



2012 San Antonio JAM Updates

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Thanks and Appreciation

There are many aspects to the JAM show and I would like to start by saying thank you to the show officials; livestock office personal; San Antonio Ag Mech committee; judges; and university people who make the show work. Jeff Thayne livestock director and Ashley Osbourn, assistant director have made big contributions to making the JAM Show a success this past year. Rick Laden, Ag Mech Committee chairman and Marcus Demel who does so much of the computer work also need to be recognized. Ryan Saucier helped by organizing the university student help. Approximately 60 judges are used each year and a big thank you goes to these individuals. A big thanks to Farm Bureau Insurance for sponsoring JAM, and all of the other contributors for the support that they give our show.

Teachers and students need to continue to write thank you letters to these contributors. Remember the names and addresses are posted on the JAM show website.

JAM Goals

Our goals are to encourage, recognize, reward learning and develop skills through design, construction and exhibition of the Ag Mechanics project or the restoration of a tractor. These projects showcase these skills along with leadership, technical abilities and the knowledge learned by our Texas youth.

To realize these goals and make the show truly educational a lot of research and planning should take place soon after school starts. Plans, drawings, and downloading check sheets could be part of early lessons in Ag Mech.

Website Information

Study and be familiar with the JAM show website at <http://jamshow.org> . There are HTML presentations that students could review on their own. The drafting and drawing section in the documentation presentation is very good information.

Here are some of the other important items found on the site.

- Texas Transportation Code
- Trailer: Federal Lighting Equipment location requirements
- Additional links – there is a lot of good information and the 2007 document on Trailer Statues (pdf) by Charles Turner. [Look for updates](#)
- Copies of JAM check sheets used by judges – Judges check sheet will be revised for 2012. *I think students need to see these before they build a project.* This section also includes the naming of projects section and 3 point hitch information.
- As stated earlier information on proper drawing and bill of materials can be found in the Project Documentation HTML presentations.

ASABE website link (Revised 9/6/2011)

ASABE is a good place to get information. Be sure you are using current up to date standards. For example the PTO standards have been revised – you may get to it by using 500 (the new standard number) in the number box.

Go to the website link and on the home page choose Technical library. Choose a category and complete the find document box, click GO. On the next page to come up, find the article you are interested in choose download PDF. Click the title of the article then enter the member number word for the current month and the password is 2011. Check the copyright box and click log in.

If you let the computer you are on remember the PW this will cause problems in later months.

The monthly codes and Password to access the Standards were provided at the teachers conference in the summer. If you did not get these please e-mail tractor@lonshell.com and they will be provided to you.

A more detailed procedure description for accessing and searching ASABE Standards is provide in Additional Links on the <http://jamshow.org> WEB page

Updates and New Material

- **JAM dates** are Feb. 24th – 26th. This is a week later than usual and will give more time to complete projects.
- **Photos in documentation and research package.** No more than 24 pictures can be included. There can be up to 4 pictures to a page. At least two per page is recommended. To save size of notebook, it is recommended to not insert photographs in plastic sleeves. Additional photographs may be displayed in a separate folder or notebook for the public to view, but judges will not review them.
Power point displays are allowed if electricity is available at the site.
Tractors use no more than 30 pictures. It is recommended that tractor pictures be organized by section IV through IX as identified in the Tractor check sheet #2. You need quality photos, not cell phone photos. Pictures should be labeled by identifying activity being performed and name of exhibitors. Have some photos of the leaders being involved.
- **Substitution rules remain the same.** An effort was made to change this, but the rule remains the same.
- A copy of the documentation check sheet and other judges check sheets appropriate to the project should be included in Part D of the documentation package. Please refer to the JAM website because most check sheets will be revised for 2012.
- Awards and other material from other project shows should **not** be included in the documentation or display.
- **Maximum width of 102 remains the same.** Any trailer that is over wide without a permit will remain in the same class but will be placed down a ribbon color. All over wide trailers with permits will be shown in the Other Trailers class #29.
- Trailer inspectors are revising the 2007 Trailer Statutes document. Please review this on the website for any updates.
- **Projects missing a major component of documentation** will be lowered a ribbon color. For example, if an exhibitor has no drawing or no bill of materials page the project is lowered a ribbon color.

- It is recommended that exhibitor card be placed in a clear plastic sleeve and affixed to the project by tie straps.
- It is recommended that exhibitors wear JAM caps presented to them while showing their project and during pictures at the awards ceremony.

Possible Changes

A new contest – Agricultural Project Development and Sales Presentation – is under development. Watch the premium list to see if it will begin for the 2012 show or at a later date. A draft copy of the rules is available.

- We may have a teacher survey after the show this year.
- Tractor point summary sheet may be given to the exhibitor at the end of judging.

Please remember that the Premium List is not finalized as of this date. Premium List rules are the final source of information and rules for the Ag Mech contest.

We are continually working to update and make each year's show better than the previous one. We hope that more chapters will choose to attend the JAM show at San Antonio and we appreciate any suggestions or comments.