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2024 LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULEBOOK

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LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT - GENERAL RULES & SHOW INFORMATION FOR THE 2024 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA & LEE COUNTY FAIR

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair welcomes our exhibitors who make the Fair what it is - a great place for youth and agribusiness to show and compete. Your participation also provides educational opportunities for the general public to learn more about agriculture and where our food comes from. Rules and Regulations are applicable to all Livestock Exhibitors. The Fair Association is proud of our Livestock Program, our Livestock Barn Leaders, and all our volunteers; of their commitment to making this program the best it can be.

All Registrations must be made electronically through our registration program 'ShoWorks' on the Fair's website at www.swflcfair.com, under the Livestock Tab. Payment is due at the time of registration. Please read the registration instructions on the opening page of ShoWorks prior to beginning registration. By registering for the Fair, each Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian agrees to abide by the Terms, Conditions, Rules, and Policies, including CDC Guidelines, as routinely updated, of the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. Please print the General Rules and specific Class/Show Rules for your entry and follow them accordingly.

For exhibitors with disabilities participating in our program, an Accommodation Plan Request Form should be sent to franc@swflcfair.com. The Accommodation Plan Request Form can be located on our website, on the Livestock Page. Please download the form and return it by email at your earliest convenience, but no later than February 1, 2024.

All questions regarding the Livestock Program should be directed to the respective Barn Chairperson listed below by emailing the Livestock Department at: livestockquestions@swflcfair.com

LIVESTOCK BARN CHAIRS & LEADERS

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| Beef | Robert Edwards and Randy Dull |
| Goats | Jacie Johns and Stacy Johns |
| Horse: | Jenny McPherson and Katie Patten |
| Small Animals | Ashlie Tillman |
| Steer | Nancy Lee |
| Swine | Michael Johns, Cody Haskett, and Waylon Strout |

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The primary purpose of the Fair is to provide a place to display livestock, agriculture, crafts and the like in a safe, family-oriented environment. The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair is a special annual event of limited duration, with a specific objective of providing thousands of attendees a wide variety of information and entertainment in a safe, family-oriented environment.

2024 GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

- Livestock Entries** – All entries must be made online at <http://www.swflcfair.com/livestock> by the specified date below. Entries not completed by the deadline will not be accepted. General Rules apply to all exhibitors and all shows, and any person who knowingly violates any of these rules and provisions forfeits all rights, privileges and premiums offered. All exhibitors agree to abide by the National Code of Show Ring Ethics, which can be found at <http://www.swflcfair.com/livestock>.

| Division | Max. Allowed | Non-Refundable Registration Fee Per Animal | Closing Date - Must Register On-Line (Registration automatically cuts off at midnight) |
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| Market Animal – 1 only Steer or Swine-not both | 1 only | \$75 | |
| Steer | | | Friday, September 15, 2023 |
| Swine | | | Friday, October 13, 2023 |
| Goat – must be owned by Exhibitor – no leases accepted. | 1 per class, 5 max | \$30 | Friday, November 3, 2023 |
| Goat – PeeWee’s | 1 per class, 2 max | \$30 | Friday, November 3, 2023 |
| Horse | 2 max | \$60 per horse | Friday, November 3, 2023 |
| Small Animal – Cloverbuds | Rabbit/Cavy – 2 max Poultry – 2 max | \$5 | Friday, November 3, 2023 |
| Small Animal - PeeWee’s | Rabbit/Cavy – 2 max Poultry – 2 max | \$15 | Friday, November 3, 2023 |
| Small Animals | Rabbit/Cavy – 6 max Poultry – 6 max | \$15 | Friday, November 3, 2023 |
| Beef Breeding | Max 4 – 1 per class | \$45 | Friday, November 3, 2023 |

- Physical Residence, Club Membership Standing & Age** - Exhibitors must physically reside in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, or Lee County, must be currently enrolled in a school program, and must be a bona fide member in good standing of a Chartered 4-H/FFA program active in the region representative of the Fair. After the 1st weigh-in, animals must reside in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, or Lee County. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification. The Fair Management reserves the right to ask for proof of school records. Exhibitors in beef breeding, horse, swine, and steer competition must be eight (8) years old as of September 1st of the current Fair season. Livestock entries for show and sale by clubs or groups will not be accepted.
- Age Classes** - Age determination for judging, showmanship and grooming awards shall be based on the exhibitor’s **age as of September 1 prior to the current Fair season**. Age Divisions shall be divided into four (4) classes: PeeWee/Cloverbud: ages 5-7 (**Cloverbuds can show in Small Animal only**); Junior: ages 8-10; Intermediate: ages 11-13; Senior: ages 14-18 (High School Senior).
Premiums/Awards will be awarded into four (4) divisions: PeeWee/Cloverbud: ages 5-7 (**Cloverbuds receive Participation Ribbons only**) Junior: ages 8-10; Intermediate: ages 11-13; Senior: ages 14-18 (High School Senior).
- Management Rights** - The management of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair. The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss, or well-being of exhibits; however, every reasonable precaution will be observed.

5. **Protests** - Any and all show protests must be made and submitted in writing, plainly stating the complaint and be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$150.00 for each protest and delivered to the Fair Manager within 24 hours after the cause of protest. The Protest will be evaluated and addressed within 24 hours.
6. **Property Responsibility** - The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risks and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes, whether the exhibits, property of the exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal until the end of the fair, at which time market animals become the liability of the purchaser.
7. **Mandatory Meetings, Attendance and Parent/Legal Guardian** - A parent or legal guardian must accompany the exhibitor to all mandatory meetings, unless otherwise specified herein. At any official weigh-in, both parent/legal guardian and exhibitor must sign in (at final weigh-in at Fair time, the exhibitor is not required to be present). If the exhibitor is not accompanied by a parent/guardian, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show. Exhibitor, animal, & parent/guardian must be checked in by the designated time. If Exhibitor is accompanied by a 'designated legal guardian', a notarized document must be provided to the Barn Chair at the designated weigh-in/check-in. A copy shall be retained for the Exhibitor's file. Should an exhibitor need to miss an obligatory meeting or deadline, the Exhibitor may petition the Fair Management for a one (1) time exemption but must be communicated as early as possible **prior to the event** to discuss possible options. Barn Chairs have discretion, with the approval of the Fair Management on making optional arrangements. Should a solution not be agreed upon, a fine of no greater than \$150 may be imposed, upon approval of the Fair Management.
8. **Beef and Steer Prospect Show Requirements** – All Exhibitors in the Beef Breeding/Steer Division are required to attend, and fully participate in weight classes, in at least one (1) Prospect Show with their registered SWFL & Lee County Fair animal by January 15, 2024. A photograph must be emailed to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com and the photograph must show the specific exhibitor showing and all pertinent information included – location and date of the Prospect Show.
9. **Small Animal Clinic Requirements** – All Exhibitors in the **Small Animal Division** are required to attend **one Clinic per species. Clinic Dates will be published via the Fair's Website, the Fair's Facebook, and SWFL Small Animal Barn Facebook pages. (PeeWee and Cloverbud Exhibitors are encouraged, but not required to attend a Clinic).** Exhibitors must sign-in at required clinics. **It is also required that NEW EXHIBITORS in the Small Animal Barn attend the New Exhibitor Orientation on Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9am to 11am. It is encouraged that all Exhibitors attend the Orientation for any Q & A.**
10. **Ethics Training & Premise ID** - All livestock exhibitors, ages 8 to 18, must have completed the Ethics Training to show an animal at the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair. When registering for the Fair, the Ethics and Premise ID numbers must be entered. Should the Exhibitor not have the information at the time of registration, enter 0's in the field. Exhibitors are responsible for emailing Ethics Numbers to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com prior to the deadline. First time exhibitors must have their Ethic's number and Premise ID number by Friday, February 9, 2024. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of animal registered. PeeWee Exhibitors must still have a Premise ID to show.
11. **Proof of Ownership** – The Livestock Owners Certificate must be submitted at the first official weigh-in/tag-in/check-in. **The Livestock Owners Certificate can be found in the Exhibitors Packet, located on the website under the Livestock Tab.** This form will be retained and placed in the Exhibitor's file.

12. **Current Health Certificate** - Each animal (exception: Small Animals) must have a current up to date health certificate from a veterinarian dated not more than 90 days prior to the Fair. **Horses must have an up-to-date Coggins certificate dated within one (1) year of Fair, and a health certificate dated within 10 days of entering fair from a veterinarian.** No health papers will be issued at the weigh-in. All exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own health papers. Unloading privileges will be refused to any stock not accompanied by official health certificates. Exhibitors are to provide an extra copy to be retained and placed in their file.

MARKET HOGS MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATION 9CFR.71.19. This regulation requires that all swine being shown at fairs or exhibitions (interstate commerce) must have official individual identification. Swine presented that do not meet the federal official individual identification requirements may not be allowed entrance into the fair.

STATE RULES

- **All Swine, Steer and Beef will have to have an up to date (90 days) health certificate at the final weigh in/drop off. An animal will not be permitted to stay on grounds without this documentation. The RFID/Breeder Tag must match the Health Certificate.**
 - **All Swine, Steer and Beef will have to have An Official ID regardless of age.**
 - **At the time of slaughter there will be a report, with OFFICIAL ID number recorded, given to the/each slaughterhouse.**
 - **The slaughter report then will be required to have 2 signatures and to be kept for a minimum of 2 years.**
 - **Acceptable ID are as follows: Metal tag, Round Orange tag or button, and the Round RFID tag.**
13. **Weigh-Ins, Check-Ins, and Check-Outs** - It is the SOLE responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or parent/guardian to unload and load their animal at the first weigh-in. Assistance will be provided, upon request ONLY. The Fair Association, Livestock Barn Chairs, and other volunteers are not responsible for any injury to animal and/or any exhibitor and/or any parent/guardian when assistance has been requested and provided. All animals will be weighed on certified scales provided by the Fair Association. Re-weighing, if deemed necessary by the scale master, will be done prior to the animal leaving the scale chute. The scale will be set to zero (0) and the animal will be reweighed one time only. There are no substitutions allowed for animals after weigh-in/check-in. During weigh-ins only the Exhibitor or one parent will be allowed in the scale area along with Scale Master unless prior approval is granted by the Barn Chair. All weigh slips are signed by the Scale Master. The Exhibitor will be given one copy and one copy will be retained for their file.
14. **Competitions and Shows** – All competitions and shows are subject to the General Rules. Additional rules for various competitions and shows are outlined in the respective divisions, however General Rules will not be repeated in the Show and Barn Rules. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know and follow all the rules. All exhibitors must pre-register for all competitions and shows – there will be no ‘walk up’ entries allowed. All exhibitors must be dressed in the appropriate show attire for all competitions and shows (see Rule #25). There is not a separate show for Swine and Steer Showmanship, nor a separate registration for Showmanship. Showmanship will take place during the respective Show and winners chosen are at the discretion of the Judge.
15. **Animal Screening** - All animals used for exhibits or market will be screened regarding health, manageability, and quality. The Barn Chair / Fair Management reserves the right to reject or require removal of any animal because of health, unmanageability, or inferior quality. If a market animal has a hernia, sores, or lesions, it will be disqualified from entry to the Fair.
16. **Property Subject to Control** - All property entered at the fair for any purpose shall be subject to the control of the Fair Management. Any animal to be exhibited may be used for the 4-H and FFA judging competition. No animal will be used without proper notification to the owner.
17. **Barn Rules** – **Barn Rules are posted in the respective barn, as well as located in this book.** It is the responsibility of each Exhibitor to familiarize themselves with, and to follow all rules. Pertinent information such as Barn Chairperson’s contact information, and any announcements will be posted in the respective barn.

