



2019 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair  
4-H Hay Bale Decorating Contest

*Fair Dates: February 28 – March 10, 2019*

- No fee to enter – bales are sponsored by Sweet Cypress Ranch.
- Each club will receive one round hay bale to decorate, approximately 4'X5', will vary slightly.
- Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, creativity, and use of materials (25 % each).
- Hay bales are to be decorated with a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations allowed.
- Hay bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end, with exhibit space being approximately 10'x15'. We will set the bales; you must stabilize to avoid tipping or rolling. Small rectangular bales for feet or decoration may be added by the club, however keep in mind exhibit space is approximately 10'x15'.
- Decorations should be **weather and wind-proof**, as the bales will be staged outdoors; only solar lighting allowed.
- Paint may be applied to the hay bale only and decorations.
- Hay bales may be decorated Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9am and 7pm. Judging will take place on Thursday, February 28, 2019, prior to the Fair opening.
- 12" x 24" plastic corrugated sign board showing club name is allowed. No other signs allowed.
- Hay Bales must be 'undressed' Sunday, March 10, 2019, **after 4pm**. Any items left will be discarded.
- Entry deadline is February 6, 2019.

Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Blue Rosette, \$300
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Red Rosette, \$200
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – White Rosette, \$100

Registrations must be made on line at [www.swflcfair.com](http://www.swflcfair.com) and clicking on the 4-H Department. Registration deadline is February 6, 2019.