



**2022 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair**  
**Hay Bale Decorating Contest**  
**Fair Dates: February 24 – March 6, 2022**

This Competition is open to all Youth Groups - 4-H, FFA, Schools, Civic/Community Clubs, etc.

**2022 Theme: HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES**

- No fee to enter – bales are sponsored in part by Sweet Cypress Ranch.
- Each club/organization 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. Chalk may be used on bale, decorations, & the ground.
- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 9am and 7pm. Judging will take place on Thursday, February 24, 2022, 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.
- Hay Bales must be 'undressed' Sunday, March 6, 2022, **after 4pm**. Any items left will be discarded.
- **Clubs undressing Hay Bales prior to 4pm on Sunday, March 6, 2022 will forfeit any premiums won.**
- Entry deadline is February 11, 2022, and registration must be made online at [www.swflcfair.com](http://www.swflcfair.com). The Leader will register as the Exhibitor and then proceed to register their club/organization.

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

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