18. **Tampering Prohibited** - Tampering with any animal exhibit entered, such as filling with foreign substances, etc., is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals or possession of the same after arrival to the fair will be construed as a form of tampering. Tampering will result in immediate disqualification of the animal. No chemicals are to be administered within 30 days of show dates unless administered by a veterinarian and accompanied by a letter from him or her.
19. **Duration of Animal Stay** - Animals must remain at the fairgrounds until their designated release time. Release times are posted in the respective barns as part of the Barn Rules. Unauthorized removal of any animal or exhibit prior to the designated release time will cause forfeiture of all premiums won, all fees paid and eligibility of participation the following year. If, in such case, a veterinarian determines the need to have an animal removed, only then shall the animal be removed, as coordinated with the appropriate barn chairperson.
20. **Pen and Stall Cleaning - Exhibitors** are required to feed and clean the pens/stalls daily for each animal they bring to the Fair. Any animal exhibit found and determined not to be receiving proper care by the exhibitor (feed, water, clean pen/stall, etc.) will be cared for by show management. In this case, a notice of violation will be issued to the exhibitor. In addition, a fine may be imposed, including and up to an assessment of up to \$50.00 per day. Fines will be deducted from any premium or sale money due to the exhibitor. Should the situation not be corrected immediately, the exhibitor will be disqualified from showing **in all barns** for the rest of the current Fair, even if registered to show multiple animals, and the registered animal(s) removed from the Fairgrounds. All exhibitors will adhere to all rules. Failure to follow rules may result in forfeiture to participate the following year.
21. **Feeding Times and Responsibilities** - Feeding times in all barns/departments are located within the respective barn information and will also be posted in the respective Barn. Evening feedings must be completed by 6pm as barns will be open to the public at that time. All Exhibitors must feed once a day on weekdays and twice a day on weekends. Exhibitors must sign in and out for each feeding. Announcements related to possible change of feeding times will be posted in the respective barn.
22. **Grooming** - Exhibitors are required to groom their own animal; however, exhibitors may enlist the “hands-on help” of other exhibitors only. Parental help is not allowed. Professional groomers are not allowed in the make-up area. Shaving, dyeing or defacing animals in any way will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal will be removed from the Fair and be ineligible for sale.
23. **Safe Handling and Control of Animals** - All animals must be handled/managed safely by the Exhibitor. If you lose control of your animal three (3) times, it will be subject to removal from the Show and Fairgrounds at the discretion of the Barn Chair and Fair Management. Bovine must be doubled tied with halter and neck ropes.
24. **Exhibitor Workdays** – Exhibitor Workdays, such as ‘clean-up’ days, are mandatory and will be addressed in the respective Barn Division and posted in the respective Barn. All Livestock Exhibitors are required to participate in workdays during the Fair and must ‘sign-in’ for ‘clean-up days’ upon arrival. Exhibitor’s failure to participate in the mandatory workdays may result in the exhibitor forfeiting the opportunity to show the following year and a possible fine of up to \$150, upon the approval of the Fair Management. Fines imposed will be deducted from any premiums and/or sale proceeds. Should the Exhibitor be in a barn not selling their project - any fine imposed will be paid prior to the following year’s Fair. Should an exhibitor need to miss an obligatory workday, meeting or deadline, the Exhibitor may petition their Barn Chair for a one (1) time exemption. This must be communicated as early as possible **prior to the event** to discuss possible options. Barn Chairs have discretion, with the approval of the Fair Management on making optional arrangements. Should a solution not be agreed upon, a fine of no greater than \$150 may be imposed, upon approval of the Fair Management.

25. **Exhibitor Competition and Show Attire** – Exhibitors shall wear dark black or dark blue pants with a long-sleeved, button front dress shirts and leather boots during all competitions and shows. Official 4-H or FFA jackets may be worn. No BLING on jeans, shirt or jacket permitted. Prior to each exhibitor entering a show, an inspection will be conducted of the exhibitor’s attire. Exhibitors are not permitted to wear open-toe shoes in the barn areas while cleaning pens, feeding, and/or grooming their animals. Crocs are NOT permitted to be worn. Hats/Caps are NOT permitted to be worn during any Show or Sale.
26. **Prohibited** - No Alcohol, Smoking or Vaping, food, drinks, or overnight sleeping (unless approved by the Fair Management) is allowed in any barn. Profanity, rudeness, and disrespect will not be tolerated.

Negative conversation/comments by and from exhibitors and/or Parents/Guardians about other exhibitors for any reason (i.e., division/classes assigned, or any other matter that is discussed where an exhibitor is perceived in a negative light or in a position to win, or not to win) will NOT BE TOLERATED. The Fair Association, Barn Chairs, and volunteers take this program seriously, as well as the responsibility of giving every exhibitor an opportunity to participate in a show where everyone is treated with fairness and dignity. Any violations found may be deemed appropriate for removal of an Exhibitor and/or Parent/Guardian from the Fair by the Fair Management. This applies to everyone!

27. **Club Signs** - Club signs are not to exceed 21” X 21”. All other signs must be 8½” X 11” and be provided or approved by the respective Barn Chairperson.
28. **Judging** - Judging will be done on the Danish System. The policies of selecting judges and determining judging systems rest with the management. All persons making entries accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. Judges must not award premiums to any animal or exhibit because of its mere presence. It must be individually worthy. When there is only one exhibitor and no competition in a class, the judge shall award either first, second, third, or no premium in accordance with the merits of the animal or exhibit. Exhibitors and parents are prohibited from speaking to judges during judging.
29. **Premiums, Ribbons and Awards** - Premiums are paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the respective Show Judge and the Livestock Chairman, or his designee. Ribbons must be displayed at all times. Failure to comply could result in loss of premiums. Premiums will be mailed by check after the closeout of the Fair to the address provided during registration.
30. **Project Record Books** – Lee County 4-H requires all 4-H Exhibitors to complete a Project Record Book for each species they are showing in the Fair. The Project Record Books, however, are not a requirement of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair for exhibitors to show. Therefore, Exhibitors must work closely with their Club Leaders to ensure they are following the rules of their program to remain in ‘good standing’. Lee County 4-H will work with 4-H Club Leaders on the Project Record Book process for Exhibitors during the Fair. FFA Exhibitors will need to work closely with their Advisors.
31. **Ask Me Booths** – the purpose of the ‘Ask Me Booth’ is to offer the public an opportunity to meet and speak with youth about their Livestock Project. Exhibitors can sign up for a timeslot at the animal check-in or when the registration is posted. Ask Me Booth participation is not a requirement of the Fair Management for each Exhibitor to show, however various barns require participation for competition points. Check your respective Barn for Ask Me Booth requirements. No food or drinks are allowed in the Ask Me Booth. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their participation and interaction with the public and are required to wear 4-H / FFA Attire, or Club t-shirts.
32. **Deadlines** - Any forms due are to be turned in as outlined in the Rules, or emailed, as directed. When emailed, it is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to follow up and ensure receipt by the Fair Office/Management.

33. **Photography** - No professional photography allowed.
34. **Service Animals** – SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY, are permitted. No Pets are allowed other than those in a show.
35. **Senior Scholarship Applications** – The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association is proud to offer four (4) various scholarships to our graduating seniors. Applications can be found on the Fair website and are due by email to franc@swflcfair.com no later than **Monday, April 1, 2024**. Please prepare accordingly.
36. **PROGRAM BOOK AD SALES REQUIRED OF ALL STEER AND SWINE EXHIBITORS** - Each exhibitor in the Steer and Swine program is required to sell a **minimum of \$80.00** worth of ads for the Program Book. Any swine or steer exhibitor not selling the required \$80.00 will have the amount/difference deducted from their sale money. All other livestock exhibitors are encouraged to sell ads as well. Ad forms can be picked up at the Fair Office, please email livestockquestions@swflcfair.com to schedule pickup. **Program Ads are due TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th, by the directions specified below, as well as on the Form.** Exhibitors selling above the required amount will receive 20% commission on the dollar amount of ads sold above the required amount, as well as earn premiums for highest dollar amount sold and highest number of ads sold.

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| Ad sizes and prices: | Business Card | \$ 40.00 |
| | 1/4 Page | \$ 50.00 |
| | Half Page | \$100.00 |
| | Whole Page | \$175.00 |
| Banner sizes and prices: | 2' X 4' | \$150.00 |
| | 3' X 6' | \$250.00 |

All program ads and banner purchases must be made on separate order forms, ensuring a separate order/tracking number for each. All program ads & banner purchases are to include the name, address and logo of the company on the form provided in the exhibitor packets. The printed form must be submitted to the Fair Office no later than **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th** with a printed copy of the artwork that was emailed. Program ads are printed in black and white; banners are printed in full color. All logos for ads and banners should be "press ready" and MUST be submitted digitally in the preferred formats of EPS, AI, PDF OR JPG at 300 DPI and saved for maximum quality settings. All logos for ads must be emailed to: swflfairartwork@gmail.com by TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th. **Email subject line MUST contain the reference / tracking number in red located at the top left of form** provided in order to expedite the matching of artwork to orders. Poor quality pictures do not print well. Any questions should be directed to Lori at swflfairartwork@gmail.com. **Failure to follow these guidelines may result in incorrect printing.** Again, a printed copy of the ad or banner logo must be attached to the purchase form at time of sale, which is submitted to the Fair Office, as well as emailed per instructions above. Fair Management is not responsible for improper ads/banners due to Sponsors not following the requirements of submittal.

PREMIUMS FOR SELLING PROGRAM BOOK ADS AND BANNERS

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| Highest number of ads sold | \$100 |
| Highest dollar amount of ads sold | \$100 |

37. **Exhibitor Parking Passes – GATE 4 – LIVESTOCK PARKING ONLY** - Livestock parking access is allowed through Gate # 4 ONLY - LOCATED OFF OLD BAYSHORE ROAD and Parking Passes must be shown, or vehicles will be turned away. Each persons in the vehicle must have an individual pass/exhibitor badge/ ticket to enter. **The parking pass allows parking privileges only and is not a gate ticket.** All other vehicles must enter through the main gate and park in the main parking lot. Parking passes provided to exhibitors are done so as a courtesy only. Any form of counterfeiting, duplication or otherwise altering of Fair tickets, passes, or parking passes will result in penalties set by Fair Management.

38. **SEASON/PARENT PASS** – The Season/Parent Pass allows one (1) gate entry per day. One (1) Season Pass is provided to each exhibitor family and is provided to the Exhibitor in their packet at time of check-in. Additional Season Passes are available for purchase – the form is on the Fair’s website, in the exhibitor Packet information on the Livestock page. The deadline is February 15, 2024. The completed form can be emailed to franc@swflcfair.com for processing. Payment can be made at time of pickup. Additional Passes can be placed in the Exhibitor Packet only if the Pass has been paid in advance. Please email livestockquestions@swflcfair.com with any questions regarding the Season Pass for Exhibitor/Family.
39. **OWNER agrees and represents** to the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. (“AUTHORITY”) that no animals that are exhibiting or otherwise transporting onto LEE CIVIC CENTER AND FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents, in addition to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER’S livestock at LEE CIVIC CENTER AND FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of LEE CIVIC CENTER AND FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER’S officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulation, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at LEE CIVIC CENTER AND FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. AUTHORITY, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulation of the AUTHORITY titled SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST and same are incorporated by reference herein. By registering for the Fair, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, H1N1, or similar infectious diseases, and voluntarily assume the risk that you or your family members may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 through participation in this Event and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.
40. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** Exhibitor/Owner/Parent covenants and agrees to fully exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc., its Board of Directors, officers, management, staff, agents, employees, and representatives and the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, along with its employees, staff, agents and representatives, individually, jointly, and collectively, from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, in all administrative proceedings and/or at the trial and appellate level and/or pre-suit, for any injury or death to persons and/or any loss of or damage to property caused by, growing out of, or arising out of Exhibitor/Owner/Parent presence on the Fairgrounds or activities under this Program. Exhibitor/Owner/Parent hereby waives entitlement, if any, to immunity under Section 440.11, Florida Statutes. Such indemnification shall not apply to injury to persons or damage to property arising out of the Fair Association's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations contained in this provision shall survive termination of this Agreement and shall not be limited by the amount of any insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to be a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the Fair Association and/or the Board of County Commissioners may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION – Saturday, March 9th @ 2pm

