUST be under the direct supervision of the Bellaire FFA Advisors and permanently housed within the boundaries of the Houston Independent School District. Students NOT meeting these requirements will NOT be allowed to exhibit as a member under the Bellaire FFA Chapter.
9. When the Bellaire FFA showmanship clinic is held for specific species (goats, heifers, hogs, lambs or steers), the exhibitors are encouraged but not required to participate.
10. To be an exhibitor at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show of any market project(s) (broilers, rabbits, goats, lambs, hogs), they must be purchased through the Bellaire FFA Chapter by **4:00pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2024**. All market animals will be purchased in a group and selected through the group animal selection process. Market steers are usually purchased in late Spring each year and usually arrive in the month of June.
11. All FFA meetings and work assignments/meetings held during show week shall be attended by all FFA members who are exhibiting any project at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. Monetary fees of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be levied for attending less than half of a meeting or missing the meeting entirely. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be fined per each student arriving late (roll-call had already begun) per each assignment/meeting this occurs at.
12. Each exhibitor must check in and officially weigh in his/her own project(s) as well as exhibit his/her own animal in the show ring and present his/her own project on the auction block during the live auction at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. (In extreme circumstances the Ag Teachers reserve the right to amend this rule on an as needed basis.)
13. Once the show ring is created for the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show, no animals will be allowed in the show ring for any reason. Students should practice walking, setting up, showing, etc their livestock outside of the show ring at another location on the Bellaire FFA complex. Any student proven to not obey this rule will be fined fifty-dollars (\$50.00) per offense.
14. During the livestock show, the barn will open at 8:00am and close nightly at 9:00 PM. All feeding, watering, walking, grooming, daily care, etc. must be done during these times.
15. Any student violating the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show rules may be required to immediately remove their project(s) from the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facility Complex. Students may lose their eligibility to exhibit at this year's Bellaire FFA Livestock Show, be required to forfeit any award(s) won at this year's Bellaire FFA Show and/or lose the privilege of selling items through the live auction, etc. Bellaire FFA advisors and Bellaire High School administrators will assess any issues on a case-by-case basis.
16. All animal pen(s) must be clean at all times. Pens should be kept nice and clean as well as fresh sand and/or shavings replaced and raked/fluffed daily. New bedding material should be changed 1-2x's a week with poultry and shavings/sand should be added/changed frequently with your larger livestock projects. All animals should have fresh clean water readily available to them at all times. (This includes individual pens and pasture areas) Watering devices and troughs should be checked daily to ensure they are working properly, do not have leaks and are clean for animal consumption. Feed pans or other types of



feeding devices must also be checked daily to ensure that your animal is consuming fresh feed and not ingesting wet, moldy, or rancid ingredients. Besides feeding and watering your animal(s) daily, students should give their project(s) regular daily exercise and keep up with proper grooming, rinsing, and bathing. Animals need to be dewormed regularly as per instructions on the type of medication label used. Any animal not being cared for in the proper manner and neglected will be removed from the Bellaire Agriculture Facility Complex at the owner's expense. Steps followed when failure to maintain proper care of animal project and/or housing of the animal are:

**\*First offense** – The student will receive a letter from the AST, which constitutes a typed up formal warning and the problem must be resolved within two (2) days on the date of the letter to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Science Instructors. The letter will be signed by both the student and the parent, filed in the agriculture department's office and a copy of the letter will be made available to campus administrators.

**\*Second Offense** – Agriculture Instructors will follow the same steps as listed above in the first offense however, this offense will be considered a final warning.

**\*Third Offense** - The student will be evicted from the Bellaire Agriculture Facility Complex and both student and student's legal guardian will be notified. Animal owners have 72 hrs to remove their project(s) off the Bellaire Agriculture Facility Complex at owner's expense.

**\*Fourth Offense** – If the animal has not been removed from the barn within 72 hours of eviction and Agriculture Instructors have documented that both student and parent have been notified, the animal(s) will be taken to a local livestock auction facility and sold at auction value. If the animal was sponsored by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after all outstanding dues and fees are paid) shall be returned to that organization. If the animal was not purchased by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after outstanding dues and fees are paid) will be donated to the Bellaire FFA Chapter.

