



Official Rules

Certified Texas Bred Registry

A Program of the Texas Pork Producers Association, Inc.

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Purpose

The purpose of the Certified Texas Bred Registry is to promote Texas bred and produced show pigs and to support the 4-H and FFA club members of Texas.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these rules the following words and phrases are defined to provide a better understanding of the Certified Texas Bred Registry:

Certified Texas Bred Registry (CTBR) – A program created by the Texas Pork Producers Association (TPPA) in which youth and producer members of TPPA may participate. The purpose is to promote Texas bred and produced show pigs and to support 4-H and FFA club members of Texas.

CTBR Certificate – A form published by TPPA that is used by breeders; the breeder provides their name and address, the breed, ear notches and sex of the pig being identified. The breeder then provides the buyer or exhibitor with the CTBR Certificate. The exhibitor will present the CTBR certificate to individuals representing CTBR at the show. Breeders are NOT allowed to make any copies of the CTBR Certificate.

CTBR Pig – A pig that has satisfied the requirements of eligibility of the CTBR Program.

CTBR Replacement Certificate – a certificate that will be issued in lieu of an original CTBR Certificate issued by a CTBR Breeder. The CTBR Replacement Certificate will be available at the show.

CTBR Litter Record – A record of the number of litters farrowed and litter notches assigned to those litters furnished to the TPPA CTBR Program prior to **September 1, 2023**. The TPPA strongly encourages breeders to notch litters in sequence starting with the litter 1 notch. Breeders that do not use this method will furnish litter numbers as part of the CTBR Litter Record.

Breeder Certificate Log – A form furnished by TPPA to breeders to record the breed, and ear notches of a specific pig. The Breeder Certificate Log is mailed to the breeder with the certificates after they're purchased. The breeder is required to mail, fax or email a copy of the Breeder Certificate Log by **January 1, 2023**. If the Breeder Certificate Log is faxed, please call the office to verify that the fax was received.

Show or Shows – CTBR only participates in the following market barrow shows: State Fair of Texas; Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show (Fort Worth); San Antonio Livestock Exposition; Houston Livestock Show; Rodeo Austin. CTBR also participates in the Texas' Elite Showcase gilt show at Kerrville. A CTBR Certificate is valid only at these shows.

CTBR Class Champion(s) – The highest placing CTBR Pig in each

weight class of each breed division at each of the shows. The judge determines the placing and the placing must be an official placing listed or recorded by the show.

BREEDER ELIGIBILITY

1. A breeder must be actively engaged in the production of porcine animals within the state of Texas. "Actively engaged" is defined as an owner, operator, contract operator, manager, or employee who is committed to, occupied with, and involved in the production of porcine animals.
2. A breeder must be an active member of the Texas Pork Producers Association. In the case of partnerships, each breeder listed on the CTBR Certificate must be a member of the Texas Pork Producers Association.
3. **A breeder must pay all fees for properly registering pigs in CTBR. Failure to comply will result in the breeder becoming ineligible to participate in CTBR and all CTBR Numbers purchased by the breeder will be invalid.**
4. A breeder may be requested to provide the CTBR with information that validates the authenticity of breeding, farrowing, raising and registering pigs as Texas bred as defined by CTBR. This may include a farm visit from representatives of the CTBR. Failure to comply may result in the breeder becoming ineligible to participate in CTBR.
5. A breeder must submit a CTBR Litter Record to the TPPA prior to **September 1, 2023** to be eligible to purchase CTBR Certificates. The Litter Record must include the number of litters farrowed and a record of the litter notches assigned to those litters. **If past deadline September 1, 2023 and before December 15, 2023:** To be considered for eligibility a breeder must submit to TPPA in writing a Litter Record with the number of litters farrowed and an explanation of their litter notches assigned to those litters; breeder will pay a monetary fee **of \$100.00** and will be subject to record and herd inspection. **The deadline for submitting a Litter Record is December 15, 2023, after which a breeder will not be eligible to purchase CTBR certificates.**

PIG ELIGIBILITY

1. Each pig must be conceived in Texas.
2. Each pig must be conceived, farrowed and raised in Texas and sold by a member of the Texas Pork Producers Association
3. Each pig must be properly ear-notched by the breeder for litter number and pig number.

PIG REGISTRATION

Breeder must:

1. Purchase an official CTBR Certificate for each pig to be

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registered for the participating shows.

