



2021 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair

Hay Bale Decorating Contest

Fair Dates: February 25 – March 7, 2021

- No fee to enter – bales are sponsored in part by Sweet Cypress Ranch.
- Each club will receive one round hay bale to decorate, approximately 4'X5', will vary slightly.
- Entries will be judged in 4 parts - construction, creativity, eye appeal, 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'. Hay bales will be set on location, but you must stabilize to avoid tipping or rolling. Small rectangular bales for feet, props and/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 and/or chalk may be applied to the hay bale only and decorations.
- Locations will be selected randomly, and will be clubs notified as to their location prior to set up.
- Hay bales may be decorated Tuesday, February 23rd and Wednesday, February 24th between the hours of 9am and 7pm. Judging will take place on Thursday, February 25, 2021, prior to the Fair opening. In circumstances of inclement weather, adjustments will be determined.
- 12"x 24" plastic corrugated sign board showing club name is allowed. No other signs allowed.
- Hay Bales must be 'undressed' Sunday, March 7, 2021, **after 4pm**. Any items left will be discarded.
- Entry deadline is February 5, 2021.

Awards:

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

Registrations must be made on line at www.swflcfair.com and clicking on the Competitions tab. Registration deadline is February 12, 2021. Club Leader must register as the 'Exhibitor' prior to proceeding to registration to the Hay Bale Division.