17. Agriculture Science Instructor(s) reserve the right to amend, modify, delete or add any rules to the Bellaire FFA Chapter, Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Bellaire FFA Agriculture Facilities Complex if a need arises. The ethics, integrity and wellbeing of the Bellaire FFA chapter will always be taken into consideration. All students and parents will be notified of any major changes that affect the group as a whole. Other issues will be taken care of on a case by case basis between the Agriculture Advisors and the student(s) and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

## Bellaire FFA Livestock Show, Auction and Add-On Rules

Bellaire FFA Advisor(s) and/or Bellaire High School Administration shall be the final authority of these rules and regulations and shall arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incidental to the show.

1. The Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and sale is a terminal show. Therefore, all projects exhibited at the show will be processed and delivered according to the buyer's choice per Bellaire FFA Livestock Auction Form. Absolutely no livestock will be allowed to be returned to the exhibitor's possession. Any students found to be in violation of this rule will be banned from future exhibitions in the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
2. The Bellaire FFA Livestock Show Premium Sale will consist of but not limited to broilers, rabbits, goats, hogs, lambs, steers, horticulture and visual arts projects annually. The showmanship winner of goats, hogs, lambs and steers will be sold after the reserve champions and be noted as such in the sale footnotes. The only exception to this rule is if the exhibitor has already sold due to placing grand or reserve grand champion in that respective specie. The sale lots may/will be adjusted to accommodate these showmanship winners. Students participating in showmanship MUST exhibit their own animal and both exhibitor and animal must have exhibited together at this year's show. There will NOT be substitute livestock nor substitute exhibitors for any reason pertaining to the showmanship competition.
3. **The Bellaire FFA Agriculture Advisors, Bellaire FFA Chapter, Bellaire FFA Alumni Chapter, Bellaire High School and Houston Independent School District DOES NOT guarantee any student a buyer for their animal.**
4. The judge of each species will set the live auction sale order.
5. Only seventy percent (70%) of market poultry, rabbits, goats, hogs, lambs and steers will be sold in the live auction. The remaining thirty percent (30%) will be sold in the barn sale for the following minimum set prices:

Market Broilers - \$150.00	Market Hogs - \$400.00	
Market Goats - \$500.00	Market Lambs - \$400.00	
Market Steers - \$2,000.00	Market Rabbits - \$150.00	Egg Laying Hens - \$150.00

*\*\*Agriculture instructors reserve the right to amend this rule to a higher percentage of live auction sale lots on an as needed basis.\*\**
6. The Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion of each market species will automatically be sold first in the live auction premium sale. All other entries will be placed in a traditional auction sale order by their respective judge(s).
7. There are no dollar amount limits or restrictions placed on any project(s) sold through the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. This includes add-on's, barn sale items and live auction premiums.
8. There will be no specific notes or comments other than what is provided in the auction day program book will be made for exhibitors from the auction block. The animals must be presented on the auction platform in the same manner as they were exhibited in the show ring. No dyes, paints, sprays, adhesives, glitter, décor, etc. of any type will be allowed. Students will be assessed a one-hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine for violating this rule.

9. All Bellaire FFA Livestock Show identification tags, ear tags, wing bands, etc. must remain on the animal from the time of selection to the time of processing. No student may remove the identification tags, ear tags, wing bands, etc. for any reason. Students will be assessed a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine for violating this rule.
10. Add-on donations for all exhibitors will be accepted prior, during and after the show/auction.
11. All exhibitors will pay a show commission of 8% (.08) on all items sold including add-ons. Show commissions will help cover the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and Auction operating expenses.
12. All processing and delivery of poultry and rabbit projects sold at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show through the live auction and barn sale will be done by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's expense. Students MUST take their poultry and rabbit projects to a processor for processing and deliver their processed project(s) to their respective buyer within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the show.
13. Once an animal is sold to a buyer it is then the buyer's property. Students are not allowed to make personal contact with buyers after the sale in regard to purchasing or having the animal donated back to them. Any student who's found in violation of this policy will forfeit all profits.
14. All projects that are sold either through the live auction, barn sale or private treaty must be removed from the Bellaire Agriculture Complex after the completion of the live auction. Only exception to this rule is if a processing issue arises with broiler exhibitors. Those broiler exhibitors MUST then notify the Ag Science Advisors of the issue and if necessary, will have no more than 14 days following the show to remove all broilers from the premises.
15. There is NO SHOW, AUCTION, OR SALE GUARANTEE. Students may not have the option to show their project(s) and may be required to sell their project(s) in the form of a private treaty or keep for at home use/consumption due to unforeseen circumstances such as a pandemic, fire, natural disaster, school district shutdown, etc. If this occurs all students and parents will be notified by their FFA Advisors and/or school administration as soon as possible.
16. The Bellaire FFA Agriculture Science Instructor(s) reserves the right to add, amend or modify any rules on an "as needed" basis.

