

**114th Annual
Central Florida Fair**

2026



Youth Beef Breeding Premium Book

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Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs General Rules & Regulations

Rule Interpretation

- Interpretation and Administration of these rules will be vested in the Youth Livestock Committee and their decision will be final. Any evidence of fraud coming to the attention of the Committee will be fully prosecuted of the law.

Entries

- Entry forms are available on the Central Florida Fair website; www.centralfloridafair.com or upon request from the: Central Florida Fair, Livestock Department, 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32808, (407) 295-3247.
- All entries must be made on official entry forms or online with all information complete and accurate and accompanied by fees when applicable. All entries in the Youth Livestock Programs must be submitted via online system by the registration deadline.

Health Requirements

- A Florida Department of Agriculture State Inspector will be on the grounds to check-in all animals and accompanying papers. Animals are not to be unloaded without approval from the State Inspector on duty.
- Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry.
- Market animals will be required to follow the rules outlined in 5C-4- Admission of Animals for Exhibition found on the Florida Department of Agriculture Website or as set forth by the Livestock committee. Please note that the Livestock Committee rules may ask for requirements to exhibit that go beyond the FDACS requirements. Livestock Committees will not be able to require less than put in place by FDACS.
- ALL Breeding Beef, Goats, & ALL Sheep must be covered by an official Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian, dated within 90 days of the exhibition date. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Rabbits, Cavies, & Poultry DO NOT NEED A HEALTH CERTIFICATE!
- 2026 COMMERCIAL LAYING HENS NPIP will be up to the discretion of the health inspector!
- ALL Purebred Poultry is required to have NPIP! NPIP Testing will be available at Check In through the State Health Inspectors.

Premiums and Awards

- The Central Florida Fair reserves the right to alter premiums and awards, delete categories or change sponsorships.
- Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which must be signed by the show superintendent or clerk.
- Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address given on the official 2026 entry form. All Address Changes must be sent in writing to Jacki@centralfloridafair.com before March 30, 2026!
- If a Social Security number or Federal ID Number is not provided, the Central Florida Fair will not issue premium or sale checks.

Judges and Judging

- The decision of the judge will be final, and no appeal will be considered.
- Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
- All animals must be present in the coop to be evaluated by the judge to receive premiums.

Exhibitor Tickets/Credentials/Admission

- Each exhibitor will be issued an official livestock exhibitor wristband to be worn for the duration of his or her respective check in date. Each exhibitor will be issued Ten (10) single day admission tickets (tickets will be given at check in) to be used. Please Note: All tickets will be single day admission tickets. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the fair. No additional tickets will be issued.
- Livestock 11-day passes will be available for purchase for Central Florida Fair 4-H/FFA family members at the fair website (Limit 8 per family). Please note after January 31 these tickets will NOT

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- be available for purchase and individual full priced entry tickets will be required.
- The Fair strongly encourages exhibitors to purchase advance discount tickets for those who send tickets to their respective buyers. Tickets may be purchased online or in the Fair Office, prior to opening day.
- Buyers who PURCHASED AN ANIMAL(S) at the 2025 Central Florida Fair will receive an Invitation Letter from the Fair to purchase animals again along with two (2) Fair tickets.

Entrance to Fair and Parking

- All livestock exhibitors must enter the Livestock Gate and park in the designated parking lots outside of the fairgrounds. Vehicles parked in non-designated areas will be towed away at the owner's expense.
- All vehicles and trailers will be parked in a remote location adjacent to or near the livestock complex.

Liability for Loss or Theft

- 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 Central Florida 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 to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein, and any other property of any nature whatsoever.

General

- By application for entry to the Central Florida Fair, each exhibitor certifies that all exhibits are in accordance with the Rules & Regulations of the Central Florida Fair and that the exhibitor agrees to be governed by these rules.
- Only bona-fide Central Florida youth agricultural organizations or FFA members residing in/or attending schools in the following counties Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia are eligible to enter.
- Exhibitors must meet grade level requirements and be active in a 2025-2026 youth agricultural organization (FFA or 4-H). The youth organization must be affiliated with a National Organization. "BREED" Associations DO NOT meet the requirements of the Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
- Exhibitors must submit their Report Cards & Homeschooling Forms no later than February 4, 2026 via the Submission Link on the CFF Website. Link will be open January 1 for the SEMESTER 1 Report Cards. The first semester includes both 1st and 2nd nine weeks grades and semester exams if required, for the 2025-2026 school year. An official report card that exhibits grades for the preceding semester is the ONLY acceptable evidence allowed for entry. The Report Card must clearly state the Exhibitor's First & Last Name and School Name on it. Report Cards not submitted by deadline will deem the exhibitor ineligible to exhibit at the Central Florida Fair.
- Exhibitors shall conform to the following standards in academics (cumulative grades are not considered): For FINAL ENTRY, the exhibitor must have received a **2.0 UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER**. The first semester includes both 1st and 2nd nine weeks grades and semester exams if required, for the 2025-2026 school year. An official report card that exhibits grades for the preceding semester is the ONLY acceptable evidence allowed for entry. The Report Card must clearly state the Exhibitor's First & Last Name and School Name on it.
- Academic Exception forms must be completed by the Principal, Guidance Counselor, or County 4-H Agent. Academic Exception forms must be submitted via submission link no later than February 4, 2026.
- Any exhibitor, parent, advisor, teacher, leader, or other, who displays unprofessional behavior toward any member of the Fair Board, Fair Management, Livestock Committee, Graders, or Judges, may be just cause for the exhibitor and their animals to be disqualified and removed from the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors may also be barred from showing at future fairs. Each person is responsible

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for his or her own behavior.

- Animals are restricted to a designated area of the fairgrounds and must not be taken from this area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animal.
- Names and telephone numbers of qualified local veterinarians will be available at the Livestock office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.
- Only animals being entered and shown at the Central Florida Fair are permitted on the fairgrounds at any time.
- Personal pets (i.e. dogs, cats, reptiles, and rodents) are strictly prohibited on fairgrounds, with the exception to official Guide Dogs/ Leader Dogs for the Blind.
- The use of tobacco products, drugs and alcoholic beverages in the livestock complex is strictly prohibited.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited in the barn.
- Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture. Any person who violates any of the General Rules or other rules as published in the 2026 Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Premium Book will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

Exhibitor Special Needs

- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and a parent to inform Fair Management of special needs (i.e., hearing or physical disability) an exhibitor may have. Special arrangements cannot be made if Fair Management is not aware of the need.
- Exhibitors with an IEP need to provide an accommodation sheet if applicable via IEP Submission Link on our website by February 4, 2026.

Protests

- All protests must be made in writing, must plainly state the complaint, be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 (which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained) and must be delivered to the management within 24 hours after the cause of protest. Judging Protests will not be entertained.

