

2025 Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division Rules

October 14-15, 2025 Schedule of Activities

Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division activities are conducted at the New Salem Club House in Fair Park in Rockdale. Check-in for the Home Economics Division starts on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, but the Rockdale Fair runs from October 11-18, 2025.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service- Milam County- Family and Community Health Committee will coordinate the Home Economics Division. All questions can be answered by emailing Micah Holcombe at: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or calling the Extension Office at 254-697-7045.

NEW- All new items will be bolded and highlighted in YELLOW!

Attention School Entries:

- NOTE: Please provide a **listing of the entries** to assist in organizing the return of your entries: participant; age division and entry division.

2025 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday – October 14	8:00 am until 10:00 am	Check in for ALL divisions
	1:00 pm until 5:00 pm	Judging for all divisions
	5:00 pm until 6:00 pm	Check-out and pick-up for all Baked Goods (All Baked Goods entries not picked-up by 6:00pm will become property of the FCH Committee.)
Wednesday – October 15	8:00 am until 5:00 pm	Exhibits open to the public
	1:00 pm until 5:00 pm	Check-out and pick-up for all divisions (ALL ITEMS MUST BE PICKED UP)
	5:00 pm SHARP	Pictures: Best of Show, Grand and Reserve Champion Winners

General Guidelines for Entries:

1. The Fair is open to all Milam County residents or Youth attending school in Milam County.
2. Age Categories (as of entry date of show):

Beginners	K-2nd Grades
Junior	3-5 Grades
Intermediates	6-8 Grades
Seniors	9-12 Grades
Adults	Ages 19 and above (Those not attending 12th grade anymore)
AGE EXCEPTION	Quilts Categories (Quilts I, II, and III) will be divided into Youth and Adult AGE DIVISIONS:
	Youth: K-12th grade
	Adult: Ages 19 and above (Those not attending 12th grade anymore)

*****Groups/Teams are also welcome to enter together for the Quilt Categories.**

3. All exhibits must have been completed since the last Rockdale Fair-October 2024.
4. All exhibits must be NEW and not a variation or duplication from past year's entries.
5. All exhibits must be made by the exhibitors themselves.
6. All exhibits will be judged, and ribbons awarded as follows for each category:
 - Each division MUST have one grand champion, and one reserve champion selected from 1st place winners in the division. (All divisions MUST be awarded a Grand and Reserve Champion)
 - The divisions will be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.
 - Classes in each division will receive ribbons for 1st through 5th places.
 - A Best of Show Winner will be selected from the Grand Champions in each age category.
7. Entry forms will be available at the time of registration or prior to the show from:
 - Milam County Extension Office, located at 908 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron, Texas (254) 697-7045
 - Milam County 4-H Extension website for Rockdale Fair: <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/rockdale-fair/>
 - Pre-registration is not required for Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division Entries.
8. Maximum Entries per Division:

One entry per participant for the following divisions:

 - Decorated Cakes and Cupcakes
 - Collections

Six entries per participant for the divisions on the division page (excluding baked goods)

Example:

 - One bread, one cake, one cookie, one candy, one pie for a total of **five** entries in the Baked Goods Division.- **No misc category.**
 - Three cakes and three pies for a total of six entries in the Baked Goods Division
 - One wreath, five tree decorations for a total of six entries in the Christmas Craft Division
 - One collection is the maximum entry for the collection Division
9. All entries must be checked in and checked out at the assigned times.
10. Every precaution will be taken to protect articles entered, but in no case will the Rockdale Fair Association or the FCH Committee be responsible for loss, damage, theft or breakage or other forms of loss.
11. Pictures: Pictures will take place at **5:00pm** on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. We will take pictures of Best of Show winners, Grands and Reserve Champion (they will receive their rewards).
12. Home Economics Division participants are **NOT** required to attend the REQUIRED set-up days given by the Rockdale Fair Association.

Divisions

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES:

Afghans

Clothing Art and Handwork Accessories

Hand Stitchery/Needlework

QUILTS:

Quilt Division I

Quilt Division II

Quilt Division III

FOOD:

Baked Goods

Decorated Cakes and Cupcakes

Canned Foods

Produce

Horticulture

CREATIVE ARTS:

Collections

Creative Arts and Crafts

Floral Arrangements

Holiday Crafts

Recycled Arts and Crafts

Woodworking

ART:

Drawings

Paintings

Photography

CLOTHING:

Afghans

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Crochet; Knit, Weaving

Clothing Art and Handwork Accessories

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Handwork Accessories: Knitted Items, Sewn Clothing
- Clothing Art: Clothing must be on hangers for display
- Possible Classes may be: Embellished Clothing; Designed T-shirt Art, Recycled/Repurposed clothing, etc.

Hand Stitchery/Needlework

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Needlepoint; Embroidery; Cross-Stitched; Candlewicking, Smocking, Crewel, Counted Cross-Stitch etc.