## Additional Bellaire FFA Livestock Show & Species Rules

Bellaire FFA Advisor(s) and/or Bellaire High School Administration shall be the final authority of these rules and regulations and shall arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incidental to the show.

1. **There must be a MINIMUM of five (5) head per market livestock species for that market species to be purchased and shown at our 2025 Bellaire Livestock Show.**
2. Official selection dates and times will be set by the Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructors for market animals exhibiting at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. Students must attend animal selection unless pre-approval is granted by the Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructor(s). If a student is unable to attend, then their market project will be the last one selected from the remaining animals available to select from.
3. All market livestock to be shown at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show will be purchased cooperatively by the Bellaire FFA Agricultural Science Instructor(s) through a "Group Buy" process. Students will be required to pay the non-refundable animal purchase-price and other fees by a deadline set by the Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructor(s). Those exhibitors NOT meeting the required set deadline WILL NOT have an animal ordered nor be allowed to order an animal later.
4. Students wishing to exhibit breeding animals, horticulture and visual arts at the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show MUST turn in the "Bellaire FFA Livestock Show Breeding, Horticulture and Visual Arts Entry Form" and total amount owed for each entry no later than 12:30pm January 15, 2025. \*\*Please note all other required forms for breeding animals, horticulture and visual arts are due no later than 4pm Tuesday, October 8, 2024.\*\*
5. Any medications administered to animal projects must meet USDA guidelines and any surgical alterations must be approved by the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher(s)/Veterinarian. Failure to receive permission shall result in IMMEDIATE disqualification from the current year's Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and possibly other livestock shows shown under the supervision of Bellaire FFA Advisors.
6. Students are recommended to care for, feed, exercise and water their project twice a day. Agriculture Science Instructor(s) reserves the right to amend this rule on an as needed basis based on the needs of the animal project.
7. Livestock classes will be broken by the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Science Instructors for the 2025 Bellaire FFA Livestock Show at the conclusion of all species official weigh-in.
8. Market projects failing to meet minimum weight requirements WILL NOT be eligible to be shown nor sold at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. (This includes the ineligibility of exhibiting the ineligible project in neither the market and showmanship shows as well as being sold through the live auction nor barn sale.) Students wishing to sell their project and DO NOT meet minimum weight requirements have the opportunity to sell their projects through private treaty or to an auction barn, meat processor, etc.  
\*\*Minimum weights *may* be lowered at the discretion of the Ag Instructor(s) due to extreme circumstances and made public to ALL exhibitors asap.\*\*  
Market Broilers – (No minimum)  
Market Rabbits – no less than 3.5 lbs., no more than 5.5 lbs. (official ARBA rules)  
Market Goats – no less than 70 lbs.

Market Lambs – no less than 100 lbs.

Market Swine – no less than 220 lbs.

Market Steers – no less than 1000 lbs.