- The Sale is open to the public and all animals are sold to the highest bidder. All Buyers must be pre-registered and sale order is determined by the Livestock Program, Fair Management, and respective Barn Chairs. Buyers must verify their buyer information prior to receiving their buyer card.
- All animals competing in the Steer and Swine Shows must be sold and delivered to slaughter. There is no live animal pick-up. Buyers may determine their slaughter facility, based on availability, however animals will be delivered to slaughter by the designated Fair Management only. There are no exceptions.
- If there is a group purchasing an animal, only one person will be recognized as the 'Buyer'. The one 'Buyer' will be responsible to coordinate and collect their funds from their contributors. The Fair will not accept funds from numerous 'Buyers' for an animal. The designated 'Buyer' can pay by cash, check, or credit card, but funds will only be accepted from the one 'Buyer' and under the name of one Registered Buyer. The Buyer must complete and sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement. An animal can be split with a maximum of (2) buyers, both of whom must be registered. All sales should be paid the day of the sale, Saturday, March 9th.
- Buyers are encouraged to pay the day of sale. Should the Fair be required to invoice you, buyers will be charged an additional 1.5% processing fee, following 10 business days from sale, and will be compounded monthly.
- Purchases made by Credit Cards will be charged a 1% credit card processing fee. Purchases made by cash and check on the day of the sale will not incur the processing fee.
- **Add-ons – In order to 'add-on' you must be a Registered Buyer and have a Buyer's Number. All add-ons must be paid no later than the end of sale day. Add-ons paid by credit card will incur a 1% credit card fee. Add-ons paid by cash or check will not incur the fee.** If not paid by the end of sale day, along with the completed and signed Add-On Form, the Contributor will need to pay the funds directly to the Exhibitor(s), as the funds will not be processed through the Fair. Each person contributing to Add-Ons must complete and sign their own Add-On Form to submit with payment. **Add-On money will not be accepted after Sale Day. Add-on money in the amount of \$100 or less, or to five (5) or fewer exhibitors, must be paid directly to the exhibitor(s).**
- Exhibitor's may be assessed up to \$80.00 to pay for sale pictures, plaques, the buyer's barbeque, and advertising. Any assessment will be taken from the exhibitor's sale proceeds, in addition to any penalties, as a result of not selling the required ads.
- Exhibitors are responsible for soliciting a buyer on his/her behalf. The exhibitor may provide a sponsor/buyer board above the pen. Boards should be 8½" X 11" with just the sponsor/buyer's name. There is a limit of 1 board per exhibitor. Buyers are not required, and the Fair Management is not responsible for soliciting/ tracking a buyer. This relationship is between the exhibitor & buyer only.
- Two photographs per exhibitor will be provided for Buyer's Plaques. Exhibitors are responsible for purchasing additional plaques and photographs if they choose.
- Buyers Plaque orders will be taken on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Fred's Award World will be on grounds to take orders. Exhibitors can place their plaque orders AFTER they have been released from their barn clean-up requirements by their Barn Chair.
- Buyer plaques must be delivered to the Buyer and the Receipt of Plaque Form emailed to the Fair Office no later than **Friday, April 19, 2024**. A Receipt of Plaque Form must be signed by the buyer or an authorized designee of the buyer when the Buyer's Plaque is delivered. The Receipt of Plaque Form must be emailed to franc@swflcfair.com no later than **Friday, April 19, 2024**. Failure to deliver the plaque and turn in the Receipt of Plaque Form by the designated date will result in a 10% deduction from the exhibitor's sale proceeds and may eliminate the exhibitor from showing the following year. The 10% will be contributed to the Fair Youth Scholarship Fund. Exhibitors will receive a list of names they are required to write thank you letters to. **This list will be provided to the exhibitor at the time the exhibitor receives their proceeds check from the sale.**
- Exhibitors will receive their funds from the sale only after the Receipt of Plaque Form has been received by the Fair Office **and** after the buyer has paid the Fair Association for the animal. Proceeds will be mailed by check.
- Proceeds from the sale of donated animals will be designated by the donor to the following approved program(s) of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair: Livestock Area Improvement Fund, Livestock Fund, Fair Association Youth Scholarship Fund, Adam Barfield Youth Scholarship Fund, or the Lee County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship Fund.

MARKET ANIMAL DIVISION

Market Animal Exhibitors are required to sell PROGRAM BOOK ADS – See General Rule #36

DIVISION AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR MARKET ANIMALS

STEER DIVISION

Light
Medium
Heavy

SWINE DIVISION

Division 1
Division 2
Division 3

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR MARKET ANIMALS

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| Blue Ribbon | \$20 |
| Red Ribbon | \$15 |
| White Ribbon | \$10 |

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS STEER

The division and class for Steer will be classified after final weigh-in

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| Supreme Champion Steer | \$125, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Supreme Reserve Champion Steer | \$100, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Division Champion Steer | \$75, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Division Reserve Champion Steer | \$50, Rosette, Trophy |
| Class Winner | \$25, Blue Rosette |

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS SWINE

The division and class for Swine will be classified after final weigh-in

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| Supreme Champion Swine | \$125, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Supreme Reserve Champion Swine | \$100, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Division Champion Swine | \$75, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Division Reserve Champion Swine | \$50, Rosette, Trophy |
| Class Winner | \$25, Blue Rosette |

WEIGHT GAIN COMPETITION FOR STEER

1. Steer are eligible for the weight gain competition.
2. Final weight used will be that recorded when the animal is weighed-in at final weigh-in.
3. The highest average gain per day during the feeding period will determine the winner.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS STEER WEIGHT GAIN COMPETITION

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| First Place | \$75, Blue Rosette |
| Second Place | \$50, Red Rosette |
| Third Place | \$25, White Rosette |

SWINE

SWINE SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP - Wednesday, March 6th @ 6pm

Barn Leaders: Michael Johns (Chair), Cody Haskett, and Waylon Strout

Please address all barn related questions to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com

| Day and Date | Event | Time |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Friday, October 13 th | Swine Registration Closes | Midnight |
| Sunday, October 22 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swine Ear Tagging – MANDATORY – Owners Certificate Required – located in the Exhibitor Packets. Exhibitor must bring 3 letters to potential buyers; Exhibitor photos will be taken at this weigh-in; Exhibitor and Parent must sign and submit the Photo Release Form; Exhibitor to pick up Program Ad Forms | 7am - 10am |
| Tuesday, December 5 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Ad Forms Due to the Fair Office – mandatory in this category Graduating Senior Information Due to the Fair Office | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 15 th | Exhibitor’s Season Pass Purchase Request Due to the Fair Office | 5pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth BBQ Cook-Off – Yancey Pavilion | 3pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth Whip Cracking Competition – Horse Arena | 6pm |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Swine Check-In and Final Weigh-In – exhibitor does not need to be present | 7am - 10am |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Youth Tractor Driving Competition – Horse Arena – min age 15, must have Learner’s Permit, must be an exhibitor in the Fair | 6pm |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | Swine Wash Time for Show Preparation | 7am - 10am |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | Swine Show and Showmanship | 6pm |
| Saturday, March 9 th | Swine Wash Time for Market Animal Auction | 7am - 10am |
| Saturday, March 9 th | Market Animal Auction | 2pm |
| Sunday, March 10 th | Pens Cleaned - Exhibitors must be signed in by 10:15am- Barn opens at 10am | 10am |
| Monday, April 1 st | Senior Scholarship Applications Due to Fair Office – located on website | |
| Friday, April 19 th | Receipt of Buyer’s Plaque due to Fair Office – after plaque is delivered to buyer | |

- All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
- Swine will be ear tagged by Livestock Barn Chairs and volunteers on Sunday, October 22, 2023 on the fairgrounds only. All animals must be inside the gate by 10:00 am. Swine must be owned by the exhibitor on or before the Ear Tag Date. Photographs will be taken at Ear Tagging by the Livestock Volunteers of the Exhibitor with the animal, with the ear tag showing.
- At the ear tagging, Barn Chairs will screen all swine and dismiss unacceptable qualities such as wild or partially wild.
- At Fair check-in and weigh-in, swine must weigh a minimum of 240 pounds, with a maximum top weight of 325 pounds. **There are 135 feeding days from ear tagging date to Fair check-in/weigh-in.** Swine weighing under 240 pounds or over 325 pounds at Fair check-in will not be accepted and will not be able to participate in Fair.
- In the event the ear tag should be removed or become illegible, please email livestockquestions@swflcfair.com with all pertinent information and the Swine will be retagged at final weigh-in/check-in. This rule follows USDA Guidelines.
- Swine Exhibitors are required to bring three letters to the Ear Tagging, inviting potential buyers to the Swine Show and Livestock Sale. Letters are to be neatly hand-written or typed and accompanied by envelopes already addressed, and with postage attached. It is at the discretion of the Fair Management and Barn Chairs to reject letters deemed unacceptable due to content, spelling, poor grammar, or neatness. In this case, the exhibitor will be notified of the rejected letter(s) and will be responsible to produce replacement letters.
- Hair on the swine shall be no shorter than ½ of an inch. All major clipping of swine shall be done prior to entry to Fair. Shaved animals will be disqualified and sent home. Use of clippers or scissors on Swine is prohibited during the Fair.

8. Additional requirements, as outlined herein, must be adhered to.

SWINE BARN RULES AND INFORMATION

GENERAL BARN RULES:

- No parent/guardian and/or siblings are allowed in the barn during feeding times.
- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- No open toe shoes or Crocs, no tank tops, mid-riffs, shorts, or shorty shorts in the barn. Appropriate attire is required at all times.
- No climbing or running in the barn, no horseplay of any kind allowed in the barn.
- No swine are allowed out of their pen after 6pm.
- No profanity or disrespect to barn members, volunteers or fellow exhibitors will be tolerated.

FEEDING/CLEANING/CHECKOUT:

- 4pm - 6pm for all evening feedings and clean-up
- **Thursday and Friday Barn Chairpersons will feed in the MORNING hours only.**
- All exhibitors need to bring a FULL FEEDING for animals in a Ziplock bag with their pen number and name for the Thursday and Friday morning feedings.
- No parent or guardian, siblings, strollers, or others will be allowed in the barn during feeding/clean-up.
- Pens must be cleaned every day and checked by a Barn Chair before signing out.
- Clean the aisle in front of and around your pen.
- Animal waste goes in the designated area between the Swine barn and Tinsley pavilion.
- All exhibitors are responsible for their own cleaning tools (rakes and shovels).
- Upon completion of feeding, cleaning, and pen check, wash the feed bowl and return it to the window to sign out. (Tuesday-Friday with Feed bag)

SHOW/SALE DAY: Show Day – Wednesday, March 6th @ 6pm / Sale Day – Saturday, March 9th @ 2pm

- Wash time is 7am – 10am on both Show and Sale Day. All swine must be in their pen by 11am
- All exhibitors must be dressed and at their pen 1 hour prior to start time.
- Exhibitors, volunteers, and buyers only are allowed in the barn 1 hour prior to start time of sale.
- If you place 1st or 2nd in your class, remain with your animal to return to the show ring when instructed.
- ALL EXHIBITORS MUST CLEAN THE SHOW RING AND BLEACHER AREA PRIOR TO ENTERING THE BARN TO FEED AND SIGN OUT FOR THE EVENING. THE BARN WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL THIS AREA IS CLEANED AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE BARN STAFF.

MANDATORY CLEAN UP – Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 10am

- All exhibitors must sign in by 10:15am
- All pens (including holding pens) must be cleaned of all waste and wet sand.
- Wash racks must be cleaned, and all hoses disconnected.
- Aisle ways need to be leveled and cleaned.
- All feed bowls must be cleaned and turned in at final sign-out.
- All areas (barn, bleacher, show ring) must be cleaned of all trash and debris.
- No exhibitors will sign out until the above is complete and a barn representative checks your pen area.
- Meet with Fred's Award World to order Buyer Plaques prior to leaving - after being released from clean-up.

Violation of any of the above rules may result in fines and/or barn dismissal - General Rule #20 and #24)

MARKET HOGS MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATION 9CFR.71.19. This regulation requires that all swine being shown at fairs or exhibitions (interstate commerce) must have official individual identification. Swine presented that do not meet the federal official individual identification requirements may not be allowed entrance into the fair.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. The exhibitor can only show his/her animal.
3. In general, the showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis – ***during the Swine Show:***
 - a) The ability of the exhibitor to lead, pose and generally handle his/her animal - or another exhibitor's animal, if indicated by the contest judge.
 - b) The exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
 - c) The exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show rings is demonstrated by his/her actions.
 - d) Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
4. Swine Showmanship contestants will be determined by Swine Judge during Swine Show. **Only** those chosen will compete for Showmanship following Swine Show.
5. If you are chosen for Showmanship, you will be notified by a Barn Chair, and you must remain in front of your pen. We will not look for you and you will not return to the ring for Showmanship if you are not in place.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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| First Place | \$25, Belt Buckle, Blue Ribbon, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$20, Red Ribbon, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$15, White Ribbon, Trophy |

STEER

STEER SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP - Thursday, March 7th @ 6pm

Barn Leader: Nancy Lee

Please address all barn related questions to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com

| Day & Date | Event | Time |
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| Friday, September 15 th | Steer Registration Closes | Midnight |
| Sunday, September 24 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Steer Weigh-In – Owners Certificate Required – found in Exhibitor Packets • Exhibitor must bring 3 letters to potential buyers; Exhibitor Pictures will be taken at weigh-in; Program Ad Forms will be given out | 7am–9am |
| Tuesday, December 5 th | Program Ad Forms due to Fair Office – mandatory in this category Graduating Senior Information Due to Fair Office | 5pm |
| Monday, January 15 th | Deadline for Mandatory Prospect Show – must supply proof of attendance as outlined in General Rule # 8 | |
| Thursday, February 15 th | Exhibitor’s Season Pass Purchase Request Form due to Fair Office | 5pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth BBQ Cook-Off – Yancey Pavilion | 3pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth Whip Cracking Competition – Horse Arena | 6pm |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Youth Tractor Driving Competition – Horse Arena - min. age 15, must have Learner’s Permit, must be an exhibitor in the Fair | 6pm |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | Steer Check-in and Weigh-In | 1pm-4pm |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | Exhibitor MANDATORY Meeting – (Signs ups for Showmanship / Grooming) | 6pm |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | Steer Screening – after Exhibitor meeting | 6pm |
| Thursday, March 7 th | Steer Show and Showmanship – (Sign up at Exhibitor Mtg, March 6 th) | 6pm |
| Friday, March 8 th | Steer Grooming Show – Optional (Sign up at Exhibitor Mtg, March 6 th) | 5pm |
| Saturday, March 9 th | Market Animal Auction | 2pm |
| Sunday, March 10 th | Pens and Stalls Cleaned – Mandatory workday – Exhibitors must sign-in | 9am |
| Monday, April 1 st | Senior Scholarship Applications Due – can be found on website | |
| Friday, April 19 th | Receipt of Plaque Forms due to Fair Office after plaque delivered to buyer | |

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. **Steers must be owned by the exhibitor by first weigh-in date.** The Livestock Owners Certificate is required at first weigh-in and can be found in the Exhibitor Packet. Steers entered for competition must be 24 months old or less, verification of age is at the discretion of the Barn Chair. A photo and tail hair sample will be collected at First Steer Weigh-in on Sunday, September 24th.
3. There will be no minimum weight at the first weigh-in, but the steers must gain a minimum of 2 pounds per day for the feeding period **and** weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the final weigh-in. Any animal will be re-weighed if it is within 10 pounds of the required weight (refer to general rule #13). **There are 164 feeding days from first weigh-in to final weigh-in.**
4. Every steer must be wearing a halter prior to weigh-in and able to be led. All halters are to be approved by the Steer Chairperson. **NO** breaking halters. Each animal must have no more than one (1) rope attached during screening and/or show. Steer horns may be no longer than 2”. Dehorned steers must be completely healed.
5. All steers are screened by the Livestock Screening Designee for disposition and exhibitor’s ability to manage their animal. Each exhibitor must be able to demonstrate they can lead, handle, and present their animal for show in the setting/area that the Fair Management & Respective Barn Chairs designate. An exhibitor will be given no more than three opportunities to pass the screening process during the scheduled screening time frame. If an exhibitor is not able to manage his/her animal, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds as directed by the Fair Management & Respective Barn Chairs designee.

