



2025 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

FALL CLASSIC LIVESTOCK SHOW & EXPOSITION

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Board of Directors of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Associations, Inc. welcomes our exhibitors to the 2025 Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Fall Classic Livestock Show & Exposition. Our Exhibitors make the Livestock and Agricultural Industry what it is. Rules and Regulations are applicable to all Livestock Exhibitors.

All Registrations must be made electronically through our registration program 'ShoWorks' on the Fair's website at www.swflcfair.com, under the Fall Classic 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 Show, each Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian agrees to abide by the Terms, Conditions, Rules, and Policies, as routinely updated, of and for 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. When registering online you are granting the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association permission to use information about your entry at the Association's discretion without compensation or further approval.

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. Please download the form and return it by email at your earliest convenience, but no later than November 15, 2025.

All questions regarding the 2025 Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Fall Classic Livestock Show & Exposition should be directed to Show Management by emailing FranC@SWFLCFair.com

The primary purpose of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association is to provide a place to display livestock, agriculture, and crafts in a safe, family-oriented environment.

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LIVESTOCK GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & GUIDELINES

The maximum entries in each division shall not exceed 40.

Division	Max. Allowed	Non-Refundable Registration Fee Per Animal	Closing Date - Must Register On-Line (Registration automatically cuts off at midnight)
Steer	1 per exhibitor	\$40	November 15, 2025
Beef Breeding	1 per exhibitor-per class	\$40	November 15, 2025
Swine	1 per exhibitor	\$40	November 15, 2025

General Rules, Regulations, and Information

1. **Livestock Entries** – All entries must be made online at www.swflcfair.com 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 www.swflcfair.com.
2. **Physical Residence, Club Membership Standing & Age** - Exhibitors must physically reside in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry or Lee County, and must be currently enrolled in a school program, and must be a member in good standing of a Chartered 4-H/FFA program, or a Junior Cattleman's Club, active in the region representative of the Counties represented in this District. The Management reserves the right to ask for proof of school records. Exhibitors in beef breeding, swine and steer competition must be eight (8) years old as of September 1st of the current year.
3. **Age Classes** - Age determination for judging, showmanship and grooming premiums/awards shall be based on the exhibitor's ***age as of September 1 of the current year***. *Junior*: ages 8-10; *Intermediate*: ages 11-13; *Senior*: ages 14-18 (High School Senior).
4. **Management Rights** - The management of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. ('Show Management') 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 Fall Classic Show & Exposition. The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss, or well-being of exhibits; however, every reasonable precaution will be observed.
5. **Property Responsibility** - The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Exposition Grounds, 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 Association, 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 Show.
6. **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 Show.
7. **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 Show. The Fair Association, Volunteers, and Show Management are not responsible for any injury to animal and/or any exhibitor and/or any parent/guardian.

8. **Competitions and Shows** – All competitions and shows are subject to the General 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. Swine and Steer Showmanship will immediately follow the respective show. Registration must be completed at check-in.
9. **Property Subject to Control** - All property entered at the Show for any purpose shall be subject to the control of the Fair Management.
10. **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 exposition will be construed as a form of tampering. Tampering will result in immediate disqualification of the animal.
11. **Duration of Animal Stay** - Animals must remain at the Show Grounds until their designated release time. Release times are posted in the rules. Unauthorized removal of any animal or exhibit prior to the designated release time will cause forfeiture of all premiums won. 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 Show Management.
 - a. All animals must be secured each night for overnight stay. It is up to the exhibitor to make sure that animals have been cleaned, fed, have plenty of water and are safely put up for the night before they leave the grounds.
 - b. All feeding should be done before or after any shows. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to know all showtimes and to plan accordingly to make sure that their animal is fed.
 - c. Gates will be locked each night at 10:00pm and will open each morning at 6:00am.
 - d. Overnight security will be on grounds in case of any emergency.
12. **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, dying 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.
13. **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 Exposition Grounds at the discretion of the Show Management. Bovine must be doubled tied with halter and neck ropes.
14. **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.
15. **Prohibited** - No Alcohol, Smoking or Vaping. Profanity, rudeness, and disrespect will not be tolerated.

Negative conversation/comments by and from exhibitors and/or Parents/Guardians about the Show or 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 Show Management 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 Show by the Show Management. This applies to everyone!