9. No more than two (2) times will an exhibitor's project be allowed to cross the scales and officially weigh-in during check-in time. If an exhibitor is unhappy with the weight of their project during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) time the animal crosses the scales the animal may be backed off the scale and given one (1) more opportunity to officially weigh-in within 30 minutes of initial weight. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) weight will be the FINAL official weight recorded for the show, NO EXCEPTIONS!
10. There are no maximum weight limits for any species nor weigh-backs unless specified under their species division.
11. Only academically eligible students may exhibit and sell at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. These projects must have current Bellaire FFA Livestock Show identification to be exhibited.
12. The current school years University Interscholastic League Rules of eligibility will apply to both the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and the Bellaire FFA livestock Show Auction. No Pass, No Show, No Pass, No Sell. Students MUST pass ALL courses on the 4th 6wks report card in order to be eligible to participate in the 2025 Bellaire FFA Show and Auction/Sale festivities unless they pass ALL courses on their 5th 6wks progress reports.
13. Any student who is suspended from school, placed in ISS for more than three (3) consecutive days or more than one (1) time during the show year, placed in an alternative school or withdrawn from school for any reason will not be able to have his or her project shown or sold at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
14. No student(s) will be allowed to transfer ownership (sell, trade, give, borrow, etc.) any breeding, market, horticulture or visual arts project(s) created or purchased for the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show to another student (including siblings) in order to exhibit and/or sell the project(s) in the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. This refers to both the Bellaire FFA market/breeding and showmanship shows as well as selling through the live auction or barn sale for any reason. (Examples include but are NOT limited to academic eligibility, withdrawals from school, lack of meeting show requirements, etc.) NO EXCEPTIONS.
15. Any market project exhibited at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show and not sold in the live auction or barn sale may be sent to a meat processing company and the exhibitor will receive current market price for that animal. Animals sold by exhibitors directly to a meat processor will be considered sold through "private treaty."
16. Students may only exhibit one (1) market project/pen per species at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. (Ex. 1 market steer, 1 market hog, 1 market goat, 1 market lamb, 1 pen of broilers, 1 pen of fryer rabbits, etc.)
17. Please note there is **NO SHOW, AUCTION, OR SALE GUARANTEE**. Students may not have the option to show their project(s) and may be required to sell their project(s) in the form of a private treaty or keep for at home use/consumption due to unforeseen circumstances such as a pandemic, fire, natural disaster, school district shut-down, etc. If this occurs all students and parents will be notified by their FFA Advisors and/or school administration as soon as possible.

## **Division I – Breeding Heifers**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Each breed division will be divided according to age and number of heifers entered. If enough heifers are entered, divisions will be determined by Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructor(s).
2. There will be no more than three (3) breed divisions which include: American, British, and Exotic. If there are few exhibitors entered in each division then all heifers will be shown together and classes will be broken simply by age.
3. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one (1) heifer entry per class. (Exclusion: Cow/Calf pair is considered one (1) entry)
4. Single entry classes will not show by themselves but will represent their class in the grand drive.
5. A copy of each heifer's original registration paper must be submitted with each exhibitor's entry form.
6. Heifer's MUST be registered with their respective breed association. Official registration papers MUST be in the designated exhibitor's name and no other owner's name or business.
7. Each breeding heifer MUST be registered in the exhibitor's name by November 1, 2024.
8. Heifers must be born after January 1, 2023.
9. Students must pay a \$20.00 entry fee per heifer no later than 12:30pm, January 15, 2025. Heifer show is a "blow and go" show. No adhesives, paints, etc. allowed.
10. Heifers must be in overall good health at time of show or they will NOT be permitted to show.
11. All heifers must be controlled by the exhibitor in the show ring. Animals that can't be controlled by the exhibitor will be removed from the show ring. Dismissal will be determined by the judge and Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructor(s).
12. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion heifer will be awarded for the show.
13. No breeding heifers will be sold in the live auction nor barn sale.

## **Division II – Market Broilers**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Birds must be purchased through the Bellaire Agriculture Department and must have their assigned wing-band attached at broiler check-in and show. Wing-band numbers for each exhibitor will be obtained at time of broiler pick-up/delivery. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure each bird's wing-band number obtained is correct upon pick-up.
2. Each student must purchase a minimum of 25 birds. Broilers are sold in lots of 25. Exhibitor's may purchase up to two lots of 25 broilers, 50 broilers total.
3. Exhibitors are ONLY allowed to check-in and exhibit broilers with wing-band numbers attached and assigned to them. Birds without wing-bands or incorrect wing-band numbers will NOT be allowed to show.
4. Broiler entries are limited to one pen of three (3) birds per exhibitor.
5. Each exhibitor must show no more nor no less than 3 broilers at time of show.
6. Exhibitors are expected to have 1 or 2 additional current Bellaire FFA members, who are academically eligible and have not previously graduated, to help hold their birds during the market broiler show. Parents, guardians, non-current Bellaire FFA members, etc. are not eligible to help show birds for an exhibitor.
7. All three (3) broilers must be healthy at time of check-in and show.
8. Broilers exhibited may be all three (3) cockerels, all three (3) pullets or a combination of both cockerels and pullets. Cockerels and pullets will be shown amongst each other during the show.

