

**115th Annual
Central Florida Fair
2027**



Youth Rabbit & Cavy 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!
- 2027 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 2027 entry form. All Address Changes must be sent in writing to Jacki@centralfloridafair.com before April 2, 2027!
- 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 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 2026 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 2026-2027 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 3, 2027 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 3, 2027.
- 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 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 2027 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 3, 2027.

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.
- Youth exhibiting under 4-H must wear black pants (NO BLUE JEANS) with a belt, and shirts must be tucked in. Pant legs must be worn on the outside of the boot, and skinny jeans are not permitted.
- Exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeve, button-down collared shirt.
- All 4-H exhibitors must have one of the following: an official 4-H jacket, a 4-H vest, or a 4-H emblem displayed on the white long-sleeve shirt.
- A green tie, bolo, or 4-H bow/ascot is required.
- Closed-toe brown or black boots that rise above the ankle must be worn. Athletic shoes (sneakers/tennis shoes) and boat shoes (such as Sperry's) are not acceptable; however, poultry exhibitors may wear solid black athletic shoes with official dress.
- 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 \$160.00 per Week, 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 15, 2027. 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.

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 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.
- (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

(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.

(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.

(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.

Central Florida Fair Youth Program

I understand that the 2027 Youth Livestock Programs are held in conjunction with the 2027 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 2027 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 exhibitors is as defined in the Official FFA Manual (see notes below regarding shoes and pants). Youth exhibiting under 4-H must wear black pants (NO BLUE JEANS) with a belt, and shirts must be tucked in. Pant legs must be worn on the outside of the boot, and skinny jeans are not permitted. Exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeve, button-down collared shirt. All 4-H exhibitors must have one of the following: an official 4-H jacket, a 4-H vest, or a 4-H emblem displayed on the white long-sleeve shirt. A green tie, bolo, or 4-H bow/ascot is required. Closed-toe brown or black boots that rise above the ankle must be worn. Athletic shoes (sneakers/tennis shoes) and boat shoes (such as Sperry's) are not acceptable; however, poultry exhibitors may wear solid black athletic shoes with official dress. No hats may be worn.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Scholarship Applications Opens	Saturday, August 1, 2026
Ethics Class	Wednesday, October 14, 2026 4 PM
Rabbit/Cavy Registration Opens	Monday, November 16, 2026
Camping Registration Opens	Monday, November 16, 2026
Ownership Date	Monday, November 16, 2026
Ethics Class	Saturday, January 23, 2027 9 AM
Online Registration Deadline	Friday, January 15, 2027
Camping Deadline	Friday, January 15, 2027
Fair Buddies Registration	Friday, January 15, 2027
Deadline	
Lease Agreement Submission	Friday, January 15, 2027
Deadline	
Submission Changes	Wednesday, January 20, 2027
CFF Scholarship Application	Sunday, January 31, 2027
Deadline	
*See Centralfloridafair.com/livestock/ for more information	
Memorial Scholarship	Monday, February 1, 2027
Application Deadline	
*See Centralfloridafair.com/livestock/ for more information	
Report Cards/ IEP/ 2.0 Forms &	Wednesday, February 3, 2027
Homeschooling Submission	
Deadline	
Record Book Submission Deadline	Monday, February 8, 2027
See Record Book Rules on page 20	
Skill A Thon	Saturday, February 27, 2027 @ 9-12 PM
Must bring Completed Poster	
Set Up	Saturday, February 27, 2027 @ 1-3 PM
Check In	Wednesday, March 3, 2027 4-6 PM
Showmanship	Thursday, March 4, 2027 10 AM
Judging	Friday, March 5, 2027 10 AM
Fashion Revue	Friday, March 5, 2027 6 PM
Awards	Sunday, March 7, 2027 10 AM
Release	Sunday, March 7, 2027 5 PM

Central Florida Fair Youth Rabbit & Cavy Program

Chair	Tanya Griffin	(321) 229-4974	Rabbitcavycff@gmail.com
Co-Chair	Shyra Archer	(813) 817-2650	Shyra1120@gmail.com
Committee	Shawna Gore, Bobbie Tate, Thomas Gore, Janice Pedroza, Gary Griffin, Duncan Sikes, Lyn LaPage, Alicia Diggs, Jackie Gore, Casey Keeney, Jessica Myers, Carolyn Novak, & Morgan Griffin		

Definitions

Age divisions will be based on the exhibitor's age as of September 1, 2026.

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 3, 2027.