SCREENING – Wednesday, March 6th @ 6pm after Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting

- Every animal is screened for disposition and your ability to manage your animal.
- Each exhibitor must be able to lead their steer with a show halter and one lead rope.
- You are demonstrating your ability to handle your animal.
- Three (3) opportunities will be given to pass the screening (during the scheduled time of screening)
- If the animal is not manageable, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the Fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors may set up their equipment only after they have successfully passed the screening, and qualified to show.
- Refer to general rule #15 and Steer rule #5

SHOW DAY – Thursday, March 7th @ 6pm

- Time to begin grooming will be posted on the white board on Thursday morning.
- Classes will be posted in the afternoon.
- Grooming is done by exhibitors only. Exhibitors may assist each other (General rule #21 and Steer rule #7)
- Exhibitors are to be dressed and steer ready by 5:45pm
- Exhibitors at the show ring holding area at 5:55pm for show pledges, photos, etc. (no animal)
- Refer to General Rule #25 for show/sale attire.
- Pay attention when classes are lining up. We will not hunt you down.

GROOMING SHOW – Friday, March 8th @ 5pm

- Grooming Show is Optional, and exhibitors must sign up to participate – Sign up at Exhibitor meeting on Wednesday, March 6th @ 6pm.
- Time frame 5pm-6pm Friday Evening.
- Exhibitors will get their steer off the wash rack, to the grooming chute, and groom their own animal.
- Junior exhibitors may have one parent assist in getting their steer from the wash rack to the grooming chute.
- Make sure you have everything you need for this show prior to starting (chute, blower, products, etc.)

SALE DAY – Saturday, March 9th @ 2pm

- After your morning feeding, all steer exhibitors will stay to set up chairs, etc. for the sale.
- You will be dismissed as soon as the sale set up is complete.
- Be dressed in proper attire (General Rule #25) and in front of your steer by 1pm
- At 1:45, or as soon as we can close the barn, you will be able to blow your steer out.

WORKDAY – Sunday, March 10th @ 9am

- Exhibitors must sign in.
- All exhibitors are expected to be on time (General Rule #24)
- Stall cards are not to be taken down until your stall and feed area is clean and everything in the barn, secure area, and show ring is clean, done, finished, and put away for the year.
- We will gather back together when finished and give instructions for ordering plaques and any other information you will need.
- Do not leave the barn until you are dismissed by the Barn Chairs
- **Meet with Fred's Award World to order Buyer Plaques, after being released from barn clean-up.**

MISC:

- All Premiums will be paid by check and mailed to exhibitors after the close of the Fair.
- Check the whiteboard in the barn each morning and evening for any announcements.

STEER SHOWMANSHIP AND GROOMING COMPETITION RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. Sign up for Showmanship and Grooming at the Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 6pm
3. See the Livestock Department Date and Deadline for times of the Shows.
4. Age divisions are outlined in the General Rules.
5. The exhibitor can only show his/her animal.
6. In general, the Showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis, ***during the Steer Show***:
 - a) The ability of the exhibitor to lead, pose and generally handle his/her animal - or another exhibitor's animal, if indicated by the contest judge.
 - b) The exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
 - c) The exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring demonstrated by his/her actions.
 - d) Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
7. All exhibitors are required to groom their own animal. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the grooming competition.
8. Use of electric clippers on Steer is prohibited during the Fair. Major clippings must be done prior to arrival at the Fair.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR STEER SHOWMANSHIP AND GROOMING

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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| First Place | \$25, Belt Buckle, Blue Ribbon, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$20, Red Ribbon, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$15, White Ribbon, Trophy |

BEEF BREEDING

BEEF BREEDING SHOW - Saturday, March 2nd @ 6pm

Barn Chairs: Robert Edwards & Randy Dull

Please direct all barn related questions to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com

| Day & Date | Event | Time |
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| Friday, November 3 rd | Beef Breeding Registration Closes | Midnight |
| Tuesday, December 5 th | Program Ad Forms and Graduating Senior Information Due to Fair Office | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 15 th | Exhibitors Season Pass Purchase Request Form due to Fair Office | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 29 th | Beef Breeding Check-In and Weigh-In (Sign-up for Showmanship) | 1-4pm |
| Saturday, March 2 nd | Beef Breeding Show and Showmanship | 6pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Beef Breeding Released / Stalls Cleaned | 8am |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth BBQ Cook-Off - Yancey Pavilion | 3pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth Whip Cracking Competition – Horse Arena | 6pm |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Youth Tractor Driving Competition – Horse Arena – min age 15, must have Learner's Permit, must be an exhibitor in the Fair | 6pm |
| Monday, April 1 st | Senior Scholarship Applications Due – found on website | |

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. Each exhibitor may show no more than one animal per class, a 75lb weight difference is recommended. The same animal may not be shown by more than one person unless show warrants. There is a limit of 4 animals per exhibitor in Beef Breeding. There must be at least three (3) animals (i.e., Bulls) to constitute a Class.
3. Beef cattle may be purebred, grade or cross bred. The show will consist of every animal except dairy.
4. Every animal must be wearing a halter and able to be led. All halters are to be approved by the Beef Breeding Chairperson. NO breaking halters. Each animal must have no more than one (1) rope attached during screening and/or show.
5. Upon entry to the Fair, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to do all grooming, but may enlist the 'hands-on help' from other Exhibitors for grooming. Professional groomers will not be permitted. Exhibitors may set up their equipment only after all breed animals have been weighed in. Show boxes will be permitted for breed exhibitors. Each exhibitor is required to bring their own grooming supplies - wheelbarrow, fork, water/feed buckets, etc. to care for their animal and animals' area. Tents are limited to one (1) 12'x12' tent per Exhibitor.
6. Horns can be no longer than 2 inches.
7. A mandatory score of 6 or better is required for Health/Body Conditioning Screening.
8. All bulls must have a nose ring.
9. Additional requirements as outline herein, must all be adhered to.

BEEF BREEDING COMMERCIAL CLASSES WILL BE DETERMINED BY AGE

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| Heifers | 6 to 24 months |
| Cow Calf | 25 to 36 months |
| Bulls | Less than 36 months |

BEEF BARN RULES AND INFORMATION

FEEDING AND STALL CLEANING: Friday - 6am-8am and 4pm-6pm
Saturday – 7am-9am and evening feed is during show prep time
Sunday – 8am-9am / Release Day (see below)

- Animals are to be back in the barn at the end of the feeding/cleaning time frame.
- Do not leave your water and/or feed bucket on the wash rack.
- Exhibitors are to be present to feed one time per day. A Parent/Guardian can feed once a day (if needed).
- Stall area and barn aisle are to be cleaned morning and evening.
- Refer to General Rule #21, barn leaders do not feed for exhibitors.

WASH RACK:

- Tie animals to the posts, not to the wire.
- Hang hoses over the top board.
- Spilled feed is to be scooped up and placed in disposal bunk.
- Hose down your feed area.

DISPOSAL BUNK – ANIMAL WASTE ONLY:

- Push your wheelbarrow in as far as you can to dump.
- No trash, animal waste only.

GROOMING/WASHING:

- Groom and wash during regular feed times and as posted in barn.

SECURE AREAS:

- Keep gates closed as advised.

TYING:

- Lead rope and neck rope are required for each animal.
- Tie with enough rope for the animal to lay down, but not too much to get caught up.

HAY NETS:

- Not allowed.
- Hay goes on ground in front of your animal.

SCREENING:

- Every animal is screened for disposition and your ability to manage your animal.
- Each exhibitor must be able to lead their breed animals with a show halter and one lead rope.
- You are demonstrating your ability to handle your animal.
- Three (3) opportunities will be given to pass the screening – the time will be on the announcement board.
- If the animal is not manageable, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the Fairgrounds.
- Refer to general rule #15, #23 and Beef Rule #5.

SHOW DAY – Saturday, March 2nd @ 6pm

- Time to begin grooming will be posted on the white board on Saturday morning – be sure to check during morning feeding hours.
- Classes will be posted in the afternoon.
- Grooming is to be done by exhibitors only. Exhibitors may assist each other with ‘hands-on’ help. (General rule #22 and Beef Rule #5)
- Exhibitors are to be dressed and animal(s) ready 15 minutes prior to the show.
- Exhibitors are to be at the show ring holding area at 5:55pm for show pledges, photos, etc. (no animal)
- Refer to General Rule #25 for show/sale attire.
- Pay attention when classes are lining up. We will not hunt you down.

RELEASE & CLEAN-UP DAY – Sunday, March 3rd @ 8am

- Sunday 8am, Exhibitors must sign in.
- All exhibitors are expected to be on time (General Rule #24).
- Clean your stall(s) and your feed area.
- Stall cards are not to be taken down until your Barn Chairs see your areas clean.
- Everyone works to clean the aisle, secure grounds, and wash racks.
- Do not leave the barn until you are dismissed by the Barn Chairs.

MISC:

- Premiums will be paid to the Exhibitor by check and mailed to you after the close out of the Fair.
- Check the whiteboard morning and evening for any announcements.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR BEEF BREEDING CATTLE

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| Class Winner | \$25, Blue Rosette |
| Grand Champion Bull | \$75, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Bull | \$50, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Grand Champion Heifer | \$75, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Heifer | \$50, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Grand Champion Cow | \$75, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Cow | \$50, Belt Buckle, Rosette, Trophy |

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| Blue Ribbon | \$20 |
| Red Ribbon | \$15 |
| White Ribbon | \$10 |

BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to following the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. Beef Breeding exhibitors are eligible for Showmanship only. Sign-up at weigh-in/check-in, February 29th
3. Showmanship age divisions are outlined in the General Rules.
4. Exhibitor can only show his/her animal.
5. In general, the showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis, *during the Beef Breeding Show*:
 - a) The ability of the exhibitor to lead, pose and generally handle his/her animal - or another exhibitor's animal, if indicated by the contest judge.
 - b) The exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
 - c) The exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show rings demonstrated by his/her actions.
 - d) Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
6. All exhibitors are required to groom their own animal. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the grooming competition.
7. Major clippings must be done prior to the arrival at the Fair.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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| First Place | \$25, Belt Buckle, Blue Ribbon, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$20, Red Ribbon, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$15, White Ribbon, Trophy |

H O R S E

Barn Chairs: Jenny McPherson and Katie Patten

Please direct any barn related questions to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com

| Day & Date | Event | Time |
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| Friday, November 3 rd | Horse Registration Closes | Midnight |
| Tuesday, December 5 th | Graduating Senior Information & Program Book Ads due to Fair Office. | 5pm |
| Sunday, January 7 th | Horse Screening & Handling–MANDATORY–Exhibitor Photos taken | 8am–10am |
| Thursday, February 15 th | Exhibitor’s Season Pass Request Form Due to the Fair Office | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 29 th | Performance Horse Check-In | 7am–9am |
| Saturday, March 2 nd | Performance Horse Show | 11am |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth BBQ Cook-Off – Yancey Pavilion | 3pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth Whip Cracking Competition – Horse Arena | 6pm |
| Monday, March 4 th | Performance Horse Released | 7am-9am |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Youth Tractor Driving Competition – Horse Arena – min age 15, must have Learner’s Permit, must be an exhibitor in the Fair | 6pm |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | Speed Horse Check-In | 7am–9am |
| Thursday, March 7 th | Horse Costume Contest | 7pm |
| Friday, March 8 th | Horse Speed Show | 6:30pm |
| Saturday, March 9 th | Horse Fun Show | 6pm |
| Sunday, March 10 th | Horse Awards | 11am |
| Sunday March 10 th | Speed Horses Released after stalls cleaned | 1-3pm |
| Monday, April 1 st | Senior Scholarship Applications Due – can be found on website | |