9. Exhibitors will be allowed to exhibit only three birds for judging. No substitutes or alternate birds are allowed into the show ring after the judge begins judging in the show ring.
10. All three (3) broilers must be alive at time of check-in. No dead birds will be allowed to check-in.
11. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion pen of broilers will be awarded for the show. All other pens of broilers will be placed by the judge in a traditional sale order.
12. All processing and delivery of poultry projects sold at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show through the live auction and barn sale will be done by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's expense. Students MUST take their poultry projects to a processor for processing and deliver their processed project(s) to their respective buyer within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the show.

### **Division III – Fryer Rabbits**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Rabbits MUST be purchased through the Bellaire Agriculture Department and each student must purchase a minimum of 5 rabbits. Five (5) rabbits equal one (1) pen/lot of rabbits. Rabbits are sold in pens/lots of 5. Each Exhibitor may purchase up to two (2) pens/lots of five (5) rabbits which equals ten (10) rabbits total.
2. Each rabbit will have an ear tattoo in both of their ears. Tattoo number(s)/letter(s) for each rabbit will be kept on file with the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. Rabbits will ONLY be tattooed by the rabbit breeder prior to the initial fryer rabbit pick-up date or by one of the Bellaire FFA Agriculture Science Instructors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure each rabbit's tattoo is obtained and recorded correctly.
3. Meat Pens MUST consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety in order to be shown. Exhibitors may enter only 1 meat pen.
4. Weight limit of each rabbit CANNOT be under three (3.5) pounds nor over five (5.5) pounds per rabbit at time of check-in. Rabbits that DO NOT meet these weight requirements are disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. Any rabbit with ear mites or cankers upon check-in will be disqualified.
6. All rabbits will be permanently tattooed and tattoos must match the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show's paperwork on file for that rabbit exhibitor or that rabbit CANNOT be shown and will be disqualified.
7. Exhibitors can substitute a disqualified rabbit with another eligible rabbit the exhibitor owns as long as the rabbit substituted meets all show requirements and is in that exhibitor's name on file. No rabbits may be substituted after check-in is complete and judging has begun.
8. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion pen of fryer rabbits will be awarded for the show. All other pens of fryer rabbits will be placed by the judge in a traditional sale order.
9. All processing and delivery of fryer rabbit projects sold at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show through the live auction and barn sale will be done by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's expense. Students MUST take their rabbit projects to a processor for processing and deliver their processed project(s) to their respective buyer within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the show.

## **Division IV – Market Goats**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Market goats MUST be purchased through the Bellaire Agriculture Department. Each student may purchase and show only one (1) market goat at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
2. Market Goats will be divided into an equal or nearly equal number of per class according to weight. No more than three (3) classes (light, medium and heavy weight) will be created.
3. Goats MUST be handled with a collar or chain. No harnesses or rope halters are allowed.
4. Goats MUST be slick shorn above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, prior to the check-in of the show. There will be no shearing of goats after check-in.
5. All goats MUST have horns removed or tipped blunt being no smaller than the diameter of a nickel prior to check-in and show.
6. No paints, oils or adhesives will be allowed.
7. Minimum weight must be at least 70 pounds with no maximum weight to be exhibited. There will be no weigh backs.
8. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion market goat will be awarded for the show. All other market goats will be placed by the judge in a traditional sale order.
9. Unhealthy goats will not be permitted to check-in or show.

## **Division V – Market Swine**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Market hogs MUST be purchased through the Bellaire Agriculture Department. Each student may purchase and show only one (1) market hog at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
2. The market swine division may be divided into an equal or nearly equal number of swine per class according to their weights. No more than four (4) classes (light, medium, medium heavy and heavy weight) will be created.
3. Swine entries may be barrows and/or gilts and will be shown together.
4. All swine entries exhibited MUST be clipped with hair being no longer than 1½ " over the entire body at the time of check-in. Swine not clipped will NOT be allowed to check-in or show.
5. Swine must be thoroughly cleaned at show time or they will not be permitted to show.
6. No oils, paints, or powders will be permitted. Hair and skin conditioners are permitted as long as they do NOT leave an oily residue.
7. Swine must be healthy at check-in and show or they will not be permitted to show.
8. Minimum weight must be at least 220 pounds with no maximum weight to be exhibited. There will be no weigh backs.
9. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion market swine project will be awarded for the show. All other market swine will be placed by the judge in a traditional sale order.



