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State Fair of Texas® Offers Livestock Exhibitors a Passport to Texas

Dallas, TX (July, 15, 2015) – Make plans to travel to Fair Park in Dallas for the biggest adventure of the fall livestock show season: the State Fair of Texas. From Sept. 25 through Oct. 18, Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors and livestock breeders from across the United States will have the opportunity to compete in the traditions of the prestigious Pan Am and Youth Livestock competitions, and continuing education/leadership events.

“Every year the State Fair of Texas is dedicated to providing the best experience to exhibitors and their families,” said Daryl Real, vice-president of Agriculture/Livestock for the State Fair of Texas. “This year is no exception, as we continue to update and make changes to fit the needs of our exhibitors and growing program.”

There are a few changes for this year’s State Fair. The 70-year-old Sale Pavilion is being replaced with a new livestock center. The 55,000-square foot Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center, will be available to house state and national events, livestock auctions and trade shows. The Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center is expected to be completed in 2016. The 2015 Youth Livestock Auction will be held in the Swine Arena. Competitions once held in the sale pavilion will be transferred to other locations, announced closer to the fair.

“The new Livestock Center supports the growth of the scholarship program, allowing us a chance to invest in the future of Texas agriculture,” added Real. “We are excited about the Briscoe-Carpenter Livestock Center and the future of the Livestock Show at the State Fair of Texas.”

The 2015 show and contest schedule has also changed. Please note the updates. A complete schedule and show premium book can be found online at bigtex.com.

- Pan Am and youth rabbit and poultry show dates have changed. The rabbit show will be held Oct. 3-4 and the poultry show will be held Oct. 17-18.
- Pan Am and youth dairy cattle will show during the final week of the State Fair of Texas.
- Pan Am and junior Longhorn cattle shows will now open the State Fair.
- One-day Brahman Show with separate Red and Gray Pan Am and youth shows.
- New Pan Am shows for Shorthorn, Red Brangus and Brangus cattle.
- The 4-H and FFA Wildlife Contest is split into two separate contests. These will take place at the same time and location.

Livestock entry deadlines are as follows: Aug. 25 for youth exhibitors and the Pan Am exhibitor deadline is Sept. 1. For more information on the State Fair of Texas Livestock show updates visit bigtex.com/livestock.

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About State Fair of Texas

Since its inception in 1886, the State Fair of Texas has celebrated all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment. The State Fair of Texas is a non-profit organization with all proceeds helping to preserve and improve Fair Park and underwrite museum, community and scholarship programs for inner city youth and students pursuing agricultural careers. The 2015 exposition runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 18 in Fair Park. Visit BigTex.com for more information.