Attire (Official Central Florida Fair Show Ring Attire)

- Official dress for FFA is as defined in the official manual (note the comments below regarding shoes and pants). Skirts are not allowed.
- Other agricultural youth organization members must wear black pants (NO BLUE JEANS), a white, long sleeved button up shirt with a collar.
- Shirts must be tucked into pants.
- Pants must be on the outside of the shoe. No Skinny Jeans are permitted.
- Belts & Bolos/Ties are required.
- Closed toe brown or black boots above the ankle must be worn. Athletic shoes (sneakers/tennis shoes) or boat shoes (Sperry's) are not acceptable. Poultry Exhibitors may wear solid Black Athletic shoes. No hats may be worn.

Camping

- All Campers/RV's must have a reserved camping spot through showworks in order to be allowed on the fairground's campground.
- Sites only have 30 & 50 amp availability. 50 Amp hook ups are limited, must be reserved ahead of time through the Fair Office.
- Campsites are located on the grounds at a rate of \$25.00 per day, per site. Sites include Water and Electric. A Pump Service will be available to schedule.
- Only self-contained units are allowed, NO TENTS! A limited number of spaces are available; therefore, reservations need to be made as early as possible. Reservations will be honored upon receipt of full payment, until available spaces are filled.
- Camping Availability is limited. First come, first serve. Campers will be located near the Livestock Pavilion.
- All camping reservations must be received by January 31, 2026. Any questions please contact Jacqueline Stough at (407) 295-3247 or Jacki@centralfloridafair.com
- All Livestock Camping Reservations will ONLY be done online. NO CHECKS will be accepted.

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NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample

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was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

CHAPTER 5C-4
ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

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5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

- (1) Accredited tuberculosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (2) Accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (3) Accredited veterinarian. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (4) Approved livestock facility. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (5) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.
- (6) Certified brucellosis-free state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (7) Certified brucellosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (8) Classified brucellosis-Class A state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (9) Department. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (10) Electronic Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ECVI). An electronic certificate provided by USDA Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System or a third-party vendor approved by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) ECVI Data Standards Subcommittee and issued by licensed and accredited veterinarians in animal's state of origin.
- (11) Exhibition. Any fair allowing the displaying or presenting livestock, including poultry, to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show.
- (12) Fair(s). Annual public fair as defined in F.S. 616.001, that exhibits domestic animals.
- (13) Group. One or more Animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.
- (14) Isolation. Separation of individual Animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one Animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another Animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another Animal.
- (15) Market class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals.
- (16) Official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (17) Official individual identification. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (18) Official test. A test conducted by a licensed and accredited veterinarian with method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.
- (19) Owner. The owner of the animal or herd or the owner's authorized agent.
- (20) Pseudorabies. A contagious, infectious herpesvirus, causing communicable disease of livestock and other animals also known as Aujeszky's disease or mad itch.
- (21) Recognized slaughtering establishment. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (22) Swine brucellosis. An infectious bacterial disease caused by *Brucella suis* (B. suis) biovars 1 or 3, most frequently affecting swine but able to cause disease in other animals and humans.
- (23) Terminal swine show. An exhibition market class consisting of swine that are isolated and housed separately from all other animals and designated for slaughter only channels.

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(24) Validated brucellosis-free herd, as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2024). This definition of validated brucellosis-free herd is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17727>.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.

5C-4.0016 Applications, Cards, Forms, Other Official Documents Required and Fees.

(1) USDA. The Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (DEC 2020), an USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Service (VS) form required for submitting samples and reporting results of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests. Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (DEC 2020) , as incorporated in subsection 5C-18.001(10), F.A.C.

(2) OCVI. Florida-licensed and accredited veterinarians may obtain the following OCVIs through the department:

(a) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09000 Rev. 06/17; for use with all species, in association with movement or sale. Cost is \$65 per book of 25 certificates. Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09000 Rev. 06/17 is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-24.003, F.A.C.

(b) Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09002 Rev. 04/17; for use with equine, in association with movement or sale. Cost is \$65 per book of 25 certificates. Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09002 Rev. 04/17 is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-24.003, F.A.C.

(c) Florida-licensed and accredited veterinarians may obtain OCVIs through electronic official certificates of veterinary inspection.

(3) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, is an official document provided by the Department to the equine owner to show proof of a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months, for purposes other than change of ownership. The document is valid for 12 months from the date the blood was drawn and is renewable annually with an associated fee of \$5.00 per application (Card). The Negative EIA Test Verification Card may be applied for by submitting the Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05. Negative EIA Test Verification Card FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10037>. Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10038>.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), (5), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 6-21-06, Amended 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) OCVI Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number and, if applicable, the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals, an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days.

(3) Inspection. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be made available for inspection by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required Official Individual Identification of the Animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(4) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any Animal in noncompliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any Animal not meeting the Official Individual Identification requirements, or

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(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
2. Examined at the owner's expense, by a Florida-licensed accredited veterinarian who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious diseases and pests. The accredited veterinarian's examination must take place within 24 hours of the initial inspection by the authorized representative.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.003, 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 585.162 FS. History—New 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.001 General Requirements and Limitations.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 7-1-71, Amended 8-7-77, 9-30-80, Formerly 5C-4.01, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, Repealed 6-21-06.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.

(b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Official Identification Required. All cattle or bison entered for exhibition purposes, including market class animals, must have an official individual identification. If the breed registry and brand or tattoo are used to complete the identification requirements, then the breed registry number and brand or tattoo must be listed on the OCVI accompanying the animal to exhibition.

(3) Testing Requirements.

(a) Tuberculosis.

1. Florida-origin cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test.

2. Dairy Cattle. Dairy cattle imported into Florida, may be entered for exhibition provided they have:

- a. a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition, or;
- b. originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd in an accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone.

3. Beef Cattle. Beef cattle or bison imported into Florida may be entered for exhibition provided they have:

- a. a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition or;
- b. originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd or state.

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

- a. Steers and spayed heifers; and
- b. Cattle or bison originating from,

(I) a certified brucellosis-free herd. The OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test, or;

(II) a classified brucellosis-free state or area, or;

(III) Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from a classified brucellosis-Class A state or area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

Rulemaking Authority 270.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 7-25-66, 11-15-67, 1-1-70, 7-1-71, 9-1-72, 8-7-77, 8-8-79, 9-30-80, 6-26-83, Formerly 5C-4.02, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.003 Swine.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida origin swine must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation for exhibition.

(b) Swine imported for exhibition must comply with the importation requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.007, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for exhibition and must be dated within 30 days of entry.

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(2) Identification. All swine, entered for exhibition purposes, including market class swine in a terminal swine show, must have official individual identification.

(3) Tests or Certification Required for Swine.

(a) Swine Brucellosis.

1. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for swine brucellosis within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;

2. Originate from a validated brucellosis-free herd, or;

3. Originate from a commercial production swine herd as defined in subsection 5C-21.002(11), F.A.C.

(b) Pseudorabies. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for pseudorabies within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;

1. Originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd as defined in 9 CFR §85.1 (JAN 2024), which is incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17888>, or ;

2. Originate from an approved commercial production swine herd as defined in Rule 5C-21.002, F.A.C.

(4) Exemptions.

(a) Market class swine for exhibition in a terminal swine show are exempt from the OCVI and testing requirements provided all animals in the terminal swine show are transported directly to a recognized slaughter establishment or approved livestock facility in designated slaughter channels, within 7 days of the show date. At the end of the terminal swine show, the swine owner(s) must ensure:

1. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of a recognized slaughter establishment, within 7 days of the end of the show, or;

2. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of an approved livestock facility in designated slaughter only channels, within 7 days of the show.

(b) Owners must maintain swine show records for a period of two (2) years. The records must include:

1. Official individual identification of each animal, and;

2. Individual or business name and contact phone number of the entity transporting the swine from the terminal swine show to the recognized slaughter or approved livestock facility, and;

3. The name, physical address and delivery date to the recognized slaughtering establishment, or approved livestock facility where the swine were delivered.

(c) All swine referenced in subsection 5C-4.003(4)(a), F.A.C., must be held in isolation and only commingled with other swine in slaughter channels until slaughtered.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 3-21-64, Amended 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, Formerly 5C-4.03, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

(1) OCVI Requirements.

(a) An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites imported into Florida as specified per Rule 5C-3.012, F.A.C. An OCVI for entry into exhibition is required and must be dated within 30 days of entry or the animals must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.

(b) Florida origin poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated within 90 days prior to exhibition or must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(33), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (Jan. 2018), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (JAN 2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10045>.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.36(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep.

(1) OCVI Required.

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(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition, except lamb or kids less than three months of age and accompanied by their dam.

(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.005, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for entry into and Exhibition and must be dated within 30 days prior to entry.

(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have official individual identification, except lambs or kids under three months of age accompanied by their dam that has official individual identification.

(3) Tests or Certification Required.

(a) All dairy goats imported into the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days are exempted from the import testing requirements in subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C., provided:

1. The animals originate from:

- a. Accredited tuberculosis-free states or herds, and
- b. Certified brucellosis-free herds or classified brucellosis-Class A states or areas.

2. The animals return to the state of origin within 30 days of entry into Florida, and

3. The animals' milk is not used for human or pet consumption in Florida.

(b) Dairy goats that remain in Florida for more than 30 days must meet the brucellosis and tuberculosis import testing requirements in the subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C.

(c) There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats, pygmy goats, or Florida-origin dairy goats.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 1-3-19, 12-8-24.

5C-4.006 Violation of Rules.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(1), (2), (3), 585.004, 585.005, 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2), (3), 585.007(1), (2) FS. History—New 6-29-62, Formerly 5C-4.06, Repealed 1-19-95.

5C-4.007 Sheep.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1) FS. History—New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-4.008 Equine.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) An OCVI is required for all equine imported into Florida as specified in Rule 5C-3.003, F.A.C.

(b) Equine are not required to have an OCVI for exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All Equine presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition. The negative EIA test must be reported on:

(a) Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test, VS Form 10-11 (2020), as incorporated in subsection 5C-18.001(10), F.A.C.

(b) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, as incorporated in subsection 5C-4.0016(3), F.A.C.

(c) EIA reporting form approved by the USDA and another state's animal health official, including electronic EIA laboratory test. An electronic EIA laboratory test may be presented on an electronic device if:

1. The electronic reporting form is in the original format and has not been altered, and
2. Is of size and image quality to provide a clear, legible document; and
3. The device properly displays all document information.

(3) Exemption to Test Requirement. A foal under six (6) months of age is not required to have a negative EIA test if it is accompanied by its dam which has met the EIA test requirement.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(3), 585.145 FS. History—New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 10-17-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.009 Other Species.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. History—New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-4.010 Penalties for Violations.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4) FS. Law Implemented 585.007, 585.145(3) FS. History—New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

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Central Florida Fair Youth Program

I understand that the 2026 Youth Livestock Programs are held in conjunction with the 2026 Central Florida Fair and agree that the Central Florida Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2026 Central Florida Fair due the following force majeure events: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, or explosion.

Chapter Animals:

All chapter animals registered under the chapter name will be entered online in the following format: First Name: Club Name & Last Name: Student's first and last name. Please note that all winnings from animals registered this way will be paid in full to the Chapter. All Chapter Animals will use the School's Tax ID Number and NOT The students Social Security Number. The only information on the entry that will belong to the student is their Date of Birth, grade, Ethics Number and parent contact information. All other information should belong to the school/ club.

Official Central Florida Fair Show Ring Attire:

Official dress for FFA is as defined in the official manual (note the comments below regarding shoes and pants). Other agricultural youth organization members must wear black pants (NO BLUE JEANS), a white, long sleeve, button up shirt with a collar. Shirts must be tucked into pants. Pants must be on the outside of the shoe. Skinny Jeans are not permitted. Belts & Bolos/Ties are required. Closed toe brown or black boots above the ankle must be worn. Athletic shoes (sneakers/tennis shoes) or boat shoes (Sperry's) are not acceptable. Poultry Exhibitors are permitted to wear solid Black Athletic shoes with official dress. No hats may be worn.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ethics Class	Wednesday, October 15, 2025 4 PM
Project Start Date	Monday, December 1, 2025
Ethics Class	Saturday, January 24, 2026 9 AM
Online Registration Deadline	Saturday, January 31, 2026
Camping Registration	December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026
Fair Buddies Registration Deadline	Saturday, January 31, 2026
CFF Scholarship Application Deadline	Saturday, January 31, 2026
*See Centralfloridafair.com/livestock/ for more information	
Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline	Sunday, February 1, 2026
*See Centralfloridafair.com/livestock/ for more information	
Submission Changes	Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Report Cards / IEP / 2.0 Forms &	Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Homeschooling Submission Deadline	
Grooming Chute Request Form Deadline	Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Record Book Submission Deadline	Monday, February 9, 2026
See Record Book Rules on page 20	
Skill A Thon	Saturday, February 21, 2026 @ 9-12 PM
	IEP Specified Testing 8-9 AM
Must bring Completed Poster	
Tack Set Up	Tuesday, February 24, 2026 4-7pm
Check In	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8-10 AM
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 11:30 AM
Showmanship	Thursday, February 26, 2026 7 PM
Fashion Revue	Friday, February 27, 2026 6 PM
Show	Saturday, February 28, 2026 2PM
Awards	Sunday, March 1, 2026 10 AM
Release	Sunday, March 1, 2026 4 PM or following the Last animal sold (Whichever comes later)

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Central Florida Fair Youth Commercial Beef Breeding Program

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Committee Members Heather Wandrey, Alyssa Fowler

Definitions

Age divisions will be based on the exhibitor's age as of September 1, 2025.