16. **Service Animals** – SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY, are permitted. No Pets are allowed other than those in a show.

17. **Senior Scholarship Applications** – The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. 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 6, 2026, by midnight**. Please prepare accordingly.
18. **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 the property known as 17900 Old Bayshore Road, N. Fort Myers, Florida, 33917, for the **2025 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR FALL CLASSIC LIVESTOCK SHOW & EXPOSITION**, will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Management and/or each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents 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 17900 Old Bayshore Road 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 17900 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33917, 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 Management and/or 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 2025 FALL CLASSIC LIVESTOCK SHOW & EXPOSITION GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND INFORMATION and same are incorporated by reference herein. By registering for the 2025 FALL CLASSIC LIVESTOCK SHOW & EXPOSITION, 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.
19. **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 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 may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

Schedule for Livestock Exhibitors:

Friday, November 21, 2025 - Cattle Check-In – 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Friday, November 21, 2025 - Swine Check-In – 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Friday, November 21, 2025 – Beef Breeding Showmanship – 6:30pm

Saturday, November 22, 2025 – Swine Show – 10:00am

Saturday, November 22, 2025 – Beef Breeding Show – 3:00pm

Saturday, November 22, 2025 – Steer Show – 6:30pm

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – Clean-Up – Exhibitors must be checked in by 8:00am

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – Awards Breakfast – after clean-up is complete

MANDATORY CLEAN UP – Sunday, November 23, 2025.

- Clean-Up begins at 8:00am, Exhibitors must sign in.
- Awards Breakfast will begin when clean-up is finished.
- All pens (including holding pens) must be cleaned of all waste and wet sand.
- Area around respective show trailers must be cleaned and trash disposed of.
- All areas must be cleaned of all trash and debris.
- No exhibitors will sign out until the above is complete and a show representative checks your area.

Livestock Show Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be a member of 4-H, FFA, or Junior Cattlemen's Association, up to 18 years old.
2. **Swine will show out of pens.**
3. **Beef will show out of their trailer.**
4. Cattle may be shown as long as they are 3 years of age and younger.
5. Health Certificates on all livestock will be required during check-in.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing your show times.
7. Exhibitor must show your own animal at Showmanship, and sign up at Check-in.
8. Exhibitors should be dressed neatly in long jeans and collared shirts. Boots are required.
9. Neck ties are required overnight.
10. Show Managements reserves the right to disqualify exhibitors due to safety issues, if needed.
11. You are responsible for cleaning up your area while on grounds and prior to check-out.
12. Access through the gate at 17900 Old Bayshore Road and follow the signs.

DISPOSAL BUNK – ANIMAL WASTE ONLY: MUST USE DESIGNATED DUMP LOCATION ONLY

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

Entry Fee: \$40 per animal. Online registration only – deadline is November 15, 2025 - registration will close at midnight.
www.swflcfair.com, This show is pre-registration only. There are no walk-up entries.

STEER

STEER - SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP - Saturday, November 22nd

Please direct all questions to FranC@SWFLCFair.com

Day & Date	Event	Time
Saturday, November 15 th	Steer Registration Closes	Midnight
Friday, November 21 st	Check-In	2:30pm – 4:00pm
Saturday, November 22 nd	Steer Show & Showmanship	6:30pm
Saturday, November 22 nd	Youth Whip Cracking Competition – Open to Registered Exhibitors Only	TBA
Sunday, November 23 rd	Clean Up, Awards Breakfast, and release of animals at completion	8:00am
Monday, April 6 th	Senior Scholarship Applications Due – can be found on website	Midnight

1. Every steer must be wearing a halter prior to weigh-in and able to be led. All halters are to be approved by the Show Management. **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.
2. Additional requirements as outlined herein must all be adhered to.

