



Needville Youth Fair

2026 Herdsman Rules

Chairman: Cris Meyer 832.595.4027

Vice Chairman: Nikki Meyer 281.935.0020

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
Online Entry Deadline		
Report Due		
Herdsman Interviews	Friday, April 24, 2026	3:00 p.m.

Rules & Regulations

1. General Compliance

All exhibitors must comply with the Needville Youth Fair General Rules.

2. Entry Requirements

Exhibitors must complete online entry by the posted deadline for their species at www.needvilleyouthfair.com through ShoWorks. Entry fee: **\$10 per exhibitor**.

Exhibitors may enter multiple species categories.

3. Project Experience Book

Each exhibitor must submit a **Project Experience Book** at their species' check-in.

Minimum Requirements

- **One page per month** with a brief description of project activity **and one photo**
 - *Large animals*: monthly updates
 - *Poultry & rabbits*: weekly updates
- One basic **expense page** (purchase cost, feed, vet care, etc.)

- A **summary** of the exhibitor's overall project experience

Format

- Books may be placed in any folder or binder of the exhibitor's choice
- Decorating the book is optional
- **NYF does not provide binders or folders**

Purpose

The goal is for exhibitors to document:

- Growth of the project
- Their knowledge gained
- Their personal experience throughout the project

4. Interviews

Exhibitors will attend an interview with a panel of judges on:

Friday, April 24, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Check-in outside the Fair Office.

- Interviews last **up to 15 minutes** per exhibitor
- Exhibitors with multiple species may interview for **up to 30 minutes**

5. Scoring

Scoring will be based on:

- **Project Experience Book:** up to 50 points
- **Interview:** up to 50 points
- **Judge's discretionary impression points** (used only to break ties)

6. Awards

Awards will be divided into the three NYF age divisions:

- **Junior**
- **Intermediate**
- **Senior**

Exhibitors entered in multiple species will use their **highest combined score** (book + interview) to determine placing.

One Top Herdsman Buckle will be awarded to the winner in each age group.

7. Final Authority

All decisions made by the Division Chairman and/or Co-Chairman are final.

8. Contact

For further information, contact the Vice Chairman: nikkimeyer84@gmail.com