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 youth rabbit & cavy show is to promote youth development in Florida agricultural venues through the raising and breeding of rabbit and cavy projects. The program is designed to teach the skills of animal selection, feed/nutrition, breeding, care and grooming as they apply to the rabbit and cavy industry.

Animal & Exhibitor Eligibility

Definitions:

Junior – under 6 months of age
Intermediate – between 6 - 8 months of age. Most common in larger breeds
Senior – over 6 months of age

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 2026-2027 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 3, 2027 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 3, 2027.
 7. Maximum of 8 animals per exhibitor. IE) 4 Rabbits & 4 Cavy OR 6 Rabbits & 2 Cavy etc.
 8. \$10.00 per rabbit/cavy entry fee required at time of online entry. Plus \$2 online service charge.
 9. **Ownership/Lease date for rabbits/cavies is December 1, 2026.**
 10. **Entry deadline date is Friday, January 15, 2027! Lease Agreements MUST be uploaded to a submission link on the Central Florida Fair no later than Friday, January 15, 2027.**
 11. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Any animals involved in a lease **(Including Chapter Animals)** must be designated at the time of entry and uploaded to a submission link on the Central Florida Fair no later than Friday, January 15, 2027. **The cost of the lease should be included in your record book under non-feed expenses.**
 12. The following rabbits may be entered: BUCK OR DOE. No neutered or spayed rabbits will be shown.
 13. Only purebred animals can be shown. No animals under 12 weeks will be permitted in the Barn.
 14. Any animal showing signs of pregnancy will be palpated. If pregnant, entry will be disqualified.
 15. All animals will be upheld to and judged from the basis of the ARBA's "Standard of Perfection." It is highly encouraged and recommended to keep up to date on the current recognized breeds. Please visit <https://www.arba.net/breed/html>
 16. No sick or diseased animals will be allowed in the show barn. It is highly suggested that each exhibitor check his/her animals ears for ear mites, canker (a few drops of baby oil in the ears a few weeks prior to the show will help prevent disqualification of your animal).
 17. At the time of sifting, the committee will give reasons as to why an animal is rejected. All disqualified or sifted animals must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
 18. Exhibitor must designate at time of online entry which organization (4-H or FFA) they will conduct their project.
 19. All changes must be submitted in writing to Jacki@centralfloridafair.com by January 20, 2027. No changes will be accepted after January 20, 2027.
 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.

Leased Animals

1. Exhibitors may show leased Rabbits/Cavy in the Central Florida Fair.
2. Leased animals are animals that are not owned by the exhibitor. These animals can include, but are not limited to, being owned by someone other than the exhibitor (a friend, the exhibitor's school, the exhibitor's advisor(s), be a chapter animal, etc.). Any animal that is kept on school property is considered a leased animal (if not owned by the student year round) and MUST have a Lease Agreement signed by the owner / sponsor and the exhibitor.
3. Lease agreements can be obtained on the Central Florida Fair website. They must be submitted to the Central Florida Fair by January 15, 2027.
4. If exhibitors do not submit lease agreements for the animal(s), they may forfeit their eligibility for Champion Rabbit & Cavy Exhibitor.

[Link for Lease Agreement](#)

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 15, 2027.
3. All Animals used in this program must be registered under an exhibitor in the 2027 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. Showmanship will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2027 at 10 am.
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.

Fair Buddies Award
Participation

Cloverbud Program

1. Cloverbud: age between 5 – 7yrs, as of September 1, 2026.
2. Cloverbud Exhibitors must register their own Rabbit/Cavy online before January 15, 2027.
3. Cloverbuds may only exhibit 1 animal, they may choose between Purebred Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Beef, Breeding Sheep, or Breeding Meat Goats.
4. Cloverbud Showmanship will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2027 at 10am.
5. Cloverbud show will be held on Friday, March 5, 2027 at 10am.
6. Cloverbud exhibitor must submit a Cloverbud record book.
7. Cloverbud exhibitor may submit a poster.
8. Cloverbud exhibitor may participate in Skill A Thon.

Cloverbud Award
Participation

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 2027 Central Florida Fair must have completed the Ethics training in order to show at the 2027 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 2027 Central Florida Fair. Certifications are valid for three (3) Fair seasons, not 3 calendar years. **For the 2026/2027 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 25, 26 and 27 are current and valid.**

The requirements are as follows:

1. All exhibitors that are entered in the 2027 Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs **MUST HAVE COMPLETED** the ethics training to show an animal at the 2027 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 2027 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 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 23, 2027 at 9:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2027 CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR January 31, 2027 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).