2. Accurately complete all of the breeder information requested on the CTBR certificate.
3. Give the completed CTBR certificate to the purchaser or exhibitor of the pig.
4. Record the pig's ear notches, breed, and sex next to the corresponding CTBR Certificate Number on the Breeder Certificate Log.
5. If a bred sow is sold and purchased in Texas to another CTBR breeder, the new breeder is responsible for the litter participating in the CTBR program.
6. **Breeder Certificate Logs must be faxed, mailed or emailed to the TPPA by January 1, 2024. Additions or corrections to the Breeder Certificate Logs may be submitted at any time after the deadline without penalty. A late fee of \$25.00 must be submitted with all Breeder Certificate Logs received or postmarked after January 1, 2024.** In the event that a breeder does not submit a Breeder Certificate Log, all certificates will be rendered invalid until a log is submitted. Breeder Certificate Logs will be accepted at the show, **accompanied with the late fee payment**. Changes and additions to Breeder Certificate Logs will be accepted at the show. If the Breeder Certificate Log is faxed please call the office to verify that the fax was received.
7. Keep the original Breeder Certificate Log for your records.

TERMS AND FEES

1. An official CTBR Certificate will be valid for the spring **2023** shows or until invalidated by CTBR. A separate Certificate must be purchased for the State Fair of Texas.
2. **For first orders (if breeder has met eligibility requirements):** CTBR Certificates are \$7.00 each if purchased on or before **December 15, 2023**. CTBR Certificates are \$14.00 each if purchased after **December 15, 2023**. Post mark date is required to qualify. Allow 7 to 10 days for processing orders after TPPA receives the order and payment. CTBR Certificates will be sent to breeders by regular mail of the U.S Postal Service.
3. **For Orders of Additional CTBR Certificates:** Breeders that order more than 50 CTBR Certificates by the first order deadline of **December 15, 2023** can purchase additional CTBR Certificates for \$7.00 each. Breeders that order less than 50 CTBR Certificates by the first order deadline of **December 15, 2023** can purchase additional CTBR Certificates for \$14.00 each.
4. **Payment of all fees and charges must be received before CTBR Certificates will be mailed.**
5. CTBR Certificates are non-transferable between breeders.
6. Lost CTBR Certificates must be reported to TPPA and will be replaced if requested.
7. Breeders may send a written request for a refund of unused CTBR Certificates **along with the unused CTBR Certificates to TPPA postmarked by December 15, 2023**. All CTBR Certificates will be refunded at the rate of \$4.00 each.

SHOW PREMIUMS & REQUIREMENTS

1. TPPA will pay a premium to the highest placing CTBR pig in each weight class of the market barrow shows at the following livestock exhibitions: State Fair of Texas; Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show (Fort Worth); San Antonio Livestock Exposition; Houston Livestock Show, and Rodeo Austin. CTBR will contribute additional premium money to Texas' Elite Showcase to be distributed to the top five placing gilts in each class, plus for breeds and overalls. For more information on additional awards and premium amounts for Texas' Elite Showcase gilt show, visit **texaseliteshowcase.com**.
2. Premiums will be paid to the exhibitor by \$100 bill immediately after the exhibitor's class.
3. The exhibitor must present the CTBR Certificate when requested by the individual representing CTBR at the show.
4. A designated representative of the TPPA will be present at each show in order to verify the qualifications of each barrow or gilt and collect CTBR Certificates. These representatives will also provide breeders and exhibitors with CTBR Replacement Certificates.

PROTESTS & PENALTIES

1. All protests of these rules and regulations, or of the Certified Texas Bred Registry, must be made in writing to TPPA. TPPA and/or the CTBR Committee will settle all protests and disputes.
2. Failure to properly register pigs sold as CTBR, or registration of ineligible pigs as CTBR, or the misuse of CTBR Certificates will subject the individual to penalties set forth by TPPA.
3. Any violation of these rules or regulations may result in disqualification of eligibility of pig registration and/or disqualification for premiums and/or suspension from the Certified Texas Bred Registry. Suspension will be at the discretion of the board based upon the severity of the offense.
4. In the event that CTBR Certificates are invalidated or if a breeder is disqualified from participating in the Certified Texas Bred Registry all fees and penalties paid by the breeder are forfeited to TPPA.
5. **The validity of the Certified Texas Bred Registry is wholly dependent on the honesty and integrity of the breeders participating in the Registry and the reliability of pig registration.**
6. **Cases of CTBR Pig Eligibility will be determined by CTBR Committee members.**