QUILTS:

Quilts I – Hand and Machine Quilted (any size EXCEPT BED SIZED QUILTS)

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- NO BED SIZED QUILTS
- Any quilted piece- hand and/or machine quilted (such as: table runner; wall hangers; lap quilt; etc)
- Possible Classes may be: table runner; wall hangers; lap quilt; etc
- Age Divisions: Youth and Adult Divisions and Groups/Teams can enter a quilt together

Quilts II – Hand Quilted Bed Sized Quilts (any BED sized)

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Any hand quilted BED SIZED piece
- Classes will be: Twin, Double, Queen, King
- Age Divisions: Youth and Adult Divisions and Groups/Teams can enter a quilt together

Quilts III – Machine Quilted Bed Sized Quilts (any BED sized)

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Any machine quilted BED SIZED piece
- Classes will be: Twin, Double, Queen, King
- Age Divisions: Youth and Adult Divisions and Groups/Teams can enter a quilt together

FOOD:

Baked Goods

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Recipes Must Be Attached to the Entries
- No professional bakers are allowed to enter
- Classes include: Bread (1 loaf or 3 rolls); Cookies (6 of a kind); Pies; Cakes; Candy (6 of a kind); Cupcakes (6 of a kind), Cake Balls (6 of a kind), etc.
- Disposal containers **are recommended** for food entries
- Please provide a cut piece of your baked good and put it in an airtight container for the judge to sample.

Decorated Cake and Cupcakes

- Maximum Entries: One entry per participant
- Recipes Must Be Attached to the Entries
- No professional bakers are allowed to enter
- Decorated cakes must be completely edible including the decorations and garnishes.
- Classes include: Cakes, Cupcakes (6 of a kind)
- Disposal containers can be used for food entries.
- Please provide a cut piece of your baked good and put it in an airtight container for the judge to sample.

Canned Foods

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- All canned products must be exhibited in standard canning jars and sealed with new lids
- Possible Classes may be: Vegetables; Pickles; Relishes; Fruit; Juices; Salsa; Jams; Jellies

Produce

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Produce must be grown by the exhibitor
- Entry consists of 4-6 small items (such as peppers, tomatoes, etc.) or 1 large item (such as a pumpkin)
- Possible Classes may be: Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, etc.

Horticulture

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- All plants entered need to have been cared for by the exhibitor for at least 6 months
- All single specimens must be displayed in a bottle
- All single specimens must be cut from plants cared for by the exhibitor for at least 6 months
- Possible Classes may be: Single Specimen; Ferns; Blooming Plants-Potted; Hanging Baskets; Cacti and Succulents; Potted Foliage Plants; etc.

CREATIVE ARTS:

Collections

- Maximum Entries: One entry per participant
- Collection is a group of five or more items
- Collections are limited to 36 inch table space
- Collections cannot be an addition or duplication of an entry from past years.
- Collection ideas – Dolls; Insects; Buttons; Flowers; Shells; Sport Cards; Stamps; Rocks; etc.

Creative Arts and Crafts

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Ceramics; Porcelain; Jewelry; Models; Leatherwork; Scrapbooks, Artistic Arrangements, etc.

Floral Arrangements

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- All flower arrangements entered need to be fresh cut flowers and arranged in a jar, vase, or other artistic method
- All potted plants will continue to be judged in horticulture.
- Possible Classes may be: funeral sprays, table top/centerpiece arrangements, wreaths, bouquets, misc

Holiday Crafts

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: ANY HOLIDAY- Tree Decorations; Wreaths, Centerpieces; etc.

Recycled Arts and Crafts

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Folk art, Jewelry, Arts and Crafts general, etc

Woodworking Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Possible Classes may be: Furniture; Accessories; Toys; Houses; etc.

ART:

Drawings Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- Entries can be pen, ink, charcoal, chalk, crayon or other media that includes drawing only
- Possible Classes may be: Animals, People, Landscape, Still Life, Flora/Plant, etc.

Paintings Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- Entries can be oil, water colors, acrylics, and other media that includes painting only
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Photography Division

- Maximum Entries: Six entries per participant
- Entries must be mounted, matted or framed
- Photos no smaller than 4x6 and no larger than 8x10.
- Entries may be colored and black and white photos (digital photos or film photos)
- **Photos MUST be put in one of the following classes:**

Animals- Both Domestic and Wildlife	Plant/Flora
People	Food
Nature/Landscape	Catch- ALL
- For descriptions of each category, please visit this website: <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/projects/photography-contests/>
(PLEASE NOTE: Not all categories are provided at Rockdale Fair- there are additional categories within the Texas 4-H photography contest-those categories not provided at Rockdale Fair would be put in the Catch-ALL category or other related categories they fit into)

Participation in the Rockdale Fair is open to any resident of Milam County and Youth attending school in Milam County regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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Form (separate form for each entry)**

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4-H Club/FFA Chapter/School Name:	City:

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Clothing Art and Handwork Accessories	Canned Foods	Recycled Arts and Crafts	
Hand Stitchery/Needlework	Produce	Woodworking	
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