Champion Rabbit & Cavy 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. Ask Me Booth

Exhibitors can earn Bonus points from Herdsman towards Champion Exhibitor (Maximum of 15 points). Exhibitors can earn 0-5 points everyday (Thursday, Friday & Saturday), points do not carry over to the next day.

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

Record Books (MANDATORY)

1. All species are required to submit COMPLETED Record Books to the Fair Office no later than February 8. 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 8 to be accepted. Species include Breeding Ewe, Meat Does, 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. **ALL RABBIT & CAVY RECORD BOOKS MUST BE PRINTED SINGLE SIDED.**
3. Only the 2027 Central Florida Fair General Record Book will be accepted.
4. 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.
5. 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 Rabbit & Cavy Program.
6. The project officially begins December 1st, 2026.
7. If you are Showing a Rabbit AND a Cavy you MUST complete two Record Books, one per species.
8. Exhibitors showing multiple species are expected to complete separate Record Books. Exhibitors are not permitted to use the same story, photographs, or Captions from book to

book (Rabbit to Cavy). **Failure to do so (Copying or loosely paraphrasing) is considered plagiarism and will result in disqualification of the entire book.**

9. **All Photos must be in color and from the current project year.** Photos should not look like a scrapbook and should be kept in a rectangular shape. Photos must be 4X6 in size & the exhibitor must be present in all photos.
10. 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.
11. Record books not submitted by the deadline will result in exhibitor disqualification from the program.
12. **Parents and advisors/leaders are responsible for reviewing for completeness prior to signing.**
13. Disqualified exhibitors will be notified by The Central Florida Fair.
14. Graded record books will be returned at the Fair.
15. Exhibitors must score 70 or better to receive record book recognition and/or awards.
16. Exhibitors will be in age divisions; Cloverbud, Fair Buddies, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
17. Seniors must complete their Record Book in Pen. Failure to comply will result in the Exhibitor receiving a zero.
18. Points will be earned towards champion exhibitor. Exhibitors receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion exhibitor.
19. Record books are judged on the Modified Danish System; blue, red, and white.
20. Record Books will be available for pick up Sunday following breakdown.

Record Book Awards

90%-100% - Blue Ribbon

80%-89% - Red Ribbon

70%-79% - White Ribbon

Skill A Thon (MANDATORY)

Saturday, February 27, 2027, 9-12 PM

IEP Special Testing 8-9 AM

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 8, 2027. Record books must be submitted to the Fair Office by Monday, February 8, 2027. All Educational posters will still be due on or before February 27 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 2027 Central Florida Fair.
6. **There is no time limit during the multiple-choice section of the test; however there may 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. Exhibitors division will be determined by their age as of September 1, 2026. **Please be prepared and know your age division.**
9. 2027 educational topic is the same as The Florida State Fair's, please refer to the following website for study material: <http://www.floridastatefairaq.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

Educational Posters (OPTIONAL)

1. Posters must be submitted at the Skill A Thon (February 27, 2027) by 12 PM.
2. If you are showing a Rabbit AND a Cavy you must complete two Posters, one for each species.
3. Posters must be done on 20"X 30" Foam board ONLY. NO trifold or Poster Boards will be allowed and will be disqualified. Posters must not exceed 0.25 inches in thickness.
4. Posters must be done in a landscape / horizontal format. Any other Orientation will be disqualified.
5. Posters from other fairs will not be accepted.
6. Poster must relate to the current Skill A Thon topic and Age Division content. IE) Juniors doing only Junior Content and Seniors doing Senior only content. Seniors are not permitted to do Junior or Intermediate content. Likewise, Intermediates are not permitted to do junior content.
7. Exhibitors using any resource must cite the source on the back of the Poster.
8. Include a clear legible title on the front of the poster.
9. On the back of the poster include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Age Division
 - c. Program (Rabbit OR Cavy)
 - d. Sources
 - e. Club/Chapter
10. Exhibitors will be in age divisions, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
11. Cloverbud & Fair Buddies posters are optional.
12. Posters must be removed at checkout.
13. Points will be earned toward Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors wishing to not submit a poster or receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.
14. Judging will be based on the following:

Topic & Educational Value	25 points
Originality and Creativity	25 points
Quality of Work	25 points
Citing Work	25 Points
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