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

If you place 1st or 2nd in your class, remain with your animal to return to the show ring when instructed.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR STEER SHOW

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

Grand Champion Steer:	Banner, \$500, Belt Buckle
Reserve Champion Steer:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Steer - 3 rd Place:	Banner, \$300
Reserve Steer - 4 th Place:	Banner, \$200
Reserve Steer - 5 th Place:	Banner, \$100

Steer Class Winners:

1st: - \$100, - 2nd - \$50, - 3rd - \$25

STEER SHOWMANSHIP
Immediately Following Steer Show

1. Age classes are outlined in the General Rules.
2. The exhibitor can only show his/her animal.
3. **Eligible Steer/Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship at check-in.**
 - 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

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR STEER SHOWMANSHIP
Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

Grand Champion Showmanship:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship:	Banner, \$300
3 rd Place Showmanship:	Banner, \$200

BEEF BREEDING

BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP - Friday, November 21, 2025

BEEF BREEDING SHOW – Saturday, November 22, 2025

Please direct all questions to FranC@SWFLCFair.com

Day & Date	Event	Time
Friday, November 15 th	Beef Breeding Registration Closes	Midnight
Friday, November 21 st	Beef Breeding Check-in / Weigh-In, Sign up for Showmanship	2:30 – 4:00pm
Friday, November 21 st	Beef Breeding Showmanship	6:30pm
Saturday, November 22 nd	Beef Breeding Show	3:00pm
Saturday, November 22 nd	Youth Whip Cracking Competition	TBA
Sunday, November 23 rd	Clean Up, Awards Breakfast, and release of animals at completion	8:00am
Monday, April 6 th	Senior Scholarship Applications Due – found on website	Midnight

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules.
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.
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. NO breaking halters. Lead rope and neck rope are required for each animal.
5. Upon entry to the Show, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to do all grooming but may enlist the 'hand-on help' from other Exhibitors for grooming. Professional groomers will not be permitted.
6. All bulls must have a nose ring.
7. Additional requirements as outline herein, must all be adhered to.
8. Clean-up will begin at 8:00am on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Premiums will be presented to the Exhibitor at the awards breakfast held after clean-up.

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

If you place 1st or 2nd in your class, remain with your animal to return to the show ring when instructed.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR BEEF BREEDING CATTLE

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

Grand Champion Bull:	Banner, \$500, Belt Buckle
Reserve Champion Bull:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Bull – 3 rd Place:	Banner, \$300
Reserve Bull – 4 th Place:	Banner, \$200
Reserve Bull – 5 th Place:	Banner, \$100
Grand Champion Heifer:	Banner, \$500, Belt Buckle,
Reserve Champion Heifer:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Heifer – 3 rd Place:	Banner, \$300
Reserve Heifer – 4 th Place:	Banner, \$200
Reserve Heifer - 5 th Place:	Banner, \$100

Beef Breeding Class Winners:

1st: - \$100, - 2nd - \$50, - 3rd - \$25

BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to following the General Rules, beginning on page 2.
2. Showmanship age divisions are outlined in the General Rules.
3. Exhibitor can only show his/her animal.
4. **Eligible Beef Breeding/Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship at check-in.**
 - 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.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

Grand Champion Showmanship:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship:	Banner, \$300
3 rd Place Showmanship:	Banner, \$200

SWINE

SWINE – SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

Please direct all questions to FranC@SWFLCFair.com

Day & Date	Event	Time
Friday, November 15 th	Swine Registration Closes	Midnight
Friday, November 21 st	Swine Check-in / Weigh-In	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, November 22 nd	Swine Show and Showmanship	10:00am
Saturday, November 22 nd	Youth Whip Cracking Competition	TBD
Sunday, November 23 rd	Clean Up, Awards Breakfast, and release of animals at completion	8:00am
Monday, April 1 st	Senior Scholarship Applications Due – found on website	Midnight

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules.
2. Upon entry to the Show, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to do all grooming but may enlist the 'hand-on help' from other Exhibitors for grooming. Professional groomers will not be permitted.

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

If you place 1st or 2nd in your class, remain with your animal to return to the show ring when instructed.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR SWINE

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

Grand Champion Swine:	Banner, \$500, Belt Buckle
Reserve Champion Swine:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Swine – 3 rd Place:	Banner, \$300
Reserve Swine – 4 th Place:	Banner, \$200
Reserve Swine – 5 th Place:	Banner, \$100

Swine Class Winners:

1st: - \$100, - 2nd - \$50, - 3rd - \$25

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP RULES

Immediately Following Swine Show

1. All entries and awards are subject to the following of the General Rules.
2. The exhibitor can only show his/her animal.
3. **Eligible Swine/Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship at check-in.**
 - 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.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