Cloverbud	5 - 7
Junior:	8 - 10
Intermediate:	11 - 13
Senior:	14 - high school graduation

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and a parent to inform Fair Management of special needs (i.e., hearing or physical disability) an exhibitor may have. **Exhibitors with an IEP need to provide an accommodation sheet if applicable via IEP Submission Link on our website by February 4, 2026.**

All entries in this category shall be subject to the Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock General Rules and Regulations, the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Florida Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements as found in the front of this Premium Book.

INTENT & PURPOSE

The intent of the Commercial Beef Breeding Show is to promote youth development in Florida agricultural venues through the raising and breeding of Cattle. The program is designed to teach the skills of animal selection, feed/nutrition, breeding, care and grooming as they apply to the Cattle industry.

ANIMAL & EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Only bona-fide **Central Florida** youth agricultural organizations or FFA members residing in/or attending schools in the following counties Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia are eligible to enter.
2. Exhibitors must meet grade level requirements and be active in a 2025-2026 youth agricultural organization (FFA or 4-H). The youth organization must be affiliated with a National Organization. "BREED" Associations DO NOT meet the requirements of the Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs.
3. Exhibitors must be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
4. Exhibitors must submit their **Report Cards & Homeschooling Forms no later than February 4, 2026 via the Submission Link on the CFF Website.** Link will be open January 1 for the SEMESTER 1 Report Cards. The first semester includes both 1st and 2nd nine weeks grades

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and semester exams if required, for the 2025-2026 school year. An official report card that exhibits grades for the preceding semester is the ONLY acceptable evidence allowed for entry. The Report Card must clearly state the Exhibitor's First & Last Name and School Name on it. Report Cards not submitted by deadline will deem the exhibitor **ineligible** to exhibit at the Central Florida Fair.

5. Exhibitors shall conform to the following standards in academics (cumulative grades are not considered): For FINAL ENTRY the exhibitor must have received a **2.0 UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER**. The first semester includes both 1st and 2nd nine weeks grades and semester exams if required, for the 2025-2026 school year. An official report card that exhibits grades for the preceding semester is the ONLY acceptable evidence allowed for entry. The Report Card must clearly state the Exhibitor's First & Last Name and School Name on it.
6. Academic Exception forms must be completed by the Principal, Guidance Counselor, or County 4-H Agent. Academic Exception forms must be submitted via submission link no later than February 4, 2026.
7. Ownership date is Monday, December 1, 2025.
8. Exhibitors must be 8 years of age by September 1, 2025 to compete.
9. Cloverbud Exhibitors (ages 5-7 years of age) by September 1, 2025 are ineligible to participate in competitive activities at any level. Cloverbud exhibitors may only have one entry.
10. Entry must be in the owner/exhibitor's name.
11. Maximum of 6 animals registered under each exhibitor, subject to registration numbers and space allotments.
12. All Cattle must not have horns greater than 1 inch beyond the hairline. Any Animals with greater than one (1) inch of horn beyond the hairline will be sifted.
13. \$15 per Heifer or Bull entry fee required at time of online entry. Plus \$2 online service charge.
14. Exhibitors may show registered or non-registered cattle.
15. Junior Females are defined as a female bovine less than 36 months of age. Senior Females are defined as female bovine 36 months and older. Bulls is Defined as a male Bovine; uncastrated.
16. Divisions will include following:
 - a. AOB Junior Females
 - i. 35 months and younger at check in will show in the Junior Female Division
 - ii. Females 28-36 month old at the date of check in MUST have a proof of pregnancy by blood test, palpation, ultrasound, or calf at side. The paperwork MUST be from a certified lab or licensed veterinarian. Appropriate documentation MUST be brought to check in.
 - iii. Calf on the side of Females can be shown in its own class if it's born before the Registration Deadline but will be an additional registration fee.
 - b. American Influence Junior Females
 - i. 35 months and younger at check in will show in the Junior Female Division
 - ii. Junior Females 28-36 month old at the date of check in MUST have a proof of pregnancy by blood test, palpation, ultrasound, or calf at side. The paperwork MUST be from a certified lab or licensed veterinarian. Appropriate documentation MUST be brought to check in.
 - iii. Calf on the side of Females can be shown in its own class if it's born before the Registration Deadline but will be an additional registration fee.
 - c. Senior Female
 - i. 36 months and older at check in must have a calf on the side to show in the Senior Female Division.
 - ii. Calf on the side has to be less than 250 days old

- iii. Calf on the side of Females can be shown in its own class if it's born before the Registration Deadline, but will be an additional registration fee separate from Female entry.
 - d. AOB Breeding Bull Division
 - i. Bulls must not be older than 36 months at check in
 - ii. Any Bull over 6 months of age must have a nose ring. Anything over 2 years must have a Permanent nose ring, anything under 2 years old may have a temporary nose ring.
 - iii. Any Bull with a nose ring must have a lead attached to it when not tied into stalls.
 - iv. Any Bulls 24 months of age and over at the date of check in must pass a Breeding Soundness Exam and bring hard copy paper results to the Final Check in to be presented at the Scales for off-loading.
 - e. American Influence Breeding Bull Division
 - i. Bulls must not be older than 36 months at check in
 - ii. Any Bull over 6 months of age must have a nose ring. Anything over 2 years must have a Permanent nose ring, anything under 2 years old may have a temporary nose ring.
 - iii. Any Bull with a nose ring must have a lead attached to it when not tied into stalls.
 - iv. Any Bulls 24 months of age and over at the date of check in must pass a Breeding Soundness Exam and bring hard copy paper results to the Final Check in to be presented at the Scales for off-loading.
- 17. Classes will be confirmed at Check in; Either AOB or American Influence Divisions. To be classified as American Influenced the cattle must exhibit 2 Breed Characteristics.
- 18. If multiple Animals fall into the same class, only another registered Beef Breeding Exhibitor may show it.
- 19. All animals must follow all USDA Official requirements. Official ID on the animal must Correspond with information on the Health Certificate.
- 20. Exhibitors must be under the direct supervision of their Leader/Advisor/Parent/Guardian while on property. Leaders MUST submit a Point Of Contact Form for each species prior to check in.
- 21. Exhibitors must designate at time of online entry which organization (4-H/FFA) they will conduct their project. No exhibitor will be allowed to change organizations after February 4, 2026. Requests must be made via Email ONLY.
- 22. Any animal that is unable to be kept under full control by the Exhibitor will be disqualified and must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately.

Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop (MANDATORY)

The Central Florida Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. All exhibitors that exhibit at the 2026 Central Florida Fair must have completed the Ethics training in order to show at the 2026 Central Florida Fair.