1. All entries and awards are subject to following the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. All entries for Speed and Performance Shows must be included when registering online. There are no additional registration fees for competitions or shows. Walk-Trot classes are for non-cantering riders only. Walk-Trot riders cannot ride in any other classes other than Walk-Trot.
3. Approved safety helmets are required in all events, including halter, showmanship, and in-hand classes. Helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
4. Horses competing are restricted to those owned by the exhibitor or sponsored by the owner of a horse. A Horse Lease must be in written form and cut off is January 1st of the current Fair year. Proof of Ownership and Sponsorship papers are available from the Lee County Extension Office.
5. All horses must be in place at the close of check-in and remain in place until officially released. No horse(s) will be permitted to be brought in for just a specific event.
6. The Horse Barn Chairperson will assign all stalls and shall have full authority to move or rearrange exhibits when, in his/her judgment, it becomes necessary.
7. Horse stalls must show the name of the exhibitor, breed, age, and sex of the horse. The horse registered for Fair is the only horse to be shown. “For Sale” signs are not permitted.
8. It is mandatory that all exhibitors always keep their stalls in clean and sanitary condition during the Fair. All stalls and aisles are to be cleaned daily.
9. Exhibitors are required to supply their own cleaning tools. Bedding will be provided at check-in, with refresher bedding supplied mid-week. Exhibitor may supply additional bedding at their own expense. Tents are limited to one (1) 12’x12’ tent per exhibitor.
10. It is mandatory that a halter and a lead rope, in good condition, be left at the horse’s stall.
11. Feed and water buckets must be secured to the stalls. No buckets are to be left on the stall floor. Should have (2) water buckets and (1) feed bucket.
12. No horse is to be washed or clipped in the stalls, aisles or in front of the barns. Washing is to be done at the racks located at the North side of the Horse Barn. Major grooming and clipping should be done prior to the Fair.

13. No horse is to be ridden on the Midway, on the paved area around any food concessions, or in the barns. Any exercising and lounging of horses is to be done in the outdoor horse ring with the gates closed. No horse is to be turned out into the ring and left unattended at any time. The exhibitor - only - may ride while on the grounds and only when a Barn Chair is present.
14. Cribbing devices are mandatory.
15. Stall Guards are prohibited. Stall doors must be secured when horse is stalled.
16. Additional requirements as outlined herein, must all be adhered to.

ALL AROUND HORSEMEN AWARD

(All exhibitors must participate in the All-Around Horsemen Award Contest)

The All-Around Horsemen Award competition is a supplement to the current animal show ring premiums, and rewards exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. Points accrue in the areas of Demonstration, Project Book, etc.

Each event will count for 100 points. Scores will be calculated as a percentage of points available (example: if score were 27 out of 30 available, point would be $27/30 = 90\%$, thus 90 points would be given.) Maximum points will equal 600 with bonus points awarded where indicated. The following events are required and will be included:

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| 1. | Project Book | 100 points |
| 2. | Ask Me Booth | 100 points |
| 3. | Demonstration | 100 points |
| 4. | Poster (percentage out of 30 points) | 100 points |
| 5. | Stalls (percentage out of 30 points) | 100 points |
| 6. | Showmanship | 100 points |

100 points is given for participating, additional points awarded for placing as follows:

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| 1 st Place | 60 points |
| 2 nd Place | 50 points |
| 3 rd Place | 40 points |
| 4 th Place | 30 points |
| 5 th Place | 20 points |
| 6 th Place | 10 points |
| Total | 660 points |

HORSE BARN RULES

1. Horses must have a current Coggins Certificate (within 1 year) and a Health Certificate dated within 10 days of entering the Fair.
2. Feeding times are 6-9am and 4-6pm. Every exhibitor must sign in every morning and evening for feeding. Parents may feed in the mornings during the week. Exhibitors must feed morning and night on weekends.
3. Hay bags need to be hung up high enough so horses cannot get their feet stuck in it.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their horse and cleaning of stalls daily. Junior exhibitors may have help from parent/guardian or other exhibitors. When you clean your stall, you must dump the waste in the designated area and nowhere else. You must rake in front of your stall, so it is clean and presentable.
5. You **Cannot** ride unless a Barn Chair is present.
6. Riding may only be done in the arena or holding pens. You must walk your horse from barn to arena.
7. Always check the white board and on the shelf at the barn office for information/announcements.
8. If you don't know something, ask a Barn Chair.
9. At the end of the Fair the stalls must be cleaned and checked by a Barn Chair. Other cleaning in barn may be required before anyone is released. Specific instructions will be provided that day.
10. Remember, everything you do in the barn must be done with safety in mind. Keep stall doors closed at all times unless you are pulling your horse out, putting your horse up, or cleaning your stall. If you clean your stall with the horse in it, then your door needs to be closed.
11. Doors must be closed when barn is open to the public.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR ALL AROUND HORSEMAN

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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| First Place | \$75, Belt Buckle |
| Second Place | \$50, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$25, Trophy |

DEMONSTRATION

Exhibitors must give a Pre-Fair Talk or Demonstration. This must be in the area of your project animal and be in conjunction with your project animal record book. Exhibitors must submit a script from the talk, a grade sheet from your demonstration, or a letter from your 4-H or FFA leader, and submitted at the animal check-in.

GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD FOR EXHIBITION CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Animal pens will be judged on cleanliness of pen or stall, condition of water and feed buckets, and condition of animal (grooming, manure stains, etc.) Feeding must be done in a timely manner in accordance with the Fair scheduled feeding times. Failure to complete feeding duties within the allotted time will result in forfeit of points for that day. It also includes giving your animal adequate daily exercise. Exhibitors are expected to take full responsibility of the care of their animal and stall. Junior exhibitors may enlist some "hands-on" help of other exhibitors, parents, or 4-H/FFA leaders, if necessary. Senior exhibitors are expected to be responsible for all aspects of their animal's care. Failure to comply will result in the disqualification from the Golden Shovel Award competition.

HORSE EDUCATIONAL POSTER

Participation is mandatory. Exhibitors must turn in an educational poster for judging. Posters must be on display by 9am the Friday after check-in. Posters must be done on a 20" X 30" foam board. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about your horse project. The required information is as follows and must be clearly visible on the front of the poster: exhibitor's name, age, and club name; horse's name, age and breed. Optional information may include pictures, poems, ribbons or other articles. All items should be within the poster edges. The poster will be on display during the Fair in the project animal area. Judging will be based on the following: Topic & Educational Value - 10 points, Originality and Creativity - 10 points, Quality of Work - 10 points, for a possible total of 30 points.

Posters must be removed during the scheduled release time. Posters where it is apparent that the work was done by parents or others will not be judged. Upon acceptance, all posters will be dated and initialed by the Barn Chairperson or their designee. Posters must be the work of the exhibitor.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE EDUCATIONAL POSTER

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

| | |
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| First Place | Rosette |
| Second Place | Rosette |
| Third Place | Rosette |

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

In general, the contest will be judged on the following basis: The ability of the contestant to lead, pose, and generally handle his/her animal or other contestant's if indicated by the contest judge; the contestant's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge; the contestant's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring and demonstrated by his/her actions; other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners. A contestant can only show his/her animal. Showmanship is judged during each event of the Performance Show only, and the collective points will be added to the Horseman Award Points.

SPEED/PERFORMANCE SHOW RULES

Performance Show - Saturday, March 2nd @ 11am

Speed Show – Friday, March 8th @ 6:30pm

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules.
2. Shows are open to registered horses and exhibitors only and must be on the Fairgrounds.
3. These shows are being held in conjunction with the 4-H and FFA programs and shall be governed by said rules; and in accordance with USA Equestrian rules for performance events, and AQHA rules for speed events. Exhibitors will be given a maximum of 2 gate calls. Gate calls will be 30 seconds each.
4. Proper bridles, bits, and appropriate tack must be used for each class entered. Proper attire is required. Western attire consists of jeans, boots, long sleeve shirt, (or show clothes) and safety helmet. English attire consists of breeches or jods, collared shirt, boots, helmet, and riding jacket. (Jackets may be deemed optional at judge's discretion.) No jumping in western saddles.

HORSE SPEED CLASSES

There will be a limited number of entries. Participants must register online during initial registration.

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| HS01 | Walk-Trot Barrels |
| HS02 | Barrels |
| HS03 | Walk-Trot Hairpin |
| HS04 | Hairpin |
| HS05 | Walk-Trot Poles |
| HS06 | Poles |
| HS07 | Walk-Trot Stake Race |
| HS08 | Stake Race |
| HS09 | Walk-Trot Keyhole |
| HS10 | Keyhole |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE SPEED SHOW

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

| | |
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| Champion Speed Events | \$10, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Speed Events | \$5, Trophy |
| First Place | \$10 |
| Second Place | \$5 |
| Third Place | \$3 |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE WALK-TROT SPEED

Overall – NOT by Division – All Age Groups Combined

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Champion Walk-Trot Speed | \$10, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Walk-Trot Speed | \$5, Trophy |

HORSE PERFORMANCE CLASSES

HP01. Showmanship – Required for All Around Horseman Competition Event

** Horseman Showmanship Award

HP02. Grooming - Horses & Ponies

HP03. Stock type horses & ponies

HP04. Non-stock type horses & ponies

** Grand and Reserve Champion of show for HP02, HP03 &HP04 only

HP05. Walk-Trot Western Pleasure

HP06. Western Pleasure

HP07. Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship

HP08. Western Horsemanship

HP09. Walk-Trot Trail

HP10. English/Western Trail

HP11. Walk-Trot English Pleasure

HP12. English Pleasure

HP13. Walk-Trot English Equitation

HP14. English Equitation

HP15. Hunter Over Fences 18”

HP16. Hunter Over Fences 2’

HPD1. Showmanship Mini Donkey

HPD2. Grooming Mini Donkey

HPD3. Best of Show Mini Donkey

Grand and Reserve

HPM1. Showmanship Mini Horse

HPM2. Grooming Mini Horse

HPM3. Stock and Non-Stock Mini Horse

Grand and Reserve

- Walk-Trot Classes are all age levels combined.
- Walk-Trot Classes for non-cantering riders only.
- Walk-Trot riders cannot ride in any other classes other than Walk-Trot.
- Stock Types consist of quarter horse types, appaloosas, paints, grade stock horses, etc. Non-Stock Types consist of Arabians, gaited horses, thoroughbreds, standard breeds, etc. If in doubt, check with the show supervisor. We reserve the right to split or combine classes if necessary.
- Walk Trot Championship -Points accrued from W/T Pleasure, W/T Equitation/Horsemanship, Showmanship & Trail.
- Performance Championship - Points accrued from Pleasure, Horsemanship/Equitation, Showmanship & Trail.
- Halter Championship - Points accrued from Grooming, stock or non-stock Halter classes combined.
- Miniature Horses can be shown in Halter class.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE PERFORMANCE

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Champion Performance High Point | \$10, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Performance High Point | \$5, Trophy |
| First Place | \$10, Blue Ribbon |
| Second Place | \$5, Red Ribbon |
| Third Place | \$3, White Ribbon |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR WALK TROT, HALTER, HUNTER OVER FENCES

Overall – NOT by division – All Age Groups Combined

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Walk Trot Champion Performance High Point | \$10, Belt Buckle |
| Walk Trot Reserve Champion Performance High Point | \$5, Trophy |
| Grand Champion Halter | \$10, Belt Buckle |
| Reserve Grand Champion Halter | \$5, Belt Buckle |
| Grand Champion Hunter Over Fences | \$10, Belt Buckle |
| Reserve Grand Champion Hunter Over Fences | \$5, Trophy |
| Grand Champion English | \$10, Belt Buckle |
| Reserve Champion English | \$5, Trophy |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR MINI DONKEY

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Grand Champion | \$10, Trophy |
| Reserve Grand Champion | \$5, Trophy |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR MINI HORSE

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Grand Champion | \$10, Trophy |
| Reserve Grand Champion | \$5, Trophy |

HORSE COSTUME CONTEST -Thursday, March 7th @ 7pm

This event is open to all horse registered project exhibitors, and horses must already be on the Fairgrounds. Registration is completed on grounds during check-in. See your Barn Leader. The Fair Management and Barn Chairs may refuse any entry that they feel is harmful to the youth, animal, others, or is not in good taste. Safety helmets are required for all exhibitors, both mounted and showing in-hand. Helmets may be part of your costume.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE COSTUME SHOW

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand Champion Costume Show | \$15, Rosette, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion Costume Show | \$10, Rosette, Trophy |
| Honorable Mention Costume Show | \$5, Rosette, Trophy |

HORSE FUN SHOW - Saturday, March 9th @ 6:00 pm

The Fun Show is designed to give each 4-H/FFA club an opportunity to sponsor a horse show event that is fun for all ages. Since there are no premiums awarded, each 4-H/FFA club is also responsible for the prizes (1st - 5th) of their event. Classes *may* include (but not limited to) egg & spoon, whipped cream race, ride-a-buck, etc. Classes and prizes may vary yearly.