Check In At Fair

Wednesday, March 3, 2027, 4-6 PM

1. **Barn is open from 9am to 10pm daily.** All Animals must be cared for daily & before 10am and after 6pm. 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.
2. All rabbits/cavies may have number imprinted/written in their ears upon entry (ink will wear off and will not harm the animal). This number will serve as their identification number during the Fair.
3. Cages will be assigned by the Show Committee upon arrival.
4. All exhibitors must be present at check-in at the Fair (Wednesday, March 4, 2027) and accompanied by an adult leader or advisor unless special permission has been requested and approved by the Chair, Co-Chair, and/or Fair Management.
5. 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.
6. Animals/ Exhibitors may be sifted at anytime due to any circumstance IE) structural conformity, behavior, malnourishment, illness, etc.
7. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of their own animals. Rabbits and cavies must be fed and watered daily.
8. Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping Cages clean and aisles clear of clutter and debris.
9. All tack and grooming boxes, supplies and/or feed must be kept under the table. Exhibitors are allowed 1 Five (5) Gallon tote per exhibitor to store items. Totes must close and be contained.
10. **FOR SAFETY PURPOSES the Rabbit & Cavy Committee will be securing all cages at night.** Exhibitors will be allowed to lock cages at night with PERSONAL Combination Locks. No Key Locks will be permitted.
11. All Combinations must be submitted at Check in to the Committee to keep on file.
12. All locks must be removed by 10am and are not permitted to be put on until Barn Close.
13. **No toys, litter boxes, blankets, or hay hangers will be allowed in the cages, no exceptions!**
14. You may use one Rabbit/Cavy designed mat for the cage floor. **Mats must not exceed 10-inch X 15 inches in size.** The holes must be big enough for the waste to fall through. Cavies may use a hutch, a crock, & shaving.
15. During cold weather, cages may be covered by the Exhibitor between the hours of 10pm-9am. It is the Exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that the covering is moved before 9am.
16. Bags or shavings will not be provided.
17. NO leash walking due to safety.
18. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters for his or her animal **at all times.**
19. Animals must be fed, watered, and have their respective beds/pens cleaned daily and before 10am. Leaders/Advisors and Exhibitors will be notified if animals are not properly attended. Exhibitors are subject to a \$25 fine per occurrence if cages are left uncared for.
20. Putting glitter, oil, powder or any other foreign substance is strictly prohibited on fur.
21. **Rabbit/cavy cages cannot be opened except by the Central Florida Fair Show Management, Show Superintendent, or the Youth Exhibitor...NO EXCEPTIONS!**
22. Zip Ties are strictly prohibited from being put on cages until Barn Close. Zip Ties will be placed on the cage by the Committee or Staff only.

Rabbit/Cavy Herdsman Contest

The Rabbit/Cavy Herdsman Contest is intended for Individuals who have rabbits and/or cavies exhibited in the 2026 Central Florida Fair March 3 - 7, 2027. The Fair will recognize the Top 3 individuals in Small and Large Divisions. **Individuals will be separated into large and small divisions based on the number of animals present under the exhibitor for this contest. Divisions will be judged based on numbers and will be decided at the final Check-In of the fair.**

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. Exhibitor must be present; Caring for animals, upkeeping the cleanliness of the area, and speaking with the public.
6. Exhibitors must have a sign posted listing the Exhibitor Name & School/Club. Signs must be no bigger than 8" X 10"

Cage Set up will be Saturday, February 27, 2027 at 1 pm.

Exhibitors can earn Bonus points from Herdsman towards Champion Exhibitor (Maximum of 15 points). Exhibitors can earn 0-5 points everyday (Thursday, Friday & Saturday); points do not carry over to the next day.

Herdsman judging will begin at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 4, 2027.

Herdsman Awards

- 1st Place Large Animal Division - Award
- 2nd Place Large Animal Division - Award
- 3rd Place Large Animal Division - Award

Herdsman Awards

- 1st Place Small Animal Division - Award
- 2nd Place Small Animal Division - Award
- 3rd Place Small Animal Division - 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 Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship (MANDATORY)

Thursday, March 4, 2027 at 10:00 AM.

The main objective in being a good showman is to present the animal to the judge in the best possible manner. The exhibitor must be courteous, attentive (keep their eyes on the judge) and demonstrate knowledge of their project.

1. Failure to compete in Showmanship will result in a zero for Champion Exhibitor Points and forfeiting of all Premiums.
2. Classes will be determined by age divisions; Cloverbud, junior, intermediate & senior divisions.
3. For Information on Showmanship & the Scorecard Visit <https://arba.net/showmanship/>
4. Official dress is required. NO Skinny style pants or Athletic shoes are allowed.
5. Official Dress check will be at 9:45am. ALL EXHIBITORS must be in the main arena.
6. Exhibitors are required to stay for the duration of the show.
7. Exhibitor must show their own rabbit/cavy.
8. Animals must be entered in the show.
9. Exhibitors must show their own animal. In the case of school testing or event, approval for accommodation must be obtained from the Livestock Manager & the Rabbit/Cavy Committee; a written request must be submitted via email no later than 7pm on Wednesday, March 3, 2027.

