

**2026 Tee and Jo Knox
SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo
Junior Hereford and Polled Hereford Steer Show**

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Entry Fee: \$45 per Head -Limit 2 Steers per exhibitor
Tie Out and Passes (People & Car) included

Online Entry Deadline: * **November 15, 2025**
Summary Sheet + Check Postmarked by Monday, Nov. 17, 2025

Barns Open: 12 Noon, Wednesday, January 7, 2026
In Place: 5 PM, Thursday, January 8, 2026
Classify & Weight Cards: 8:30 AM, Friday, January 9, 2026
Location of Show: Ector Co Coliseum
Time of Show: Saturday, January 10, 2026,
Immediately after heifer pictures are complete
But, NO earlier than 9:30 AM

Sale of Champions: 6:00 pm Saturday, January 10, 2026

Judge: Mark Hoge of Illinois

EXHIBITION RULES:

1. The Junior Hereford Steer show is limited to entries from the State of Texas. To be eligible, exhibitors must be in the third grade and eight years old and no more than nineteen years old by or on September 1, 2025. They must be enrolled in a private or public elementary or secondary school of Texas (accredited home schools are acceptable) and be bona fide residents of Texas during the show dates and proper ownership periods. Exhibitors must have continuously and personally fed and cared for the animals under direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. See entry rules pertaining to validation of Steers for Texas.
2. There will be no limit on the number of 4-H or FFA Steers from a County or FFA Chapter.
3. All entries must be exhibited by the owners, except when an exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class or cannot be present to show the animal due to a medical condition. In these cases, any other 4-H Club or Vocational agricultural student taking part in this show may exhibit the steer.
4. **All Junior Exhibitors must be **Quality Counts** verified and the verification number must be provided on all entry applications when entries are submitted. Entries will not be accepted without a valid Quality Counts Verification number.**

5. An Auction Sale will be provided for top placing Junior Steers entered in the show and competing for premiums. There will be no charge for this Auction Sale. The Supreme Grand Champion steer must sell and it is optional with owners of other placing steers as to whether they sell their steer or not (Each exhibitor may sale a max of 2 steers). All sale animals will be sold on their official weigh-in weights.
6. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by \$250.00. Money will be refunded if protest is sustained. Such protests must plainly state the cause of complaint or appeal and must be presented prior to judging of classes. The Executive Committee of the SandHills Stock Show reserves the right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences arising from any protest. **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED ON CLASSIFYING OR OFFICIAL PLACING.**
7. Exhibitors of Supreme Grand Champion Steer are not allowed to exhibit steers at the SandHills Stock Show in the future.
8. Drug Testing: see Residue Avoidance Program, Animal Health Regulations, USDA Wholesome Meat Act, and General Rules.

EXHIBITION CONDITIONS:

1. Each exhibitor is entitled to enter no more than (2) two steers. The steers must exhibit purebred horned or polled Hereford characteristics. The entries must have been owned, fed and cared for by the exhibitor from June 30, 2025 to the opening day of the show.
2. **All entries must be made on-line by November 15, 2025. Online payments will be accepted. If paying by check, summary sheet and check must be mailed from the county/chapter and post marked by Monday, November 17, 2025. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ALLOWED.** There will be a \$45.00 entry fee charged for each steer. **The entry fee includes Tie-Outs, people passes and car passes.** There will be no refunds on entry fees. All cattle will be bedded on washed sand. Shavings are allowed. Entries entered between November 16, 2025 and December 31, 2025 will be accepted but accessed a \$250.00 late fee.
3. Exhibitors will be pre-stalled before arrival and must have their steers on display during the Show at the assigned stalls. Failure to comply with this condition will disqualify the Exhibitor. Stall requests will be accepted at time of entry.
4. Arrival Time: No arrivals before Noon Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Must be in barn by 5 PM, Thursday, January 8, 2026. Animals will be released after sale order is posted.
5. Weight cards are due when steer is classified. Junior Steer Classification will begin at 8:30 AM on Friday, January 9, 2026. No steer may weigh less than 850 pounds and there is no maximum weight. Three person classifying system will be utilized. No protests allowed. Horned Hereford steers will classify first followed by Polled Hereford steers.



6. Steers will be broke into classes based on the entries that arrive in both Horned Hereford and Polled Hereford breeds.
7. **After judging of each class is completed**, ALL placing steers will be reweighed before leaving the coliseum with a 5% top and bottom weigh-back. If a placing steer weighs out, the remaining qualified steers will advance in placing and become eligible for the Sale of Champions.
8. Exhibitors will indicate their desire to sell at Sale of Champions, if eligible, immediately after each class is judged. The number of steers to be sold out of each class will be designated by the committee. These steers will be branded before leaving the coliseum. DNA will be pulled on 1st place steers immediately following judging of their respective class. Steers showing for Champion and Reserve Champion will indicate desire to sell after the champions are selected. Grand Champion Steer MUST SELL.
9. All first place steers will be drug tested. Random steer(s) may be selected.
10. Exhibitors may not move to tie-outs between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any given day of the show.
11. One fan will be permitted for each three steers. **NO butt fans allowed.**
12. Any steer which has previously been made Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in any National, State or Regional show is not eligible to compete in the individual classes of this show if an official show sale was offered.
13. **Showmanship**: The Showmanship contest will be judged on Friday in a special showmanship class. There is a \$5 entry fee for the Showmanship Contest. Both Steers and Heifers will show together. There will be two age divisions: Junior: Age 13 and under as of January 1, 2026; Senior: Age 14 and up as of January 1, 2026.
14. Any un-sportsman like conduct, such as interfering with the sifting committee; office personnel or judges, is not allowed and will result in the exhibitor being barred from the present and future shows. The decisions of the sifting committee and judges are final.
15. Packer bid price will be posted immediately after judging is completed. Any steers not eligible for the Sale of Champions will be eligible to sell to the Packer. Packer steers will be received after the show on Saturday, January 10, 2026.
16. Unmanageable Steer: The Superintendent and/or committee may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
17. **Steers will be released at the conclusion of their classes. However, if you and your steer leave the fairgrounds, you will forfeit any and all rights to participate in the Sale of Champions.**

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