It is important that the exhibitors understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2026 Central Florida Fair. Certifications are valid for three (3) Fair seasons, not 3 calendar years. **For the 2025/2026 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 24, 25 and 26 are current and valid.**

The requirements are as follows:

1. All exhibitors that are entered in the 2026 Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs **MUST HAVE COMPLETED** the ethics training to show an animal at the 2026 Central Florida Fair.
2. Exhibitors in good standing with a current ethics certification do not need to attend. Please make sure you are current with your certification and you will not expire prior to the 2026 Central Florida Fair.
3. The Central Florida Fair will host Two (2) dates for the Workshop at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. Additional workshops will be offered around the state. Check the Florida State Fair website for locations, dates and times www.floridastatefair.com

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2026 CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR January 31, 2026 WILL BE THE LAST ACCEPTED DATE TO TAKE YOUR ETHICS TRAINING...NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!!!

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

RECORD BOOKS (MANDATORY)

1. All species are required to submit **COMPLETED** Record Books to the Fair Office no later than February 9th. Record Books may be mailed to the address located on the front of the Premium Book with Attention to Jacqueline Stough. If mailing your Record Book, it must be received by February 9th to be accepted. Species include Breeding Beef, Market Goats, Purebred Poultry, Commercial Laying Hens, Rabbit, Market Steer, Market Swine, Market Lamb, and Cavy. All Record Books must be completed through the animals Check In date. The Fair is not liable for any submission lost by the Postal Service. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm that the Fair has received their Record Books.
2. Only the 2026 Central Florida Fair Beef Breeding Record Book will be accepted.
3. Record Books will not be accepted without the completed Signature Pages. Record books will be reviewed and any exhibitor submitting an incomplete record book will **RECEIVE A ZERO AND** will be notified along with their Leader/ Advisor. The exhibitor along with a parent or advisor will be required to complete the record book at final check in to be eligible for show and participation at the Central Florida Fair. The exhibitor will be given a 2-hour window to complete & resubmit on final check in day. Any record book deemed incomplete at resubmission will forfeit the exhibitor from participation & show at the Central Florida Fair.
4. Final Record Books must be handwritten by the exhibitor in their own words. Failure to comply is considered grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor resulting in ineligibility for show & participation in the Breeding Beef Program.
5. The project officially begins Monday, December 1, 2025.
6. All Photos must be in color & from the current breeding project.
7. Record books not submitted by the deadline will result in exhibitor disqualification from the program.

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8. If additional pages are needed, print a duplicate page, and add them into the book. Be sure to staple in the left-hand corner & include them in your final calculations.
9. Any Exhibitor requiring an IEP, must provide the Accommodations page submitted to the Livestock Office by February 4, 2026. Exhibitors may email Jacki@centralfloridafair.com.
10. Parents and advisors/leaders are responsible for reviewing for completeness prior to signing.
11. Disqualified exhibitors will be notified by The Central Florida Fair.
12. Graded record books will be returned at the Fair.
13. Exhibitors must score 70 or better to receive record book recognition and/or awards.
14. Exhibitors will be in age divisions; junior, intermediate and senior.
15. Points will be earned towards Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.
16. Record books are judged on the Modified Danish System; blue, red, white

Record Book Awards

90%-100% - Blue Ribbon

80%-89% - Red Ribbon

70%-79% - White Ribbon

SKILL A THON (MANDATORY)

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 9-12 PM

1. The Skill A Thon will be given at the Central Florida Fair.
2. The Skill A Thon is designed to test the exhibitor's knowledge in areas associated with their livestock project.
3. All exhibitors are required to participate in the Skill A Thon in order to show.
4. Failure to take the Skill A Thon will result in disqualification from the program.
5. Any Exhibitor unable to attend Skill A Thon must request in writing to the Livestock Manager at least 48 hours prior to Skill A Thon to be placed on the Make-up Testing List. Exhibitors must include their name, club, species, and reason for needing to be placed on the List. Placement on the list is up to the discretion of the Livestock Manager only. Record books will be accepted through Monday, February 9, 2026. Record books must be submitted to the Fair Office by Monday, February 9, 2026. All Educational posters will still be due on or before February 21 during our Skill A Thon Hours (9am-12pm). Exhibitors are permitted to have others submit items or they can turn them in early to the Fair office, by appointment only! Anything not collected by the deadline will result in the exhibitor being ineligible to show at the 2026 Central Florida Fair.
6. There is no time limit during the multiple-choice section of the test; however there will be time limits on the hands on station to ensure movement.
7. Exhibitors must score 70 or better to receive Skill A Thon recognition and/or awards.
8. Exhibitors will be in age divisions; junior, intermediate and senior.
9. 2026 educational topic is the same as The Florida State Fair's, please refer to the following website for study material: <http://www.floridastatefairag.com>
10. Exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.

Skill A Thon Awards

1st Place in each Age Division- Rosette

2nd Place in each Age Division- Rosette

3rd Place in each Age Division- Rosette

Exhibitors scoring 70 or above on their Skill-a-thon will receive the following award

90%-100%.... \$30

80%-89%..... \$20

70%-79%..... \$10

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EDUCATIONAL POSTERS (OPTIONAL)

1. Posters must be submitted at the Skill A Thon (February 21, 2026) by 12 PM.
2. Posters must be done on 20"X 30" Foam board ONLY. NO trifolds or Poster Boards will be allowed and will be disqualified.
3. Posters from other fairs will not be accepted. Clean, neat posters with no bent corners, staples, tape, holes, etc. that show signs of being previously displayed will be accepted.
4. Posters must be done in a landscape / horizontal format. Any other Orientation will be disqualified.
5. Exhibitors using any resource must cite the source on the back of the Poster.
6. Poster must relate to the current Skill A Thon topic or any topic related to the Beef Breeding Program (IE Artificial Insemination, Breed Characteristics, Etc.).
7. Include a clear legible title on the front of the poster.
8. On the back of the poster include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Age Division
 - c. Program (Commercial Beef Breeding Program)
 - d. Sources
9. Exhibitors will be in age divisions; Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
10. Cloverbud & Fair Buddies posters are optional.
11. Posters must be removed at your designated Release Time.
12. Points will be earned toward Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors wishing to not submit a poster or receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.
13. Judging will be based on the following:

Topic & Educational Value	25 points
Originality and Creativity	25 points
Quality of Work	25 points
<u>Citing Work & Required Elements</u>	<u>25 Points</u>
Total Possible	100 points

Educational Poster Awards

1st Place in each Age Division- \$30 & Rosette

2nd Place in each Age Division- \$20 & Rosette

3rd Place in each Age Division- \$10 & Rosette

Fair Buddies

For Enrollment in this program, Leaders & Advisors must reach out to Jackie Bishop at

Jackiemgore25@gmail.com

1. Fair Buddies Exhibitor must be paired with an ESE student enrolled in elementary or secondary school in the following counties Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia.
2. Leaders & Advisors must email all registration documents to Jackie Bishop at Jackiemgore25@gmail.com before January 31st, 2026.
3. All Animals used in this program must be registered under an exhibitor in the 2026 Central Florida Fair.
4. All CFF Exhibitors participating in this program must have a current Ethics Number.
5. Show attire clarification will be in the Registration Packet.

