



2026 Youth Breeding Sheep & Meat Goat Show

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The intent and purpose of the Central Florida Fair Youth Breeding Sheep & Meat Goat Show is to provide a means to promote the Sheep & Goat industry in Central Florida. Central Florida is providing an opportunity for exhibitors to show Sheep & Goats bred and marketed for niche markets.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, February 27, 2026

Sheep/Goat Check in 7-8 AM
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting 10 AM
Breeding Goat Showmanship 2 PM
Sheep Showmanship - Following Goat Showmanship at 2 PM
Fashion Review 6 PM

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Breeding Goat Show 7 PM
Sheep Show - Following Goat Show at 7 PM

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Release 5 PM

****All Animals will be kept in pens. No animals will be allowed to show off Trailers.**

SHOWMANSHIP AGES

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

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 be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Ownership date is January 1, 2026.
7. Entry must be in the owner/exhibitor's name.
8. Maximum of 6 total Sheep/Meat Goats per exhibitor. For example, this can be 6 Sheep or 6 Meat Goats or a combination of 3 Meat Goats and 3 Sheep.
9. \$15 per animal entry fee required at time of online entry. Plus \$2 online service charge. Online Registration for the Open Show will close January 31, 2026. **There will be NO day of Entries.**
10. Cloverbud Showmanship entry fee is \$5. **Cloverbud exhibitors must sign up by January 31, 2026.**
11. Showmanship is \$10 per exhibitor per Species (Species are defined as Sheep or Meat goat)
12. Exhibitors may show registered or non-registered animals.
13. **Sheep must be born between January 1, 2021 and November 30, 2025.**
14. Ewe Divisions will include following:
 - a. Hair breed Ewes (Including but not limited to: Katahdin, Dorper, St. Augustine, St. Croix, Black Belly Barbados, etc. and any cross between these hair breeds)
 - b. Wool black face Ewes (Including but not limited to: Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Oxford, etc. and any cross between these wool breeds)
 - c. All other breeds Ewes (AOB) (Including but not limited to: cross between hair and wool, cross between white face wool and back face wool, and any lamb not fitting into categories a or b noted above. **This Category will also include White Face Wool Lambs (Southdown, Dorset, Columbia, etc. and any cross between these wool breeds)**)
15. Breeding Meat Goat Division will include a Doe Class only.

16. Breeding divisions will be determined by the animal's date of birth. Exhibitors will be responsible for registering their animals accordingly.
17. Meat Goat breeds accepted will include: Pygmy, Nubian, Kiko, Myotonic, Boer, Wood Goats (Florida Native), Spanish & Crosses.
18. All animals must have an Official Identification in accordance with the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules.
19. Chapter/Club entries should be entered online in the following format:
 - a. First Name: Student's first and last name
 - b. Last Name: Club Name
20. Exhibitor 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 their entry has been accepted.
21. All entries must be received on or before **January 31, 2026** in order to be accepted.
22. Each animal entered in the Show must have the correct ear tag, birth date and show division on their entry form.
23. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging.
24. Exhibitors are permitted to substitute animals given the substitution is in writing 24 hours before Check in. Failure to comply will result in the entry being subject to disqualification.
25. All exhibitors must wear closed toed boots in the livestock barns and show ring.
26. Exhibitors must be under the direct supervision of their FFA advisor or youth agricultural organization leader/advisor at all times.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS & ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

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 your certification 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).

FAIR BUDDIES

For Enrollment in this program, Leaders & Advisors must reach out to Jackie Gore at Jacklynn.gore@ocps.net.

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 Gore Jacklynn.gore@ocps.net before January 31, 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.
6. Breeding Goat Showmanship will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 2pm.
7. Sheep Showmanship will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 following Breeding Goat Showmanship at 2pm.

CLOVERBUD PROGRAM

1. Cloverbud: age between 5 – 7yrs, as of September 1, 2025.
2. Cloverbud showmanship will not be judged; it is for exhibition purposes only.
3. Cloverbuds may participate in the Sheep & Goat Show.
4. Exhibitors may use either a Sheep or Goat already registered in the show.
5. \$5 entry fee is required.
6. Exhibitors must sign up by January 31, 2026 via the online registration system.
7. Awards will be given.

HEALTH RULES

1. All animals must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
2. **Animals must have current health papers at time of arrival to the fairgrounds.**
3. USDA identification tags or tattoos 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 from the fairgrounds immediately.