SMALL ANIMAL

Barn Chair: Ashlie Tillman and Jennifer Clawson

Please direct all barn related questions to livestockquestions@swflcfair.com

Facebook Page: SWFL Small Animal Barn

| Day & Date | Event | Time |
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| Saturday, September 16 th | Feather Clinic – Mandatory for Exhibitors to attend 1 Clinic per species | 9am – 1pm |
| Saturday, October 14 th | Fur Clinic – Mandatory for Exhibitors to attend 1 Clinic per species. | 9am |
| Friday, November 3 rd | Small Animal Registration Closes | Midnight |
| Saturday, November 18 th | Tattoo Clinic & Orientation Mtg. – Mandatory for new Exhibitors – suggested for all | 9am- 11am |
| Sunday, December 3 rd | Small Animal Health Check – MANDATORY FOR EXHIBITOR AND PARENT/GUARDIAN . Bring Animals Registered. Feathers must be a minimum of 8 weeks of age. Rabbits must have tattoos by this date. Exhibitor photo's will be taken at this check-in. | 7am – 9am |
| Tuesday, December 5 th | Graduating Senior Information & Program Book Ads due to Fair Office – See Exhibitor packets | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 15 th | Exhibitor's Season Pass Request Form Due – found in Exhibitor Packet | 5pm |
| Saturday, February 17 th | Volunteer Help Set Up Barn Day – Community Hours given to participating Exhibitors | 9am |
| Thursday, February 29 th | FEATHERS – Check in - bring water/feeders for cages & poster for contest | 4pm – 6pm |
| Thursday, February 29 th | FEATHERS MANDATORY MEETING – Exhibitor and 1 parent required | 6pm |
| Friday, March 1 st | FEATHERS Fun Costume Contest – Optional – Sign up at Check-In | 7pm |
| Saturday, March 2 nd | FEATHERS – Closed Judging – closed to parents, exhibitor, and the public | 8am – 10am |
| Saturday, March 2 nd | FEATHERS – Showmanship – Optional – Sign up at Check-In | 6pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | FEATHER AWARDS – SHOWMANSHIP & SHOW AWARDS | 1pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth BBQ Cook-Off – Yancey Pavilion | 3pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth Whip Cracking Competition - Horse Arena | 6pm |
| Monday, March 4 th | FEATHERS - Released and Pens cleaned | 3pm – 6pm |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | FUR Check-In – bring water/feeders for cages & poster for contest | 3pm -6pm |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Youth Tractor Driving Competition – Horse Arena – min age 15, must have Learner's Permit, must be an exhibitor in the Fair | 6pm |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | FUR – Judging – no Exhibitors or parents permitted during judging | 7pm |
| Wednesday, March 6 th | FUR – Showmanship (optional) – Sign up at Check-In | 6pm |
| Thursday, March 7 th | FUR AWARDS – SHOWMANSHIP & SHOW AWARDS | 6pm |
| Friday, March 8 th | PeeWee & Cloverbud Awards | 6pm |
| Friday, March 8 th | Small Animal Auction – (Buyer to pick up animal after auction – by 10pm, or Sunday, March 10 th at 11am All sales must be paid on Sale Day. | 7pm |
| Saturday, March 9 th | FUR Fun Costume Contest (optional) – Sign up at Check-In | Noon |
| Saturday, March 9 th | FUR Fun Show- Agility (Optional) – Sign up at Check-In | 2pm |
| Sunday, March 10 th | FUR – Released and pen/barn clean-up for FUR and Auction Animal Exhibitors - Exhibitors must sign in. | 11:30am |
| Monday, April 1 st | Senior Scholarship Applications Due to Fair Office – on website | |

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. Carrying cases are prohibited from being left on the Fairground premises.
3. All entries must be in at the specified check-in time.
4. All exhibitors in the Showmanship competition (fur or feathers) must be present to show their animal. Sign up for Showmanship will be at Fair Check-In.

5. All entries must be owned by or the property of the exhibitor no later than November 3, 2023.
6. No entries will be released without the proper identification exhibitor tag for each animal.
7. All signs must be approved by the Barn Chairperson.
8. Cages must be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition at all times.
9. Additional requirements such as Show and Competition Attire, feeding/cleaning rules and times are all outlined in the General Rules and must be adhered to.
10. No toys allowed in any cage. Cavies will be allowed housing.
11. Auction Animals must be picked up the night of the sale, OR Sunday, March 10th at 11am.
12. Exhibitors having signed up for Showmanship may withdraw no later than 24 hours prior to the respective show. Failure to participate in Showmanship, after having registered, without notifying the Barn Chair within the specified time frame, may result in a fine of \$20. Fines will be placed in the Livestock Exhibitor Scholarship Fund.
13. All exhibitors in the barn must be between the ages of 5-18 as of September 1st of the previous year of the current Fair Season. 5-7 year olds will be classified as PeeWee/Cloverbud. They will be held to the same responsibilities as all other exhibitors. These exhibitors must be able to care for and show their animal without the help of a parent. They may have assistance from another exhibitor or barn leader.

SMALL ANIMAL BARN RULES

We are all here to have FUN, make memories, and new friends. These rules will help your Fair experience go smoothly.

FEEDING AND CLEANING:

- Exhibitors can only care for their own animal. Do not care for another exhibitor's animal unless approved by the barn chairpersons.
- Feeding time is 4pm–5:30pm daily. You must be finished by 5:30pm.
- No morning feedings, this includes weekends.
- Each exhibitor must sign in and sign out at feeding times daily with barn chairperson.
- Cages must be checked by barn chairperson before exhibitor is able to sign out.
- Cages will be zip tied to secure gates each evening.
- No toys, Bedding, or Hay mats allowed in cages. Cavy will be allowed housing.
- Plastic rest mats and cage resting mats are permitted. (FUR ONLY) These items must be washed daily.
- No parents will be allowed in barn at feeding time. Older exhibitors will be available if assistance is needed.
- Bring your own zip ties to secure feed and waterers.
- There will be no storage area for food and supplies, you must bring food and cleaning supplies daily.
- Bring litter scoop and small bucket to clean under cages and cage wire. Cages must always be clean and sanitary. Waste is to be disposed of in the appropriate dumpster location.
- All food and water bowls must be attached to the side of the cage.
- No cage mats are allowed in the bottom of feather cages.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All Livestock General Rules apply to small animal exhibitors. These rules can be found starting on page 2.
- Proper attire is required for feeding and shows. Refer to General Rule #25.
- Cage signs must be approved by barn chairpersons.
- Ask Me Booth participation is mandatory for all exhibitors.
- Showmanship is optional, but sign up must be completed at Fair Check-In. If you fail to participate after signing up, there will be a fine of \$20 imposed. (Small Animal Rule # 12).
- Check the white board in the barn daily for any announcements.
- All Cloverbud and PeeWee Youth must pick up any awards by end of Fair.

CHECK OUT

- Animals only leave at designated check out times. No animals leave without going through the check-out process.
- Auction animals must continue to be fed and pen cleaned daily by the Exhibitor until they are released to the buyer.
- Auction animal pick up will be after Friday night's auction by 10pm or no later than Sunday, March 10th at 11am.
- Clean up from auction animal cages must be done Saturday during regular cleaning/feeding hours.
- All auction exhibitors are required to attend and participate in final barn clean up on Sunday, March 10th. All exhibitors must sign-in for clean-up.

SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - Friday, March 8th @ 7pm

Exhibitors must be present and exhibit his/her own animal for the Small Animal Auction. If you sell an animal, you are still required to clean up and attend the mandatory clean-up at the time of animal check-out. Exhibitors must sign-in at check-out/clean-up. Animals sold at the Small Animal Auction must be taken at the time of sale, or by Sunday, March 10th at 11am. Buyer must pay for its purchase at the time of the Auction. Buyers paying with a Credit Card will be charged a 1% processing fee. All add-ons must be paid the day of the sale, otherwise the buyer will be responsible to pay the Exhibitor directly. Add-ons of \$100 or less, or less than five (5) Exhibitors, collectively, shall be paid directly to the Exhibitor(s).

PeeWee's may sell 1 of each – 1 Fur and 1 Feather; Junior, Intermediate and Senior may sell 2 of each – 2 Fur and 2 Feather. Buyer must present receipt for the animal at the time of the pick-up. Sale proceeds and other premiums will be mailed after closeout of the Fair.

RABBITS - FUR

If your rabbit has a tattoo prior to registration, you will enter the Tattoo at that time. Should the animal not be tattooed prior to registration, there is a tattoo clinic on November 18th. If you have the animal tattooed at that time, we will record the tattoo. All rabbits must be legibly and permanently tattooed in the ear and tattoo must be clear. All rabbits must be tattooed by Small Animal Health Check on December 3rd. **Diseased animals, or those having mites, fleas or any other parasites will not be accepted.**

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR RABBIT

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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| Champion of Show | \$20, Belt Buckle, Rosette |
| Reserve Champion of Show | \$15, Rosette |
| Best of Breed | \$10, Rosette |
| Best Opposite | \$7, Rosette |
| Blue Ribbon | \$5 |
| Red Ribbon | \$3 |
| White Ribbon | \$1 |

CAVY (GUINEA PIGS)

(Must be 4 months old at registration)

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR CAVY

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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| Grand Champion | \$10, Belt Buckle, Rosette |
| Reserve Champion | \$7, Rosette |
| Blue Ribbon | \$5 |
| Red Ribbon | \$3 |
| White Ribbon | \$1 |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR PEEWEE FUR/CAVY

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand Champion | \$10, Rosette, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion | \$7, Rosette |
| Blue Ribbon | \$5 |
| Red Ribbon | \$3 |
| White Ribbon | \$1 |

POULTRY – FEATHERS

All poultry will be checked for diseases. Any diseased poultry will be immediately removed from the show. Be sure to check the nostrils of your poultry for colds, as well as the feather pattern for lice and mites prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds for check-in. All animals must meet health requirements as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture. A State Poultry Inspector will test the birds.

CLASSES AND BREEDS OF POULTRY

DIVISION: LARGE FOWL (STANDARD)

Class: Class Description

- P01 AMERICAN** - Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Islands, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands, Delwares
- P02 ASIATIC** – Brahmas, Cochins, Langshans
- P03 ENGLISH** – Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Susses, Australorps
- P04 MEDITERRANEAN** - Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Analusians, Anconas, Sicilian, Buttercups, Catalanas
- P05 CONTINENTAL** – Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Barnvelders, Welsummers, Polish, Houdans, Faverolles, Crevecoeurs, LaFleche
- P06 ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS (AOSB)** – Modern Games, Old English, Malays, Sumatras, Aseels, Shamos, Yokohamas, Cubalayas, Sultans, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas

DIVISION – BANTAMS

Class: Class Description:

- P09 OLD ENGLISH** – The Old English breed is the only breed in this class.
- P10 MODERN GAME** – The Modern game breed is the only breed in this class.
- P11 SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED (SCCL)** - Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Catalanas, Campines, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Firzzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenixs, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island, Spanish, Sussexs
- P12 ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED (RCCL)** - Anconas Antwerp Belgians, Dorkings, Dominiques, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Red Caps, Rhode Islands, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes
- P13 ALL OTHER COMB CLEAN LEGGED (AOCCL)** – Ameraucanas, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, LeFleche, Melays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas
- P14 FEATHERLEGGED (FL)** – Cochins, Frizzles, Brahmas, D’Uccle, Faveroles, Silkies, Suntans, Booted Bantams

DIVISION – WATERFOWL DUCK

Class: Class Description:

- P16 LIGHT** – Runner, Campbell, Magpie, Welch Harlequin
- P17 MEDIUM** – Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff
- P18 HEAVY** – Peking, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy, Saxony, Silver Appleyard
- P19 BANTAM** – Call, East Indie, Mallard

DIVISION – GEESE

Class: Class Description:

- P20 LIGHT** – Chinese (China), Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian
- P21 MEDIUM** - Sabastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian
- P22 HEAVY** – Toulouse, Emden, African

DIVISION – EXOTICS

Class: Class Description:

- P23 PHEASANTS** - all Pheasants are in this class
- P24 PEACOCKS** – all Peacocks are in this class
- P25 QUAIL** – All Quail are in this class
- P26 PIGEON** – All Pigeons are in this class

DIVISION – GUINEA FOWL

Class: Class Description:

- P27 GUINEA FOWL** – All Guinea Fowl are in this class

DIVISION – TURKEY

Class: Class Description:

- P28 TURKEY** – Royal Palm, Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black (Spanish) Slate, Bourbon, Beltsville, Small White

DIVISION – COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION

Class: Class Description:

- P29** Laying Hens not shown in any other class - White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, Sex Link, Ameraucanas, Marans, and California Whites. No bantams. Hens must be clean, healthy, and not in molt. They must be in production /laying.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR POULTRY

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Champion of Show | \$20, Belt Buckle, Rosette |
| Reserve Champion of Show | \$15, Rosette |
| Champion Large Fowl | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Large Fowl | \$7, Rosette |
| Champion Commercial | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Commercial | \$7, Rosette |
| Champion Bantam | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Bantam | \$7, Rosette |
| Champion Waterfowl | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Waterfowl | \$7, Rosette |
| Champion Exotic | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Exotic | \$7, Rosette |
| Champion Guinea Fowl | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Guinea Fowl | \$7, Rosette |
| Champion Turkey | \$10, Rosette |
| Reserve Turkey | \$7, Rosette |
| Blue Ribbon | \$5 |
| Red Ribbon | \$3 |
| White Ribbon | \$1 |

POSTER CONTEST

This contest is mandatory for the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Age Divisions in Fur and Feather – individually.