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6. Showmanship will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 7pm.
7. Fair Buddies pairs must submit an adapted record book.
8. Fair Buddies pairs must take an adapted Skill A Thon.
9. Fair Buddies pairs may submit an educational poster.

Cloverbud Program

1. Cloverbud: age between 5 – 7yrs, as of September 1, 2025.
2. Cloverbud Exhibitors must register their own bird online before January 31st, 2026.
3. Cloverbuds may only exhibit 1 animal, they may choose between Purebred Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Beef, Breeding Sheep, or Meat Goats.
4. Cloverbud showmanship will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 7pm.
5. Cloverbud exhibitor must submit a Cloverbud record book.
6. Cloverbud exhibitor may submit a poster.
7. Cloverbud exhibitor may participate in Skill A Thon.

Champion Commercial Beef Breeding Exhibitor

The Champion and Reserve Champion Exhibitor award is based on a premium point system. Each Category is worth 100 points. Exhibitors are required to receive a minimum of 70% of the total points to be eligible for Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors Disqualified or earning a Zero from any Category below will not be eligible for Champion Exhibitor. Points are accumulated by participating in the following categories:

1. Record Book
2. Skill-a-thon
3. Poster
4. Showmanship
5. Class Placing- Class Placing points will be awarded to the highest placing animal for each exhibitor.

Champion Exhibitor Award

Junior Champion Exhibitor- Champion Exhibitor Jacket
 Junior Reserve Exhibitor- Banner
 Junior 3rd Overall Exhibitor- Banner
 Intermediate Champion Exhibitor- Champion Exhibitor Jacket
 Intermediate Reserve Exhibitor- Banner
 Intermediate 3rd Overall Exhibitor- Banner
 Senior Champion Exhibitor- Champion Exhibitor Jacket and \$400
 Senior Reserve Exhibitor- Reserve Champion Exhibitor Jacket and \$200
 Senior 3rd Overall Exhibitor- Banner

CHECK IN AT FAIR

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8-10 AM

1. All Commercial Beef Exhibitors and a Parent or Advisor/Leader must attend the mandatory exhibitor meeting following Final Check in, Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 11:30am in the Arena.
2. All Cattle must have current health papers at time of arrival to the fairgrounds.
3. USDA identification tags or Official Registration numbers will be verified with the exhibitor's entry at check-in.
4. Animals disqualified for any reason will not participate in the show. The committee chairman will give reasons as to why an animal is rejected. All disqualified animals must be removed

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- from the fairgrounds immediately.
5. Tampering with the structural confirmation of an animal or filling with a foreign substance to alter weight, confirmation or behavior is strictly prohibited.
 6. All Medications, Paste and/or Injections (Subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenously, nasally or by mouth) given to cattle while on the Fairgrounds MUST be administered in the presence of a Chair, Co-Chair or committee member designated by the Chair.
 7. Animals/ Exhibitors may be sifted at anytime due to any circumstance IE) structural conformity, behavior, malnourishment, safety, etc.
 8. It is mandatory that each animal has a lead rope and halter on before they are unloaded
 9. All Cattle must be halter broke and kept under control by the exhibitor. Each animal must be kept securely with a halter and neck tie at all times, both inside and outside when unattended.
 10. Leaders and Advisors will be notified if animals are not properly attended. Exhibitors are expected to be present at their designated exhibit area during times as assigned by their leaders/advisors. Failure to do so will result in a possible fine of \$100.00 per occurrence.
 11. All Cattle must not have horns greater than 1 inch beyond the hairline. Any Animals with greater than one (1) inch of horn beyond the hairline will be sifted.

CARE OF ANIMAL & QUARTERS DURING THE FAIR

1. Exhibitors are required to maintain clean and attractive quarters for his or her animal at all times.
2. All Animals will be assigned tack, beds & Outside tie out areas, space permitting.
3. Animals must be fed, watered and have their respective beds/pens and tie outs cleaned daily by 10am.
4. Feed buckets must be removed from animal bed by 10 A.M. feed cannot be left in animal beds.
5. All items including Feed Buckets & Water Buckets must be removed by 10pm. No Hay bags are permitted.
6. Exhibitors must provide feed and all supplies, grooming equipment, brooms, neckties, wheelbarrows, etc.
7. Feed and/or hay cannot be visibly stored in tack spaces.
8. Each exhibitor must provide feed for his/her own animal each day until Check out.
9. The Central Florida Fair will provide bedding. Only bedding provided by the Central Florida Fair is permitted.
10. Families are permitted to assist with daily care as long as the Exhibitor is present.
11. Leaders and Advisors will be notified if animals are not properly attended. Exhibitors are expected to be present at their designated exhibit area during times as assigned by their leaders/advisors. Failure to do so will result in a possible fine of \$100.00 per occurrence.
12. To be courteous to other Livestock Exhibitors, please keep animals in beds during other species shows.
13. Exhibitors are permitted to clip and fit with product however no glitter is permitted. Products must be made for use on Livestock and then used per manufacturer's directions. Products must have the original manufacturer's directions on the product. Committee members have the right to question products being used. All hair must be cleaned and removed from the clipping area. Each exhibitor will be allowed 1 designated person per 2 animals up to 3 people, 2 hrs prior to the start of the show to help exhibitors in preparation for the Show. Exhibitors MUST be actively involved in the preparation process. Only beef exhibitors will be permitted inside the cattle barn during the designated times. Professionals, Advisors/Leaders, and parents/guardians helping in any way are strictly prohibited and will result in a \$100.00 fine unless you are the designated person inside the allowed time.

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Breeding Beef Exhibitors are still encouraged to help one another at all times. Wristbands for Fitters & Safety personnel will be available 2 hours prior to the start of each show. Please see the Chair/Co-Chair for Wristbands.

14. All animals MUST be broken down and be free of adhesive product prior to Barn Closure at 10pm. Failure to comply with rules will result in a \$100.00 fine.
15. Barn is open from 7am to 10pm daily. All Animals must be cared for daily and before 9 am and after 9 pm. Exhibitors are permitted to leave property after their animals are cared for and secured for the night. Please note that Herdsman judging does continue until Barn Close. The Herdsman Rubric can be found under the Herdsman section of this book.
16. Cattle are not permitted to tie out prior to 9pm.
17. If someone is caring for your animals, please notify the Livestock office, Chair, or Co-Chairman immediately of the Exhibitor and what they are responsible for.

