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**STAR OF TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PRESENTS STATEWIDE LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Austin, Texas, October 19, 2006 – Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo (STFR) is pleased to announce that for the first time, eligibility will expand statewide to all 254 counties in Texas for the 2007 Livestock Show. STFR has experienced unprecedented growth with show entries increasing over 739% in the past seven years. As a result, STFR is proud to be the fastest growing and now eighth largest junior livestock show in North America. “We are looking forward to an exceptional year, as we are excited to offer all Texas 4-H and FFA students an opportunity to compete in our event,” states STFR’s Competitive Events Coordinator, Allyson Tjoelker.

Contestants from around the state may enter market steers, barrows, goats, heifers, poultry and rabbits in the junior show. The deadline for entry in the junior show is December 1, 2006. STFR also provides an open division where contestants may compete against some of the top ranchers in the world with Longhorns, Miniature Herefords and Boer goats. All applications for the open division are due February 1, 2007. To enter online, visit [www.RodeoAustin.com](http://www.RodeoAustin.com).

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The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is “Promoting Youth Education – Preserving Western Heritage.” The Fair and Rodeo is a 15 day event in March featuring ProRodeos, live concerts, youth livestock shows, carnival rides, local vendors, and many other exciting events. More than 2,200 volunteers, donors and sponsors contribute to the Star of Texas mission of serving the youth of Texas. Over the last 20 years, the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo has awarded more than \$20 million to Texas students. For more information about the Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo, log on to [www.RodeoAustin.com](http://www.RodeoAustin.com) or call the Star of Texas organization at 512.919.3000.

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