Grand Champion Showmanship:	Banner, \$400, Belt Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship:	Banner, \$300
3 rd Place Showmanship:	Banner, \$200

Hay Bale Decorating Contest

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

2025 Theme: 'Celebrating Agriculture'

- No fee to enter – bales are sponsored in part by Sweet Cypress Ranch. There will be a maximum of 6 entries. Pre-Registration is required, found at www.swflcfair.com. Deadline is Wednesday, November 15th. The Club/Group Leader will register as the Exhibitor and then proceed to register their club/organization.
- Each club/organization will receive one round hay bale to decorate, approximately 4'X5', will vary slightly.
- Entries will be judged in 4 parts - construction, creativity, eye appeal, and use of materials - 25% each
- Hay bales are to be decorated with a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations allowed.
- Hay bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end, with exhibit space being approximately 10'x15'. Hay bales will be set on location, but you must stabilize to avoid tipping or rolling. Small rectangular bales for feet, props and/or decoration may be added by the club, however, keep in mind exhibit space is approximately 10'x15'.
- Decorations should be **weather and wind-proof**, as the bales will be staged outdoors; only solar lighting allowed. 12"x 24" plastic corrugated sign board showing club name is allowed.
- Paint and/or chalk may be applied to the hay bale. Chalk may be used on bale, decorations, & the ground.
- Locations will be selected randomly, and clubs will be notified as to their location prior to set up.
- Hay bales may be decorated Thursday, November 20th between the hours of 2:00pm and 6:00pm, and Friday, November 21 between the hours of 9:00am and noon. Judging will take place on Friday, November 21st prior to the Show opening. In circumstances of inclement weather, adjustments will be determined.
- Hay bales must be 'undressed' Sunday, November 23 between the hours of 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Any items left will be discarded. **Clubs undressing hay bales prior to 2:00pm on Sunday, November 23rd will forfeit any premiums won.**

AWARDS AND CLUB DONATION FOR HAY BALES

1 st Place:	Blue Ribbon, \$700
2 nd Place:	Red Ribbon, \$600
3 rd Place:	White Ribbon, \$500
4 th Place:	\$200
5 th Place:	\$100
6 th Place:	\$50

Whip Cracking Contest Rules

Saturday, November 22nd

1. The Whip Cracking Contest will be held on Saturday, November 22nd at a time to be announced – at a specified location on the grounds.
2. **Contestants must be a registered Show exhibitor and must be pre-registered for this contest. Registration forms can be found at www.swflcfair.com, must be filled out and emailed to FranC@SWFLCFair.com by the deadline. Deadline is November 15th.**
3. Age Divisions are based on the exhibitor's age ***as of September 1 of current year***. Junior: ages 8-10; Intermediate: ages 11-13; Senior: ages 14-18 (High School Senior)
4. Contestants will have a maximum of two (2) minutes to perform as many tricks/pops as possible. A whistle will sound at the end of the two-minute time period.
5. Contestants must wear long pants or leg coverings, safety goggles, and closed toe shoes (boots and jeans are recommended).
6. Contestant Conduct: Any unbecoming behavior of a contestant will disqualify them from the contests, and all awards/premiums will be forfeited.
7. Contestants will be disqualified from the contest and removed from the grounds if found cracking or popping whips at any time before or after the show.
8. Check-in is Saturday, November 22nd at a time to be announced and at a specified location on the grounds. Whips can be brought to the grounds at that time and must be put away/secured immediately following the contest.
9. There will be a 'warm up' session with a Show Member prior to the contest beginning.
10. In case of a tie, there will be a pop-off to determine the winner.
11. Judges will score on the 1 to 10 scale with 10 being the highest score. Contestants will be judged on the most original, sharpness, loudness, and best overall performance.
12. Final interpretation and administration of the rules will be vested in the judges provided by the management of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. and their decision is final.
13. Contestants may compete in only one (1) division.
14. All contestants must sign the waiver that is part of the registration form.
15. Premiums will be paid by check and presented at the close out of the Show.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR WHIP CRACKING CONTEST

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions

1 st Place:	\$200
2 nd Place:	\$100
3 rd Place:	\$50

Whip Cracking Registration Form

Must be received prior to the Competition

Contestant Name: _____ Age: (as of 9/1/25) _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Competing Age Division: _____ Junior (8-10)

_____ Intermediate (11-13)

_____ Senior (14-18)

I certify that the above information is correct and the I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations governing the Whip Cracking Contest as established by the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. for this event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless with Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc., its directors, officers, agents, staff, volunteers, and judges from any self-inflicted injuries arising from my participation in the Whip Cracking Competition at the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. Fall Classic Livestock Show & Exposition.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER EARLY!