Tack Space

Tack Space will consist of tack boxes, brooms, shovels, rakes, chairs, hoses, feed buckets, etc. An educational façade may be included in the tack space provided it meets the following criteria:

1. All Clubs may have a designated tack/Chute Space, space permitting.
2. Club Leaders will submit a Chute Request form and submit it no later than February 4, 2026.
3. Chute numbers will be emailed to the leader/advisor after registration closes. Allotted chutes will be determined based on space availability and number of animals.
4. Tack boxes must be no taller than 6 foot high, and no longer than 5 foot, in order to fit into the designated tack spaces.
5. No Items including animal Signs will go above the cable.
6. Educational information highlighting the exhibitor's livestock projects.
7. Side panels are strongly recommended to separate the animals and/or the tack space. These structures may be the likes of livestock panels, fencing, etc. If fencing is used it should be no more than 4 feet high.
8. Fans and Fan holders with Safety Cages and guards may be used, but not in the public walkway areas.
9. No Chute set up until after the exhibitor meeting.
10. Chutes must be labeled with an appropriate sticker from the Livestock Office.
11. Feed and/or hay cannot be visibly stored in tack spaces.

For safety reasons, no overhead structures will be allowed over the animals or over tack spaces. No additional flooring will be added to the tack space (ie; platforms, raised porches, wood paneling, etc.). The only acceptable flooring will be indoor/outdoor carpet in the tack space. No benches, chairs or structures of any kind will be allowed in the public or animal walkways.

Tack setup will be Tuesday, February 24, 2026 between 4-7pm. If no tack is set up before check in Exhibitors must wait until the barn reopens to unload & set up tack area.

Youth Commercial Beef Breeding Herdsman

Proper herdsman ship will be upheld by all exhibitors of the Central Florida Fair. In order to ensure a proper and safe environment for our exhibits, public guests and exhibitors, all exhibitors will be in participation of the Herdsman Contest during their time at the 2026 Central Florida Fair.

Grooming areas will be judged as part of the herdsman award.

The exhibits will be judged daily from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM on the following basis:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service area, cages, beds, animals and public walkways.
2. Neatness, courtesy and behavior of exhibitors.
3. Cooperation with fellow exhibitors and show officials in presenting attractive exhibits.
4. Availability of exhibitor to furnish information about their exhibits.
5. Clubs must have 1 person on "Duty" to receive points.
6. Grooming chute and Outside tie out areas will be judged as part of the herdsman award.
7. Exhibitors must have a Sign posted above their Pens listing the Exhibitor Name & School/ Club. Signs must be no bigger than 18" X 24"

Herdsman Awards

1st Place Group- Award

2nd Place Group- Award

3rd Place Group- Award

Show Management reserves the right to withhold any or all of the Herdsman Awards if they are not merited by virtue of superior housekeeping.

Youth Commercial Beef Breeding Fitting & Grooming (OPTIONAL)

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 5pm

The main objective in a Fitting and Grooming contest is to present a well-groomed animal to the judge. A well-groomed animal displays the exhibitor's ability to fit the animal to a prime finished appearance. A clean, well-trained animal is important to this process. The fitting and grooming of cattle should best display the breeding and conformation qualities of the animal.

1. The fitting contest is for fun and education! Three overall winning teams will be selected as the Fitting Contest Winners and will receive recognition in the form of a prize.
2. All participants may compete in one fitting and grooming team.
3. Animals should not be fitted and groomed prior to the contest.
4. Exhibitors will form teams of no more than 3. Max of 2 Seniors. Max of 2 Exhibitors from the same Club/ Chapter.
5. Arrive early to the contest and have your equipment ready. Once the contest starts, you may not leave the area or you will be disqualified.
6. Absolutely no coaching from spectators.
7. NO adults will be allowed in the arena during the contest except for the Judge and the Superintendents.
8. You will have 30 min to complete your animal.
9. All fitting & grooming techniques must be within acceptable practices of the National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
10. Any unsafe action or techniques will result in immediate disqualification.
11. Judges scores are final.

Fitting & Grooming Award

1st place Group- Award

2nd place Group- Award

3rd place Group- Award

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Fashion Revue (OPTIONAL)

Friday, February 27, 2026 at 6 PM

This is a fun show for exhibitors and spectators alike. The intention is to exhibit originality and teamwork within the 4-H and FFA Chapters by displaying up to two members in coordinating costumes. Imagination is beneficial to our learning experiences. However, keep in mind that we are working with animals and have limited resources in a show area setting.

1. This contest is open to all youth exhibitors participating in the Breeding Sheep, Meat Goat, Purebred Poultry, Commercial Laying Hen, Beef Breeding & Rabbit & Cavy Programs.
2. Members may enter as individuals or in a group of two or three.
3. Teams must be a registered Exhibitor and in a coordinating costume.
4. Any animals used in the Fashion Show must be officially entered and processed to show in the Central Florida Fair.
5. Each exhibitor must submit an information summary sheet including the following information:
 - i. Names of individuals participating
 - ii. Name of 4-H or FFA Chapter.
 - iii. What the exhibitor has learned from their project.
 - iv. Why they chose their particular costume.
 - v. A short description of the entry to be read during the presentation.
6. All summaries are due **Thursday, February 26, 2026.**
7. All care should be taken to ensure the animals, being dressed, are not harmed or hindered from natural movement in any way by the costume. On the animal no use of glitter, paints or dyes will be allowed.
8. Products must be made for use on Livestock. Committee members have the right to question products being used. All animals MUST be broken down and be free of product prior to Barn Closure at 10pm. Failure to comply with rules will result in a \$100.00 fine.
9. Competitors in the Vintage Category must use an animal registered in the 2026 Central Florida Fair with the permission of the Exhibitor the Animal is registered to.
10. Awards will be given in each Age Division; all species will be combined.
11. Divisions include: Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, & Vintage

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. **Costume Originality** - The imagination is the limit within the limits of a livestock show and fair limitations.
2. **Coordination of Costume** - Animal costume should be coordinated with costume of exhibitor accompanying the animal in the show ring.
3. **Showmanship** - Entry should be exhibited to best display the concept represented by the costumes.

Fashion Revue Awards

1st Place in each Age Division- Rosette
2nd Place in each Age Division- Rosette
3rd Place in each Age Division- Rosette
4th Place in each Age Division- Rosette
5th Place in each Age Division- Rosette

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Commercial Beef Breeding Showmanship (OPTIONAL)

Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 7 PM

The main objective in being a good showman is to present the animals to the livestock judge in the best possible manner. The animal must be set up properly, clean and trained well enough to respond to the exhibitor's commands. The exhibitor will be courteous, attentive (keep their eyes on the judge) and demonstrate knowledge of their project.