## **Division VI – Market Lambs**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Market lambs MUST be purchased through the Bellaire Agriculture Department. Each student may purchase and show only one (1) market lamb at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show.
2. Market lambs will be divided into an equal or nearly equal number of per class according to weight. No more than three (3) classes (light, medium and heavy weight) will be created.
3. Lambs MUST be handled WITHOUT a collar, chain, harness, halter, etc.
4. Lambs MUST be slick shorn above the knee and hock joints prior to the check-in of the show. There will be no shearing of lambs after check-in.
5. Entries shown may be either a wether or ewe lamb and all will show together.
6. The use of a hot shot or any electric prod is prohibited at the Livestock Show.
7. No painting, dyes, adhesives, oils, etc. are allowed.
8. Unhealthy lambs will not be permitted to check-in or show.
9. Minimum weight must be at least 100 pounds with no maximum weight to be exhibited at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show. There are no weigh backs.
10. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion market lamb will be awarded for the show. All other market lambs will be placed by the judge in a traditional sale order.

## **Division VII – Market Steers**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Steers will be classified by weight. The steers may be divided into equal or nearly equal-sized classes according to number of entries and weight.
2. No more than three (3) classes (light, medium and heavy weight) will be created.
3. The Bellaire FFA Livestock Steer Show is a "Blow and Go Show". No adhesives, oils or paint is allowed. Hair and skin conditioners are allowed as long as it does NOT leave an oily residue. Products such as "Revive" are acceptable.
4. All steers MUST be slick shorn with hair being longer than ¼". Only exception to this rule is that the hair located on the switch of the tail may be longer than ¼". Any hair found to be longer than ¼" must be clipped prior to the completion of official show check-in.
5. No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. Any exhibitor using grooming material that allows color to come off will be disqualified from the show.
6. Steers MUST be dehorned. Horned and scurred steers at check-in will be disqualified.
7. Steers must be healthy at check-in and time of show. Unhealthy animals will not be permitted to show.
8. Minimum weight must be 1,000 pounds to be exhibited at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show
9. All steers must be controlled by the exhibitor in the show ring or they could be removed from the show ring. Dismissal will be determined by the judge and/or any Bellaire Agriculture Science Instructor.

## **Division VIII – Egg Laying Hens**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Birds must be purchased through the Bellaire Agriculture Department and must have their assigned leg-band attached at check-in and show. Leg-band numbers for each exhibitor will be obtained at time of pick-up/delivery. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure each bird's leg-band number obtained is correct before showing.
2. Each student must purchase a minimum of 6 birds. Chicks will be sold in lots of 6.
3. Exhibitors are ONLY allowed to check-in and exhibit hens with leg-band numbers attached and assigned to them. Birds without leg-bands or incorrect leg-band numbers will NOT be allowed to show.
4. Hen entries are limited to one pen of four (4) birds per exhibitor.
5. Each exhibitor must show no more nor no less than 4 hens at time of show.
6. All four (4) hens must be healthy at time of check-in and show.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to exhibit only four birds for judging. No substitutes or alternate birds are allowed into the show ring after the judge begins judging in the show ring.
8. All four (4) hens must be alive at time of check-in. No dead birds will be allowed to check-in.
9. One Overall Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion pen of hens will be awarded for the show. All other pens of hens will be placed by the judge in a traditional sale order.
10. All delivery/live pick-up of poultry projects sold at the Bellaire FFA Livestock Show through the live auction and barn sale must be done no later than 24 hours following the conclusion of the auction.