The Poster Contest is for both Poultry and Rabbit/Cavy. Posters must be turned in during small animal check-in. Posters must be done on a 20" X 30" foam board. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about small animals. All items should be within the poster edges. The poster will be on display during the fair in the project animal area. Judging will be based on the following: Topic & Educational Value - 10 points, Originality & Creativity - 10 points, Quality of Work - 10 points, for a possible total of 30 points. The poster must be removed during the scheduled release time. Posters where it is apparent that the work was done by parents or others will not be judged. Posters must be the work of the Exhibitor. The Exhibitor name, Division, and 4-H/FFA name must be located in the bottom right-hand corner of the poster.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR POSTER CONTEST

Awards will be made separately for the Fur Division and the Feather Division

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| First Place | \$5, Rosette |
| Second Place | \$3, Ribbon |
| Third Place | \$1, Ribbon |

Feathers Showmanship – Saturday, March 2nd @ 6:00pm

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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|--------------|---|
| First Place | \$10, Belt Buckle, Blue Rosette, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$8, Red Rosette, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$5, White Rosette, Trophy |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR RABBIT/CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

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|--------------|---|
| First Place | \$10, Belt Buckle, Blue Rosette, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$8, Red Rosette, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$5, White Rosette, Trophy |

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR PEEWEE POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand Champion | \$10, Rosette, Trophy |
| Reserve Champion | \$7, Rosette |
| Blue Ribbon | \$5 |
| Red Ribbon | \$3 |
| White Ribbon | \$1 |

GOATS

Barn Leaders: Jacie Johns & Stacy Johns

livestockquestions@swflcfair.com;

| Day & Date | Event | Time |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Friday, November 3 rd | Registration Closes for 4-H Goats – NO LEASES ACCEPTED – Exhibitor must own the animal. | Midnight |
| Sunday, December 3 rd | Health & Conditioning Screening – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP REQUIRED. New Exhibitor Orientation is Mandatory. Exhibitor photos will be taken at this screening. | 7am – 10am |
| Tuesday, December 5 th | Program Ad Forms and Graduating Senior Information due to Fair Office and to email provided on the Forms | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 15 th | Exhibitor’s Season Pass Request Form Due to Fair Office | 5pm |
| Thursday, February 29 th | Goat Check-In & Sign up for Agility, Costume Contest, and Showmanship. Sign up for Ask-Me Booth, if participating in Herdsman. | 12-2pm |
| Thursday, February 29 th | Goat Agility Show (Optional) | 6pm |
| Friday, March 1 st | Goat Costume Contest (optional) | 6pm |
| Saturday, March 2 nd | Goat Showmanship – (Optional) | 2pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Goat Show / Awards to Follow | 11:30am |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth BBQ Cook-Off – Yancey Pavilion | 3pm |
| Sunday, March 3 rd | Youth Whip Cracking Competition – Horse Arena | 6pm |
| Monday, March 4 th | Goat Pens/Stalls Cleaned – Exhibitor must be checked in by 7:30am | 7:30am |
| Tuesday, March 5 th | Youth Tractor Driving Competition – Horse Arena – min age 15, must have Learner’s Permit, must be an exhibitor in the Fair | 6pm |
| Monday, April 1 st | Senior Scholarship Applications Due – can be found on website | |

- All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
- All Goats must be fully owned by the Exhibitor by Sunday, December 4th. No leases accepted.
- All Goat exhibitors must participate in all required pre-fair Health & Conditioning screening on December 4th.
- At the Mandatory Health and Conditioning Screening on December 4th, and at Fair check-in on February 29th, there will be a check of health papers (OCVI), Premise ID Card and proof of ownership (Livestock Owners Certificate) – no leases accepted. Ownership is defined as all required paperwork being in the name of the Exhibitor/Parent only. Failure to have the required paperwork at this Mandatory Health and Conditioning Screening will disqualify one from showing in the Fair. This is a hard deadline.
- No more than 1 Goat per class may be shown by one exhibitor.
- No buck goats will be shown or allowed in the Barn, unless with a Doe AND under 2 months of age.
- There will be no pre-show milk out. Over-uddering of milkers will result in immediate dismissal of the exhibitor and all his/her goats.
- Any animals late for the check-in or classes will be automatically disqualified from showing.
- Milk MUST be disposed of in an area designated by the Fair – See Barn Chair for milk disposal instructions.
- Judge may give reasons as part of lengthy classes if necessary, in the interest of time.
- Additional requirements such as Ask Me Booths, Shows and Competition Attire, feeding/cleaning rules and times are all outlined in the General Rules and must be adhered to.
- No Pinch Collars or training collars allowed.
- Release/Clean-Up Day – Goat exhibitors must be signed in by 7:30am. No Exhibitor will be released until Barn is approved by the Barn Chairs. If the exhibitor is not present, they may forfeit any premiums due, forfeit Herdsman’s points for the following year’s Fair.
- PeeWee exhibitors are not permitted to show horned goats.
- All exhibitors in the barn must be between the ages of 5-18 as of September 1st of the previous year of the current fair season. 5–7-year-olds will be classified as PeeWee. They will be held to the same responsibilities as all other

exhibitors. These exhibitors must be able to care for and show their animal without the help of a parent. They may have assistance from another exhibitor or barn chairperson.

Goat Barn Rules

CHECK-IN – Thursday, February 29, 2024 – 12pm - 2pm

- Upon arrival to the goat barn exhibitors must bring the following to the check in table:
- Demonstration score sheet
- Goat educational poster
- Original Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) issued within 90 of check in
- Premise ID Card
- Scrapie Tag
- Proof of goat ownership: All goats registered for Fair must belong to the Exhibitor by December 4, 2023. Livestock Owners Certificate and required paperwork must be turned in at check-in. Livestock Owners Certificate can be found in the Exhibitor Packet online, under the Livestock tab.
- Wethers are shown by weight class and will be weighed at check in
- All exhibitors must sign up for an Ask Me Booth time slot at check -in, participating in Herdsman.

FEEDING AND PEN CLEANING: Thursday 4pm-6pm
Friday 8am-9am and 4pm-5:45pm
Saturday 8am-9am and 4pm-5:45pm
Sunday 8am-9am and 4pm-5:45pm

ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BARN DURING DAILY FEEDING/CLEANING.

THIS APPLIES TO ALL AGE DIVISIONS, NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Exhibitors must supply water buckets, feed pans and hay bags/buckets.
- Feeding time is twice daily, 8am - 9am and 4pm - 5:45 pm. Evening feeding/cleaning must be finished and signed out by 5:45 pm.
- Barn chairs will feed for exhibitors on Friday morning only. Feed must be in a Ziploc bag with exhibitor's name and pen number printed clearly. Feed must be turned in to a barn chair before leaving barn on Thursday evening.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, feeding and daily exercise of their own goat. See barn chair for designated exercise area. Exhibitors may not care for or have another exhibitor care for their goat.
- All exhibitors are required to keep the space in front of their pens clean.
- Each exhibitor must sign in and out daily at feeding/cleaning times.
- Pens must be checked and signed off on by barn chair each day.
- Each exhibitor will have a storage pen and will be responsible for keeping their tack and supplies within their assigned area. Hay needs to be stored in a lawn bag, hay bag or storage bin to prevent loss of hay on ground.
- Goats may be tied off in designated area during daily cleaning/feeding times. GOATS CANNOT RUN FREE IN BARN OR SHOW RING.
- PeeWee exhibitors may receive verbal and hands on help from experienced exhibitors or siblings. No parents are allowed in the barn during feeding times. PeeWee's must be able to independently care for their goat.
- Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own netting, ties, or tarps to secure goat kids.
- All pen waste is to be dumped into the back of the dumpster outside the barn. Please push the wheelbarrow as far into the dumpster as you can before dumping waste.
- If exhibitor would like to request shavings this must be done no later than the December 4th Mandatory Health Screening. All exhibitors that request shavings will be penned in the same isle to minimize cleanup. There will be no changes regarding shavings after fair check in.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All Livestock General Rules apply to goat exhibitors. These rules can be found starting on page 2.
- The December 4th Health Screening is a MANDATORY meeting. It is your responsibility to check your paperwork to verify you have everything needed for entry to fair. **If requirements are not met at the MANDATORY Screening on December 4th, you will not be allowed to show in the Fair. There will be no extension of time.**
- Proper attire is required for feeding and showing. Refer to General Rule #25.
- Both the agility contest and costume contest are optional and *will not* accrue herdsman points. Sign up for the Agility Contest and the Costume Contest will be at check-in on February 29th.
- Showmanship is optional but *will* accrue herdsman points. Exhibitor must sign up online at time of registration.
- Posters are mandatory and *will* accrue herdsman points.
- Demonstration sheets are mandatory and *will* accrue herdsman points.
- Ask me booth is optional but *will* accrue herdsman points. Exhibitor must sign up at check in.
- Check white board daily for important barn information or changes.
- Disrespectful or unacceptable behavior may result in dismissal from the barn. Refer to general rule #26.

SHOW DAY – Sunday, March 3rd @ 11:30am

- All animals must come to check in washed, groomed and ready for show. No bathing or clipping will be allowed in barn.
- Grooming tents or easy ups will not be allowed. There will be a designated space for stands.
- Classes will be posted on the afternoon of show day.
- Exhibitors are to be dressed in proper show attire and ready 30 minutes before show time.
- The goat barn will be limited to EXHIBITORS ONLY 30 minutes prior to show.
- All exhibitors will enter the show ring 15 minutes prior to show for pledges, photos, etc. (no animal)
- Pay attention to the ring steward for directions on entering and exiting the ring.
- No hats or caps allowed in show ring. Refer to General Rule #25.

CHECK OUT – Monday, March 4th @ 7:30am

- Goats will be released on Monday, March 4th. All exhibitors must be signed in by 7:30am.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for the cleaning of their pens and area surrounding their pens.
- All exhibitors are responsible for working together to clean the area in front of and behind barn as well as the show ring and stands.
- No exhibitor will be released until their area is inspected and signed off by a barn chair.
- All exhibitors are required to attend check out/barn clean-up day. Refer to General rule #24.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Goats registered to exhibit at the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair must comply with the FDACS Rules and Regulations as stated in: FAC 5C-4.005, 5C-4.0017, 9CFR, Part 79-2. This information can be found at flrules.org. By law Florida OCVI is required! **All Goats must adhere to the following Scrapie's rules - Requirements for identification of Goats in Shows, Exhibitions and Fairs. All goats must have a Scrapie Tag Flock ID number.**

Goats must be officially identified before coming with other groups of animals.

For registered purebred Goats identified with an official breed registration certificate showing registration number, official permanent ID, Tattoo's or Electronic ID (microchip), official ear tags are not required. However, upon presentation of such animal for exhibition, a copy of the breed registration certificate must accompany each animal. Regardless of the method of official identification, each animal must be associated with a premises identification number.

ALL AROUND HERDSMAN AWARD

Points accrue in the following areas: Demonstration, Ask Me Booth, Educational Poster, Exhibit Care and Management, Showmanship, Entry Points, and Pre-Fair Educational Events. Failure to comply in any of these areas will disqualify the exhibitor from the All-Around Herdsman Award.

Each event will count for 100 points. Score will be calculated as a percentage of points available (example: if score were 27 points out of a possible 30 points available, points would be $27/30 = 90\%$, 90 points would be given). Maximum points will equal 660. The following events will be included:

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| 1. Entry Points (complete, timely, submitted by deadline) | 100 points |
| 2. Ask Me Booth (100 points given for participating) | 100 points |
| 3. Demonstrations | 100 points |
| 4. Poster (<i>percentage out of 30 points</i>) | 100 points |
| 5. Exhibit Care and Management (<i>Percentage by # of days at the Fair</i>) | 100 points |
| 6. Showmanship (<i>additional points for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd</i>) | 100 points |

POINTS FOR PLACING AS FOLLOWS FOR SHOWMANSHIP:

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| First Place | 60 points |
| Second Place | 50 points |
| Third Place | 40 points |
| Total | 660 points |

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR ALL AROUND HERDSMAN

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Division

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| First Place | \$75, Belt Buckle |
| Second Place | \$50 |
| Third Place | \$25 |

DEMONSTRATION

Exhibitor must give a Pre-Fair Talk or Demonstration. This must be in the area of your project animal. Exhibitors must submit a grade sheet at time of Check-In on your demonstration, or a letter from your 4-H/FFA leader stating the date and topic demonstrated. All must be signed by your 4-H or FFA leader and submitted at check-in. A Demonstration is required in order to qualify for the All-Around Herdsman Award and for entry into the Fair.