The request must include the reasoning for the accommodation and the accommodation wishing to be made.

10. Points will be earned toward champion exhibitor.
11. Exhibitor must score 70 or better to receive showmanship recognition and/or awards.
12. Awards will be given to the top 3 places in each age division; junior, intermediate, and senior.

Rabbit Showmanship Awards

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

Cavy Showmanship Awards

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

Youth Rabbit & Cavy Show (MANDATORY)

Friday, March 5, 2027 at 10:00 AM.

1. Rabbits/cavies will be shown by age and/or BREED AND placed into their respective divisions based on their age AND BREED.
2. Official dress is required for Best of Breed & Best of Opposite Judging ONLY.
3. Rabbits/cavies will be judged on the Modified Danish System. Barn will close at 10am.
4. Best of Breed & Best of Opposite Winners will be required to present their Animals to the Judge for Final Evaluation.
5. The judge's marks will be recorded by the Show Secretary.
6. The judge's decision is final, no protests will be entertained.
7. During all shows only the Judge, Handler, and Clerk (All appointed by the Superintendent & Livestock Manager) are allowed inside the Rabbit Barn. All others will remain outside the closed off area.
8. During the selection of champions, exhibitors, parents, & advisors shall refrain from speaking with the judges.

Rabbit & Cavy Show Awards

Cavy Best in Show.....	\$75.00 and Banner
Cavy Reserve Best of Show.....	\$50.00 and Banner
Rabbit Best in Show.....	\$75.00 and Banner
Rabbit Reserve Best of Show.....	\$50.00 and Banner
Best of Breed.....	\$25.00 and Rosette
Best of Opposite.....	\$25.00 and Rosette
Blue Award Group.....	\$10.00 and Ribbon
Red Award Group.....	\$8.00 and Ribbon
White Award Group.....	\$5.00 and Ribbon

Ask Me Booth

Thursday, March 4 - Saturday, March 6, 2027

1. Youth Rabbit & Cavy Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the Livestock Demonstration Ask Me Booth. No Ask Me Booth during show times.
2. Exhibitors may sign up for two (2) thirty (30) minute Rabbit & Cavy demonstrations during the opening hours of the Fair.
3. Exhibitors who are exhibiting animals are the only ones eligible to demonstrate in the Livestock Areas.
4. If you are Showing a Rabbit AND a Cavy you must complete two ask me Booths for both species for a total of 4 to compete for Champion Exhibitor. If not, points will be given to only one species.

5. Official dress is required. NO Skinny style pants or athletic shoes are allowed
6. Exhibitors must register their demonstration prior to Fair. Sign up Links will close at the end of Check In.
7. Exhibitors must check in and out with the committee member on duty.
8. Exhibitors must complete two ask me booths per species to be in the running for Champion Exhibitor
9. Points will be earned toward champion exhibitor. Exhibitors wishing to not participate or receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion exhibitor.

Fashion Revue (OPTIONAL)

Friday, March 5, 2027 at 6 PM

This is a fun show for exhibitors and spectators alike. 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, March 4, 2027.**
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 2027 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

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3rd Place in each Age Division - Rosette

4th Place in each Age Division - Rosette

5th Place in each Age Division - Rosette

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. Small animal Senior Speeches will follow the conclusion of Awards. 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 7, 2027 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 2028 Central Florida Fair.

Release/Check Out

Sunday, March 7, 2027 5PM

1. During the period of exhibition, no animal may be removed, except by consent of the Chair, Co-Chair, and Fair Management.
2. Following Animal Removal, Exhibitors will be required to assist with the Breakdown Process and clean up. Record Books will be available at the conclusion of the Breakdown Process. Failure to complete this process will result in Premiums being forfeited.
3. Animals will be released at 5:00 PM, Sunday, March 7, 2027. Following the animal removal, exhibitors will begin to break down and clean up. NO EXCEPTIONS!
4. For release, please see your show Chair & Co-Chair for instructions. No information for Rabbit/Cavy Check out will be available in the Livestock Office.
5. Rabbit/cavies removed prior to this time, without prior permission will forfeit all premium monies won.
6. Exhibitors must retrieve their packets at the conclusion of breakdown as directed by the Chair & Co-Chair. Parents and Leaders may not pick up the packets without prior consent from the Chair & Co-Chair.
7. 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 April 2, 2027 to submit an address change via email.**

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