## **Division VIII – Horticulture Rules**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. Students may show one project per Horticulture division. Each entry is \$20.00 per project and is due no later than 12:30pm, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
2. Exhibits must be checked in by the student or their parent/guardian at the Bellaire Agriculture Complex on the designated date and time for check-in.
3. No team entries allowed.
4. No students or parents will be allowed in the judging area or to interrupt the judge during the judging.
5. Exhibitors must submit a portfolio at time of check-in. Portfolios MUST contain photos of the project's creation, showing the student and plant in each photo. The portfolio must contain a minimum of 5 photos showing different stages of plant development along with short descriptions for each photo. A list of materials used for the project along with their prices MUST accompany the portfolio. Entries will NOT be accepted without portfolios.
6. Plant dishes/Pots/Containers are NOT judged, ONLY the plant/flowers.
7. Entries may not be of a size larger than the exhibitor is able to carry into the auction ring. If the project does not meet this requirement, it will be disqualified from the show.
8. Exhibitors must determine which divisions they will enter and exhibit at time of entry.
9. Bellaire FFA, Bellaire FFA Alumni Association, Bellaire High School nor HISD will not be responsible for any damage or loss of a project while it is being displayed, judged, or moved on the school grounds.
10. Projects will be awarded ribbons in each Horticulture Division.
11. One (1) Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from all Horticulture Divisions combined.
12. Only the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture projects will be

eligible to sell through the live auction.

### Horticulture Divisions

- Class 1: Fresh Flower Arrangement
  - Any type of fresh flower arrangement that is created by the student.
- Class 2: Ornamental Plants
  - Dish Gardens must be exhibited in a dish type container. Dish gardens must be 75% plant material. Compliance will be determined by the judge.
  - Terrariums must be exhibited in a covered or closed container for growing plants. It must have at least 3 glass sides and may have an open or closed top.
  - Hanging Baskets: All hanging baskets must be in a 10-inch basket.
  - Potted Plants show in a pot that is no less than 6 inches in diameter nor larger than 10 inches in diameter. Potted plants MUST be exhibited in a non-decorative single color pot of any material (i.e. clay, plastic, ceramic, concrete) and the container must only include one species of plant.
- Class 3: Other
  - May include silk, dried, wreaths, etc. that are created by the student.

### **Division IX – Visual Arts**

This division is subject to ALL exhibitor handbook rules and the following division rules.

1. All entries in this division are subject to the general rules and the following Visual Art rules.
2. Students may show only one (1) project per Visual Arts Division. Each entry is \$20.00 per project and is due no later than 12:30pm, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
3. Exhibits must be checked in by the student or parent/guardian at the Bellaire Agriculture Complex on the designated date and time for check-in.
4. No students or parents will be allowed in the judging area or to interrupt the judge during the judging.
5. No team entries allowed.
6. Exhibitors must determine which divisions they will enter and exhibit at time of entry.
7. Projects will be awarded ribbons in each Visual Arts Division.
8. Bellaire FFA, Bellaire FFA Alumni Association, Bellaire High School nor HISD will not be responsible for any damage or loss of a project while it is being displayed, judged, or moved on the school grounds.
9. One (1) Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from all Visual Arts Divisions combined.
10. Only the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Visual Arts projects will be eligible to sell through the live auction.

### Visual Arts Division

- Class 1: Photography = One black and white print of a person, place, or thing
- Class 2: Photography = One color print of a person, place, or thing
- Class 3: Photography = One photo story, 3 to 6 photos mounted on one mat board. Each photo will be no larger than 4" x 6". The art board will be no larger than 16" x 20".
- Class 4: Photography = One black and white print of a person, place, or thing that has been altered from the original outcome
- Class 5: Two Dimensional =
  - i. Oil – work may be on any prepared surface.
  - ii. Acrylic, Watercolor – tempera, gouache, casein
  - iii. Pencil, Pastels, Crayon and Charcoal – must be protected with cellophane.

- iv. Ink Drawings – may include colored ink and felt tip drawings.
- v. Mixed Media – two or more media combined in a single two-dimensional art.

*Additional Picture/Photography Rules:*

1. Photographs must be no smaller than 5" x 7" or larger than 8" x 10". The 5" x 7" photograph will be securely mounted on art board no larger than 8" x 10". The 8" x 10" photograph will be securely mounted on art board no larger than 11" x 14". Flush mounting is acceptable (photographs must be even with edge of artboard). Photographs may be matted but mat may not exceed maximum size of 11x14 after matting. Optional: Photographs may have a "Title" on the front.
2. Photographs must be mounted on art board with no frames or glass. Two-Dimensional Art may be mounted but not framed.
3. Two-Dimensional Art may be matted but may not exceed 16" x 20" without mat.