GOAT EDUCATIONAL POSTER

Participation is mandatory. All exhibitors must turn in an educational poster for judging. Posters must be turned in during animal check-in. Posters must be done on a 20" X 30" foam board. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about goats. The required information is as follows and must be clearly visible on the front of the poster: exhibitor's name, age, and club name. All items should be within the poster edges. The poster will be on display during the Fair in the project animal area. Judging will be based on the following: Topic & Educational Value - 10 points, Originality & Creativity - 10 points, Quality of Work - 10 points, for a possible total of 30 points. The poster must be removed during the scheduled release time. Posters where it is apparent that the work was done by parents or others will not be judged. Upon acceptance, all posters will be dated and initialed by the Barn Chairperson or their designee. Posters must be the work of the Exhibitor.

POSTER AWARDS PER AGE CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| First Place | \$5, Rosette |
| Second Place | \$3, Ribbon |
| Third Place | \$1, Ribbon |

EXHIBITION CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Animal pens will be judged on cleanliness of pen or stall, condition of water and feed buckets, and condition of animal (grooming, manure stains, etc.). A maximum of 10 points divided by days exhibited will be awarded. Feeding must be done in a timely manner in accordance with fair scheduled feeding times. It also includes giving your animal adequate daily exercise. Exhibitors are expected to take full responsibility of the care of their animal and pen. PeeWee/Cloverbud Exhibitors may enlist some "hands-on" help of other exhibitors if necessary. Exhibitors are expected to be responsible for all aspects of their animal's care (parents are prohibited from helping – violation will result in forfeiture of the Herdsman points for that day). **PARENTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING IN THE BARN DURING FEEDING TIME.** Failure to comply will result in the disqualification from the All-Around Herdsman Award.

SHOWMANSHIP – Saturday, March 2nd @ 2PM (Optional participation)

In general, the contest will be judged on the following basis: the ability of the contestant to lead, pose, and generally handle his/her animal or other contestant's if indicated by the contest judge; the contestant's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge; the contestant's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring as demonstrated by his/her actions; other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners. A contestant can only show his/her animal. Participation in Showmanship is optional but is required in order to compete for the All-Around Herdsman Award.

ENTRY POINTS

Exhibitors competing in the All-Around Herdsman Award must have timely and accurate entries into the fair and fair programs. All information must be submitted by registration deadline of November 3, 2023

GOAT COSTUME CONTEST – Friday, March 1st @ 6pm (Optional participation)

This event is open to all registered Goat Project Exhibitors and the goat must already be on the Fairgrounds. Any entry deemed to be harmful to the youth, the animal, others, or is not in good taste may be disqualified from the Show. This is a fun, optional event, and *will not* accrue points towards herdsman.

GOAT AGILITY CONTEST - Thursday, February 29th @ 6pm (Optional participation)

This event is open to all registered goat project exhibitors, and the goat must already be on the Fairgrounds. Safety for you and your goat comes first. There will be a 'Safety Assistant' at each obstacle on the course. They are there to help you and they are the only persons that you will take direction from while running the course. This is a fun, optional event and *will not* accrue points for Herdsman.

Goat Agility Contest Guidelines

1. A good relationship between the exhibitor and their goat is important. This includes the ability to control the goat when walking on a lead.
2. Exhibitors and their goat must have some sort of agility experience to participate in this contest.
3. The exhibitor must maintain reasonable control over their goat at all times. Goats must remain on a lead during their time on the agility course.
4. Each exhibitor may only run the course one time and each exhibitor must use their own goat.

Standard Equipment for Exhibitors

1. Exhibitors must wear boots and follow the dress code for the Fair. Your 4-H, FFA or agility t-shirt may be worn.
2. Goat must wear a collar and lead. The lead is for encouraging your goat to follow you through the obstacles.
3. Pulling on your goat is not recommended.
4. Offering treats to encourage your goat is allowed

Timed Event

1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will be chosen for each age divisions of PeeWee, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The winners will be the exhibitors who complete the course in the shortest amount of time, including penalties. An 'Overall Agility Champion' will be chosen from the age divisions combined.
2. If there is a tie with times, those exhibitors will run the course again to break the tie.
3. There will be a 10 second penalty for each obstacle of the course that is not completed. This means that the goat's front feet must start each station and its back feet must finish it. If your goat comes off an obstacle you must move on to the next obstacle. Penalty points may occur.

Sections of the Agility Course:

1. Hurdle
2. Weave Poles
3. Shallow Water Pool
4. Roundabout Table
5. High Bridge Walk
6. Teeter Totter

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR GOAT SHOW

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Division

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|--------------|------|
| Blue Ribbon | \$15 |
| Red Ribbon | \$10 |
| White Ribbon | \$5 |

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION SHOWS

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Division

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| First Place | \$10, Buckle |
| Second Place | \$8 |
| Third Place | \$5 |

PeeWee Goat Show Rules

1. Exhibitors must be 5-7 years old as of September 1st of the current Fair season and be a member of a PeeWee Club.
2. Exhibitors must show and exhibit their own goat.
3. Exhibitors must own their Goat. Leases will not be accepted.
4. Only Pygmy or Nigerian Dwarf Goats may be shown. They must be either Does or Wethers.
5. Horned goats are not permitted.
6. All Goat Barn and Exhibitor rules as stated under the Goat Dept. must be followed.
7. Exhibitor must attend pre-Fair clinic/shows approved by the Livestock Committee.
8. Exhibitor must submit a Goat Educational Poster (20 x 30 foam board) about their goat project.
9. PeeWee's must participate in the Pee-Wee Goat Show and Showmanship.
10. PeeWee Goat Agility Contest is optional.
11. All PeeWee exhibitors must participate in the PeeWee All Around Herdsman Award

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR PEEWEE GOAT SHOW

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Champion | \$15, Trophy |
| Reserve Grand Champion | \$10, Trophy |
| First Place | \$10, Blue Ribbon |
| Second Place | \$5, Red Ribbon |
| Third Place | \$3, White Ribbon |

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR PEEWEE SHOWMANSHIP

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|--------------|---------------------------|
| First Place | \$8, Blue Ribbon, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$5, Red Ribbon, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$3, White Ribbon, Trophy |

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR ALL AROUND HERDSMAN

Points accrue in the following areas: Ask Me Booth, Educational Poster, Exhibit Care & Management, Showmanship, Entry Points and Pre-Fair Educational Events. Failure to comply in any of these areas will disqualify the exhibitors.

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| First Place | \$25, Blue Ribbon, Trophy |
| Second Place | \$20, Red Ribbon, Trophy |
| Third Place | \$15, White Ribbon, Trophy |

DAIRY GOAT CLASSES

MILKERS

Senior Does

- G1. Milkers - under 2 years of age
- G2. Milkers - 2 years old and under 3 years
- G3. Milkers - 3 years old and under 4 years
- G4. Milkers - 4 years old and older

Junior Does - any Doe under 24 months that has never freshened

- G5. Junior Doe Kids - 4 months to under 6 months of age
- G6. Senior Doe Kids – 6 months to under 12 months
- G7. Doelings - 12 months old and under 18 months
- G8. Doelings – 18 months to under 24 months

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR DAIRY GOAT MILKERS

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| Grand Champion Dairy Goat | \$20, Blue Rosette |
| Reserve Champion Dairy Goat | \$10, Red Rosette |

NIGERIAN DWARF

Senior Does

- G9. Does under 2 years old
- G10. Does 2 years old and under 3 years
- G11. Does 3 years old and under 4 years
- G12. Does 4 years and older

Junior Does - any Doe under 24 months that has never freshened

- G13. Junior Doe kid, 4 months to under 6 months of age
- G14. Senior Doe kid, 6 months and under 12 months
- G15. Doelings, 12 months old to under 24 months

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR NIGERIAN DWARF

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| Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Goat | \$20, Blue Rosette |
| Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Goat | \$10, Red Rosette |
| Best of Breed – Dairy Goat (Does only) | \$25, Belt Buckle, Rosette |

MEAT GOAT CLASSES

Junior Does

- G16. Junior Doe – 4 months to under 6 months of age
- G17. Junior Doe - 6 months to under 12 months of age
- G18. Junior Doe - 12 months to under 18 months of age
- G19. Junior Doe - 18 months to 24 months of age

Senior Does - (All Senior Does must have reproduced by natural birth)

- G20. Senior Doe – 2 years to under 3 years of age
- G21. Senior Doe – 3 years to under 4 years of age
- G22. Senior Doe – 4 years of age and over

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR MEAT GOATS

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| Grand Champion Meat Goat | \$20, Blue Rosette |
| Reserve Champion Meat Goat | \$10, Red Rosette |

PYGMY GOAT CLASSES

- G23. Doe - 4—6 months of age
- G24. Doe - 6 months to 12 months of age
- G25. Doe - 12 months to under 18 months
- G26. Doe – 18 months to under 24 months
- G27. Doe – 24 months to under 3 years of age
- G28. Doe – 3 years to under 4 years of age
- G29. Doe – 4 years and older

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR PYGMY GOAT

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Grand Champion Pygmy Goat | \$20, Blue Rosette |
| Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat | \$10, Red Rosette |
| Best of Breed – Meat Goat (Does only) | \$25, Belt Buckle, Rosette |

WETHER CLASSES

All entries will be weighed at check in to determine class.

Dairy Wether

- G30. Light Weight Class - 0-30 pounds
- G31. Medium Weight Class - over 30 pounds to 60 pounds
- G32. Heavy Weight Class - over 60 pounds

Nigerian Dwarf Wether

- G33. Light Weight Class - 0 - 30 pounds
- G34. Medium Weight Class - over 30 pounds to 50 pounds
- G35. Heavy Weight Class - over 50 pounds

Meat Wether

- G36. Light Weight Class - 0 - 30 pounds
- G37. Medium Weight Class - 30 - 65 pounds
- G38. Heavy Weight Class - over 65 pounds

Pygmy Wether

- G39. Light Weight Class - 0 - 30 pounds
- G40. Medium Weight Class - 30 - 50 pounds
- G41. Heavy Weight Class - over 50 pounds

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR WETHER GOATS

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| Grand Champion Wether Goat | \$20, Blue Rosette |
| Reserve Champion Wether Goat | \$10, Red Rosette |

PEEWEEES OF SWFL

Chairperson – Rose Porter

Leader – Kathy Hughes

Co-Leaders- Lacey Steinmann and Tiffanie Cool

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GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitor must be 2 to 7 years old as of September 1st of the current Fair Season.
2. Exhibitor must be enrolled in PeeWees of SWFL on or before the date listed per the current year's registration.
3. Exhibitor must enter each category in our club booth, with a limit of 3 items per child.
Categories: vegetable plant, craft, and dish garden
4. All projects must be entered during booth set up. Late entries will not be accepted.
5. Age divisions are 2 - 4 and 5 - 7. Exhibitors must be 5 years of age by September 1st of the current Fair season to exhibit livestock in the Small Animal & Goat Barns.
6. Exhibitors that do not enter the required exhibits in our club booth (see rule #3) or remove their exhibits prior to the scheduled time will forfeit their right to register in PeeWees the following year. Release of exhibits is Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 4:15pm-5:00pm.
7. Small Animals - see Small Animal Department Rules.
8. Goats – see Goat Department Rules.

Exhibit Project Classes

| P-1 Vegetable Plant | | P-2 Craft | | P-3 Dish Garden | |
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| Grand Champion | Rosette | Grand Champion | Rosette | Grand Champion | Rosette |
| First Place | Blue Ribbon | First Place | Blue Ribbon | First Place | Blue Ribbon |
| Second Place | Red Ribbon | Second Place | Red Ribbon | Second Place | Red Ribbon |
| Third Place | White Ribbon | Third Place | White Ribbon | Third Place | White Ribbon |

PeeWees of SWFL Team Competition

The 2024 Team Competition is '100 Years of Fair Food'.

PeeWees of SWFL General Rules apply to this competition.

1. Members will be divided into several teams dependent on membership totals.
2. Themes will be assigned to each team and projects will be displayed at the Fair.
3. Teams will be judged on creativity and presentation.

PEEWEE YOUTH ROYALTY CROWNING

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| Princess | 2-4 |
| Prince | 2-4 |
| Queen | 5-7 |
| King | 5-7 |

1. Members' names are drawn randomly. Required attire is long pants/jeans/skirt and PeeWee Club shirt.
2. To be eligible for the Royalty Crowning, the child must be a registered member in good standing of a PeeWee Club and must have attended 2/3 of the club meetings, unless otherwise excused by the leader.
3. Member must not have previously held that title.
4. Winner must be present or forfeit the title.