Division	Max. Allowed	Non-Refundable Registration Fee Per Entry	Closing Date - Must Register On-Line (Registration automatically cuts off at midnight)
Canned Foods	1 per exhibitor	\$0	November 5, 2025
Handcraft	1 per exhibitor	\$0	November 5, 2025
Recycled Art	1 per exhibitor	\$0	November 5, 2025
Household Arts	1 per exhibitor	\$0	November 5, 2025
Cactus/Succulent	1 per exhibitor	\$0	November 5, 2025

General Rules, Regulations, and Information

General Rules and individual Division Rules are strictly adhered to. Please be sure to read and know the rules for all departments and divisions. Please help us to not have to eliminate your entry as a result of rules not being followed.

Entry Date – All entries will be accepted at the same:

Thursday, November 20, 2025

17900 Old Bayshore Road

9:00am – 2:00pm

Release Date:

Sunday, November 23, 2:00pm – 5:00pm ***Claim checks must be presented in order to claim items. The Fair Association is not responsible for and will dispose of any remaining articles not picked up. Premiums will be mailed to exhibitor after close out of the event.***

HOME, HOBBY & HORTICULTURE

Please direct all questions to FranC@SWFLCFair.com

Day & Date	Event	Time
Saturday, November 5 th	Registration Closes	Midnight
Thursday, November 20 th	Entry Drop Off – 17900 Old Bayshore Road	9:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, November 23 rd	Entry Pick Up – 17900 Old Bayshore Road	2:00pm – 5:00pm

General Rules:

1. **ENTRIES ARE LIMITED – A MAXIMUM OF 4 ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED – MUST BE SEPARATE DIVISIONS FOR EACH ENTRY.**
2. Home, Hobby & Horticulture is for competitions that are open to the public. Sale of exhibit item(s) is prohibited during the event but may take place after the close of the event.
3. Horticulture is for home gardeners only – no business entries allowed.
4. Horticulture must be visibly free from insects & pest
5. Any item that does not meet the requirements will not be accepted. If an item is accepted as an oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not judged or displayed.
6. Entries will be accepted at 17900 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33917, on Thursday, November 20, 2025, between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm.
7. All Entries will be made via the online system, ShoWorks. Online registration is **MANDATORY**. Please note Online **registration closes Midnight on November 5, 2025.**
8. We welcome family participation, but duplicate family entries of items will not be accepted.
9. Exhibits cannot be picked up without the claim check you receive when dropping off your exhibit item. Event Management is not responsible for and will dispose of any remaining articles not picked up between 2:00pm and 5:00pm on Sunday, November 23rd. Premiums/Awards will be mailed by check to the Exhibitor following the close out of the Event.
10. Each entry will be judged on its own merit, using the Danish System of Judging. Judging is done by the most qualified judges available, and their decision will be final. The name of the exhibitor is concealed during judging so that each entry will be judged fairly on its own merit. The entry of only one item in a division does not necessarily guarantee the top award for that entry. All protests must be made in writing or by email to the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. and mailed/emailed to: Fair Manager, P.O. Box 3453, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33918 or FranC@SWFLCFair.com
11. All Exhibits are under the management of the Fair Association. The Fair Association will take every precaution to protect exhibits, however the Association, it's Officers or Agents will not be responsible for accident, loss, or damage of any entry. The Fair Association reserves the right to display or not to display any item.