ARRIVAL

1. The State Health Inspector will be checking all animals before unloading. After animals are checked in by the Health Inspectors, the Committee will check in animals and assign pens.
2. NO ANIMALS WILL BE UNLOADED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BY THE STATE INSPECTORS! NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Animals not checked in for exhibition are not allowed on the property without clearance from the Livestock Manager and the Health inspector.
4. All animals must be checked in by the Inspector between 7 a.m. – 8 a.m., February 27, 2026.
5. All trailers will be parked in a remote location adjacent to the livestock facility.
6. All animals must be kept in a pen; no animals will be permitted to stay in trailers for the duration of the show.
7. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of their own animal.
8. Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping pens clean and aisles clear of clutter and debris.
9. Please See the Fair Office for pen assignments during Fair.
10. Hoses and grooming products must be provided by the exhibitor. Be respectful of other exhibitors when utilizing the wash racks.
11. Bedding will be provided by the Central Florida Fair for pens. If alternate bedding is preferred, the exhibitor must provide.
12. Products must be made for use on Livestock. Committee members have the right to question products being used.
13. Wash Racks will remain closed until after Check in is complete.

CARE OF ANIMAL & QUARTERS

1. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters for his or her animal **at all times**.
2. Exhibitors must be present while animals are eating and must be removed immediately following the feeding.
3. No Hay Bags are permitted.
4. Exhibitors must provide feed and all supplies, grooming equipment, brooms, wheelbarrows etc.
5. Leaders and Advisors will be notified if animals are not properly attended. Exhibitors are expected to be present at their designated exhibit areas, All Exhibitors will be required to check in daily with the Committee Member on duty in the Barn. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$15.00 per occurrence. The money will be deducted from the exhibitor's Premium check and put into the Youth Livestock account.
6. Exhibitors are permitted to use Generators on the Perimeter of the Livestock Facility. Generators must only be turned on when in use.
7. All drenching must be done with a Committee member, leader, or advisor present.
8. Animals are not permitted to be left unattended on grooming stands.
9. Grooming stands are not permitted to be left unattended in the Wash Rack. Grooming stands found unattended are subject to a \$50 fine per occurrence.
10. All Animals must remain in the designated areas for Livestock Animals.
11. Human Food is not permitted in animal areas, including tack spaces.
12. Failure to properly care for animals will result in exhibitors being required to feed in the presence of committee members. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of entry.
13. Exhibitors must have a Sign posted above their Pens listing the Exhibitor Name & School/ Club. Signs must be no bigger than 18" X 12". No Banners Allowed

Youth Breeding Sheep & Meat Goat Herdsman

Proper herdsman ship will be upheld by all exhibitors of the Central Florida Fair. 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, 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 exhibitors to furnish information about their exhibits.
5. Clubs must have 1 person on "Duty" to receive points.
6. Grooming Stands 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 12"

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.

FASHION REVUE

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 three 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, Breeding Meat Goat, Purebred Poultry, Commercial Laying Hen, Beef Breeding and Rabbit & Cavy Programs.
2. Members may enter as individuals or in a group of two or three.
3. Teams must be Registered exhibitors 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 **Friday, February 27, 2026 at 12pm**.
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.
8. Products must be made for use on Livestock. Committee members have the right to question products being used.
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

YOUTH OPEN MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, February 27, 2026 2 PM

1. Classes will be determined by age divisions; Fair Buddies, Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate & Senior divisions.
2. Exhibitors are to adhere to Jackpot Style Dress or Official Dress. Either are permitted. All exhibitors must wear closed toed boots in the livestock barns and show ring.
3. The holding area will close 30 minutes prior to show to ensure a safe and smooth show. Only Show personnel, Staff and Exhibitors will be allowed in the holding area. Any parent/ Leader/ Advisor wishing to stay with a child for Safety Reasons must be cleared through the Committee Chair or Co Chair prior to Closure.
4. It is the Exhibitors sole responsibility to be in the holding area when their class is called to the ring. Any Exhibitor not in the holding area when called will automatically forfeit their Class.
5. Drenching in the Holding area is not permitted.
6. Opening Ceremonies will be in the Center Arena.
7. Awards will be given to the top 3 places in each age division; junior, intermediate, and senior.
8. Awards will be given to all Cloverbud.

Meat Goat Showmanship Awards

- 1st place in each Age Division -Award
- 2nd place in each Age Division – Award
- 3rd place in each Age Division –Award

YOUTH OPEN MEAT GOAT SHOW

Saturday, February 28, 2026 7 PM

1. Breeding Classes will be divided by the goat's date of birth.
2. Exhibitors are to adhere to Jackpot Style Dress or Official Dress. Either are permitted. All exhibitors must wear closed toed boots in the livestock barns and show ring.
3. The holding area will close 30 minutes prior to show to ensure a safe and smooth show. Only Show personnel, Staff and Exhibitors will be allowed in the holding area. Any parent/ Leader/ Advisor wishing to stay with a child for Safety Reasons must be cleared through the Committee Chair or Co Chair prior to Closure.
4. It is the Exhibitors sole responsibility to be in the holding area when their class is called to the ring. Any Exhibitor not in the holding area when called will automatically forfeit their Class.
5. Drenching in the Holding area is not permitted.
6. Opening Ceremonies will be in the Center Arena.