1. Exhibitors will be in age divisions; Cloverbuds, Fair Buddies, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
2. Exhibitors must show animals registered to them in the Show.
3. Exhibitors must show the same animal throughout the duration of Showmanship.
4. All animals shown in the show must be able to walk appropriately for the judge to accurately evaluate all cattle in the ring. No additional animals will be allowed in the ring.
5. Beef Barn will close at 6:30pm to ensure a safe and smooth show. Only Show personal and Staff will be allowed in after the barn closes. Any parent/ Leader/ Advisor wishing to stay with a child for Safety Reasons must be cleared through the Committee Chair or Co Chair by 5pm.
6. No lineup changes will be permitted
7. Exhibitors are not permitted to have animal pairs in the ring.
8. No animals may be tied ringside.
9. Official Central Florida Fair Show Ring attire is required.
10. Awards will be given to the top three places in each age division.
11. Exhibitor earns points towards champion exhibitor (no monetary premium will be paid).

Beef Breeding Showmanship Awards

1st place in each Age Division -Belt Buckle

2nd place in each Age Division – Award

3rd place in each Age Division –Award

Cloverbud & Fair Buddies Awards

Participation Award

Commercial Beef Breeding Show

Saturday, February 28, 2026 2pm

1. Classes will be divided at Check In.
2. Cattle will be judged on the American Judging System. Place ribbons will be given to each entry.
3. Beef Barn will close at 1:30pm to ensure a safe and smooth show. Only Show personal and Staff will be allowed in after the barn closes. Any parent/ Leader/ Advisor wishing to stay with a child for Safety Reasons must be cleared through the Committee Chair or Co Chair by 12pm.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animal in the show. In the case of sickness or school testing, approval must be obtained from Livestock Manager & the Beef Committee; a written request must be submitted prior to the day of the show. The request must include the name of another Breeding Beef exhibitor who will show the Cattle in the Cattle's class & the reasoning. All Absences will be put to Committee Ruling and are final.
5. If multiple Animals fall into the Same class, only another registered Beef Breeding Exhibitor may show it.

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6. All animals shown in the show must be able to walk appropriately for the judge to accurately evaluate all cattle in the ring. No additional animals will be allowed in the ring.

Beef Breeding Show Awards

1st place in Class – **\$25**

2nd place in Class – **\$20**

3rd place in Class – **\$15**

4th place in Class – **\$10**

5th through last place in Class – **\$5**

Grand Champion AOB Commercial Junior Female- \$175 + Belt Buckle

Grand Champion American Influenced Commercial Junior Female - \$175 + Belt Buckle

Grand Champion Commercial Senior Female - \$175 + Belt Buckle

Grand Champion AOB Commercial Bull -\$175 + Belt Buckle

Grand Champion American Influenced Commercial Bull-\$175 + Belt Buckle

Reserve Grand Champion AOB Commercial Junior Female - \$150 + Belt Buckle

Reserve Grand Champion American Influenced Commercial Junior Female - \$150 + Belt Buckle

Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Senior Female - \$150 + Belt Buckle

Reserve AOB Commercial Bull -\$150 + Belt Buckle

Reserve American Influenced Commercial Bull-\$150 + Belt Buckle

3rd Overall AOB Commercial Junior Female - \$100 + Rosette

3rd Overall American Influenced Commercial Junior Female - \$100 + Rosette

3rd Overall Commercial Senior Female - \$100 + Rosette

3rd Overall AOB Commercial Bull -\$100 + Rosette

3rd Overall American Influenced Commercial Bull-\$100 + Rosette

4th Overall AOB Commercial Junior Female -\$75 + Rosette

4th Overall American Influenced Commercial Junior Female -\$75 + Rosette

4th Overall Commercial Senior Female -\$75 + Rosette

4th Overall AOB Commercial Bull -\$75 + Rosette

4th Overall American Influenced Commercial Bull-\$75 + Rosette

5th Overall AOB Commercial Junior Female -\$50 + Rosette

5th Overall American Influenced Commercial Junior Female -\$50 + Rosette

5th Overall Commercial Senior Female-\$50 + Rosette

5th Overall AOB Commercial Bull -\$50 + Rosette

5th Overall American Influenced Commercial Bull-\$50 + Rosette

Supreme Champion- \$250 + Buckle & Banner

Bred & Owned Class

Following Beef Breeding Show

Animals that are bred-and-owned. Exhibitors must pre-register for this class during registration. Animals in this class must be registered and shown in the Beef Breeding Show; this class does NOT count towards Champion Exhibitor Points.

1. Exhibitors must be the breeder, the first owner and continuous owner.

A. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service.

B. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is

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born.

C. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without a history of transfer.

2. For questions regarding eligibility please contact Paul Holton at Paul@florala.com
Exhibitors registered for this class will be asked to fill out a questionnaire after registration.
Exhibitors will be notified if their entry was accepted or denied for the class.

3. Born and Bred animals are NOT eligible if owned by anyone other than the current exhibitor at any time of their life. (i.e family members, farms/ranches, schools)

4. Class will be divided by Male & Female entries.

5. If a protest is made about the validity of the animal being bred & owned, we will contact that exhibitor/family. If proof is provided that the animal is NOT in fact bred & owned (i.e. – pictures, sale catalogs, proof of purchase, past exhibitors showing the same animal) then the animal will be disqualified from the show. The exhibitor will forfeit their right to enter a bred & owned animal at ANY future Central Florida Fair Beef Breeding Shows.

Beef Breeding Bred & Owned Awards

Grand Champion Bred & Owned Male - Buckle

Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Male - Buckle

Grand Champion Bred & Owned Female - Buckle

Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Female - Buckle

Senior Speeches

1. Any Senior wishing to give a speech will be required to sign up no later than the end of Check-in day.
2. Senior Speeches will be before Showmanship and/or Show begins. The order will be posted for Exhibitors.
3. Speeches are to be a maximum of 2 minutes; a 30 second warning will be given to each Senior.

Awards

Sunday, March 1, 2026 10am

1. Awards begin at 10am. Exhibitors are to stay in the arena until they are dismissed after announcements.
2. All Exhibitors are required to be in official Dress & present for Awards.
3. Failure to comply may result in Exhibitor loss of Premiums & the ability to show in the 2027 Central Florida Fair.

RELEASE

Sunday, March 1, 2026 4PM

1. Exhibitors may begin removing their animals Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM or following the last animal sold (Whichever comes later).
2. Trailer cannot pull in without obtaining a Livestock Release Card from a designated committee member. Release Cards must be returned to the appropriate Committee. Failure to return release cards, may result in the forfeiting of premium monies.
3. For release please see your show Superintendent for instructions. No information for Commercial Beef Check out will be available in the Livestock Office.

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4. Premium checks take six (6) weeks to process after the Fair ends and will be mailed to the address provided on the Exhibitors' initial entry form. You have until March 30, 2026 to submit an address change via email.

For more information please contact:
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