AGE CATEGORIES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

Category I	Category II	Category III
Youth	Senior Youth	Adult
8 to 12 years	13 to 20 years	21 +

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS FOR HOME, HOBBY & HORTICULTURE

Youth, Senior Youth, Adult

Blue Ribbon:	\$10
Red Ribbon:	\$8
White Ribbon:	\$5

**ALL PREMIUMS / AWARDS WILL BE MAILED BY CHECK TO THE EXHIBITOR FOLLOWING
THE CLOSE OUT OF THE EVENT.**

Judging Standards, using the Danish System of Judging

1. Overall general appearance of item	25
2. Use, choice, difficulty & creative use of compatible materials	25
3. Attention to detail & craftsmanship	20
4. Suitable finish consistent with technique	15
5. Appropriate presentation of item	10
6. Correctly completing exhibitor entry form with accurate information	5

About the Danish System of Judging

The Danish System of Judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

The judge evaluates whether the requirements have been met. Ribbons are awarded according to the degree that the exhibitor's project meets the standards. Also, in the Danish System, everyone whose work fulfills the minimum qualifications receives a ribbon.

"Excellent" Blue Ribbon Award - Exhibits that rank "Excellent" meets the standards and fit well within the ability of most of the exhibitors. Excellent does not indicate perfection but indicates a high degree of achievement toward the elements in the standards for the exhibits.

"Good" Red Ribbon Award - Exhibits that rank "Good" in relation to the project standards or expected achievement. Red indicates good quality; however, there is room for improvement in the exhibit.

"Fair" White Ribbon Award - Exhibits that barely meet the product standards and need improvement.

Canned Foods 101

Canned Food Rules:

- All General Rules Apply
- **Limit 1 Entry per exhibitor.**
- Items must be in clear, standard, sealed canning jars with lids in good condition - **dirty or rusted rings will result in elimination, as will jar with popped seals.**
- Each Entry must be labeled with name of product and date canned – must have been canned since November 2024.
- Recipe and method of canning must be attached to each entry. No artificial coloring permitted.
- **Bring two jars of the same item, first jar for display, second jar can be small to be opened and judged.**

Division 101 – Canned Foods	Class:	Item Type / Method	Specifics to Division
Division 101 – Canned Foods	01	Fruit	
	02	Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Marmalades	
	03	Pickles & Relishes	

HANDCRAFTING – 201

Handcraft Rules:

- All General Rules Apply
- **Limit 1 Entry per exhibitor.**

Division 201 – Holiday Crafts	Class:	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
	01	Fall/Thanksgiving	
	02	Winter/Christmas	

Recycled Art Division 301

Recycled Art Rules:

- All General Rules Apply
- **Limit 1 entry per exhibitor.**
- Design an item from recyclable and/or non-recyclable material where the materials are used for a purpose other than its original use and remade into an object. Project may use many different materials.
- No poison or hazardous materials may be used or displayed.
- **A picture of ALL items used to make the project must be taken BEFORE the recycling process begins and MUST be included with each entry. A description of the item(s) prior to starting the project, and the procedure used to accomplish your new creation MUST be included with each entry.**
- Please type or print the description on one or more index cards.
- Judging will be based on descriptive information, construction difficulty, creative use of item, and overall success in the reclamation process. (Examples of items to make - jewelry, baskets, ornament, toys, wall hangings, vests, etc.)

Division 301 – Recycled Art	Class	Item Type/ Method	Specifics to Division
	01	Plastics	Milk/Bleach jugs, buttons, strawberry baskets, etc.
	02	Fabrics	Jeans, clothing, linens, quilts, etc.
	03	Paper	Leftover wallpaper, cardboard, magazines, etc.
	04	Glass, Wood, or Natural Products	Brillo Pads, Pinecones, Shells, etc.
	05	Metal, Iron, Tin, Steel,	
	06	Combination of Methods	

Household Arts – 401

Household Arts Rules:

- All General Rules Apply
- **Limit 1 Entry per exhibitor.**

Division 401 – Household Arts	Class:	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
	01	Rugs	Braided, Crocheted, Knit, etc. Bathroom or kitchen size
	02	Decorative Hand Towels	Embroidery

Container Grown Ornamental Plant - 501

Container Grown Ornamental Plant Rules:

- All General Rules Apply.
- **Limit 1 entry per exhibitor.**
- The variety name, Common & Latin, must be noted on the entry form.
- Only one plant type in a container.
- All entries must be clean, free from insects and diseases and in good condition.
- If your entry must be watered, please include tray or saucer to prevent water drips.

Container Grown Ornamental	Class	Item Type/ Method	Specifics to Division
	01	Orchid	
	02	Succulent or Cactus Plant	