7. Exhibitors will be allowed a Spotter at the Judges discretion.
8. Class winners will compete for division champion (Doe).
9. Fair Management and the Livestock Committee may combine classes consisting of 3 or less animals.

Meat Goat 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**

Meat Goat Division Champion Doe—\$100 & Banner

Meat Goat Reserve Division Champion Doe—\$75 & Banner

Breeding Meat Does

D01- 0 to under 6 months

D02- 6 to 9 months

D03- 10 to 14 months

D04- 15 to 23 months

D05- 24 months plus

YOUTH BREEDING SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, February 27, 2026 Following Goat Showmanship at 2 PM

1. Classes will be determined by age divisions; Fair Buddies, Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate & Senior divisions.
2. Exhibitors are to adhere to Jackpot Style Dress or Official Dress. Either are permitted. All exhibitors must wear closed toed boots in the livestock barns and show ring.
3. The holding area will close 30 minutes prior to show to ensure a safe and smooth show. Only Show personnel, Staff and Exhibitors will be allowed in the holding area. Any parent/ Leader/ Advisor wishing to stay with a child for Safety Reasons must be cleared through the Committee Chair or Co Chair prior to Closure.
4. It is the Exhibitors sole responsibility to be in the holding area when their class is called to the ring. Any Exhibitor not in the holding area when called will automatically forfeit their Class.
5. Drenching in the Holding area is not permitted.
6. Opening Ceremonies will be in the Center Arena.
7. Awards will be given to the top 3 places in each age division; junior, intermediate, and senior.
8. Awards will be given to all Cloverbuds.

Showmanship Awards

1st place in each Age Division -Award

2nd place in each Age Division – Award

3rd place in each Age Division –Award

YOUTH BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

Saturday, February 28, 2026 Following Goat Show at 7 PM

1. Breeding Classes will be divided by the Sheep's date of birth.
2. Exhibitors are to adhere to Jackpot Style Dress or Official Dress. Either are permitted. All exhibitors must wear closed toed boots in the livestock barns and show ring.
3. The holding area will close 30 minutes prior to show to ensure a safe and smooth show. Only Show personnel, Staff and Exhibitors will be allowed in the holding area. Any parent/ Leader/ Advisor wishing to stay with a child for Safety Reasons must be cleared through the Committee Chair or Co Chair prior to Closure.
4. It is the Exhibitors sole responsibility to be in the holding area when their class is called to the ring. Any Exhibitor not in the holding area when called will automatically forfeit their Class.
5. Drenching in the Holding area is not permitted.
6. Opening Ceremonies will be in the Center Arena.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed a Spotter at the Judges discretion.
8. Class winners will compete for division champion.
9. Fair Management and the Livestock Committee may combine classes consisting of 3 or less animals.

Breeding Sheep 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**

Hair Breed Division Champion Ewe—\$100 & Banner

Hair Breed Reserve Division Champion Ewe—\$75 & Banner

Black Face Division Champion Ewe—\$100 & Banner

Black Face Reserve Division Champion Ewe—\$75 & Banner

AOB Division Champion Ewe—\$100 & Banner

AOB Reserve Division Champion Ewe—\$75 & Banner

AOB Class Breakdown

A08 (January 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022)
A07 (March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023)
A06 (March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024)
A05 (March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024)
A04 (September 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)
A03 (March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)
A02 (June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025)
A01 (September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025)

Black Face Class Breakdown

B08 (January 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022)
B07 (March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023)
B06 (March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024)
B05 (March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024)
B04 (September 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)
B03 (March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)
B02 (June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025)
B01 (September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025)

Hair Class Breakdown

H08 (January 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022)
H07 (March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023)
H06 (March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024)
H05 (March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024)
H04 (September 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)
H03 (March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)
H02 (June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025)
H01 (September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025)

PREMIUMS

1. The decision of the judges will be final and no appeal will be considered.
2. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
3. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

SENIOR SPEECHES

1. Any Senior wishing to give a speech will be required to sign up no later than end of day at Check-in.
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.**

RELEASE

1. Animals will be released at 5pm on Sunday, March 1, 2026.
2. Trailers will not be allowed on the fairgrounds without a Trailer Release Pass from the Livestock Office due to foot traffic of Pedestrians.
3. All pens must be left free of any material. Bedding must be removed & water buckets must be dumped outside of the livestock barn. Any Material left in the pen will result in forfeiting of any premium monies.
4. Trailer passes will be distributed by the Lamb/Goat Committee. Trailer passes will not be distributed until all stalls are clear of debris.
5. Failure to return Loading passes will result in the forfeit of Exhibitor Premiums.
6. All Premiums will be mailed out following the conclusion of the Central Florida Fair. Premium checks take six (6) weeks to process and will be mailed to the address provided on the Exhibitors' initial entry form.

For more information please contact:
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