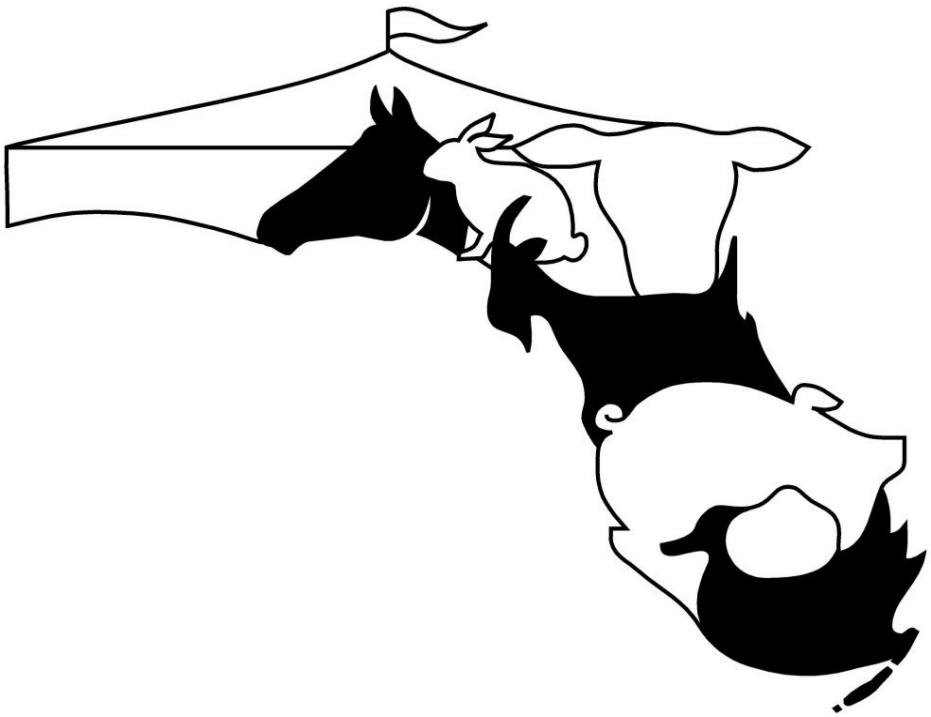
# Alachua Co. Youth Fair and Livestock Show 2026 – 2027 Rule Book



The Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show is a non-profit organization that exists to educate, encourage, and empower 4-H and FFA youth through hands-on agricultural experiences. Our mission is to promote responsibility, leadership, personal growth, and sportsmanship by creating an inclusive opportunity for youth of all backgrounds and experience levels to participate, learn, and succeed in a supportive community-centered environment.

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# 2026-2027 Important Dates

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 1 | 4-H Online Enrollment Opens (*4-H members only)* | 12:00 am | 4honline.com |
| Sept. 12 | Steer, Educational and Creative Exhibits, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase Entries Open | | www.acyfls.com |
| Sept. 26 | Steer Weigh-In<br>*No entries accepted after 9:00 am* | 8:00 am - 10:00 am | Fairgrounds (Back Barn)<br>23100 W Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| Oct. 1 | Camper Registration Opens | | www.acyfls.com |
| Oct. 4 | Ambassador Application Due | 11:59 pm | www.acyfls.com |
| Oct. 31 | Swine and Market Goat Entries Open | | www.acyfls.com |
| Nov. 1 | Beef Heifer, Bull, Mature Cow, Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat, Poultry and Rabbit Entries Open | | www.acyfls.com |
| Nov. 14 | Swine Tag-In<br>*No entries accepted after 10:30 am* | 7:30 am -<br>10:30 am | Alachua Co. Extension Office<br>Parking Lot<br>22712 W Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| Nov. 14 | Market Goat Weigh-in<br>*No entries accepted after 9:30 am* | 7:30 am - 9:30 am | Alachua Co. Extension Office<br>Parking Lot<br>22712 W Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| TBD | Ethics Training | TBD | Register:<br>floridastatefairag.com/ethics/ |
| Dec. 1 | 4-H Enrollment Deadline (*4-H members only)* | 11:59 pm | 4honline.com |
| Dec. 1 | All Beef Breeding, Dairy Goat, Breeding Goat, Poultry and Rabbit Entries Close | 8:00 am | www.acyfls.com |
| Dec. 2 | Late Entries Open | | Late fee of $25 per exhibitor<br>www.acyfls.com |
| Dec. 7 | Late Entries Close | 11:59 pm | www.acyfls.com |
| Jan. 31 | Camper Registration Closes | 11:59 pm | No late registration. |
| Feb. 1 | Deadline for exhibitors with 2 market animals to declare for sale | | www.acyfls.com |
| Feb. 1 | Educational and Creative Exhibits, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase Entries Close | 11:59 pm | www.acyfls.com |
| Feb. 1 – Feb. 5 | All Record Book Turn-in | Office Hours:<br>8:00 am - 4:30 pm,<br>Monday - Friday | Alachua Co. Extension Office<br>22712 W. Newbery Rd, Newberry |
| Feb. 26 | Fair Supply Unloading | 1:00 pm | Fairgrounds<br>23100 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| Feb. 27 | Fair Set Up | 8:00 am | Fairgrounds<br>23100 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| Feb. 27 | Judging Interviews for Educational and Creative Exhibits | Following fair setup | Fairgrounds – Club House<br>23100 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| Feb. 27 | Public Speaking Contest & Talent Showcase | Following fair setup | Alachua Co. Extension Auditorium<br>22716 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry |
| March 4 | ACYFLS Starts | | Fairgrounds<br>23100 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry |

# 2027 ACYFLS Schedule of Events

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|---|---|---|
| **Saturday, Feb. 27** | | |
| 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Judging Interviews for Educational & Creative Exhibits | Auditorium |
| 1:00 pm | Public Speaking Contest & Talent Showcase | Auditorium |
| **Wednesday, March 3** | | |
| 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Camper Check-in | Camper Area |
| 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Exhibitor Pen Set-up | Arena |
| 9:00 pm | All Gates Closed & Lights Out | |
| **Thursday, March 4** | | |
| 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | All Beef Check-in (Bulls, Heifers, Mature Cows, Steers) | Front Pole Barn |
| 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Goat Check-in (Breeding & Market Goats) | Front Pole Barn |
| 11:00 pm | All Gates Closed & Lights Out | |
| **Friday, March 5** | | |
| 7:00 am -10:30 am | Swine Check-in | Front Pole Barn |
| 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Rabbit Check-in | Arena |
| 10:30 am – 11:30 am | Steer Ultrasound | Front Pole Barn |
| 11:30 am | Market Animal Record Book **Final Page** Turn-in | Club House |
| 12:00 pm | Exhibitor Meeting (Mandatory) | Arena Bleachers |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Poultry Check-in | Arena |
| 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm | Rabbit Judging Contest | Arena |
| 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Market Goat & Breeding Goat Show & Showmanship | Arena |
| 6:00 pm | Steer Bred & Owned Show/Steer Show \| Beef Showmanship \| Steer Showmanship | Arena |
| 1 hr after last show | All Gates Closed & Lights Out | |
| **Saturday, March 6** | | |
| 7:30 am | All Dairy Goat Check-in | Arena |
| 8:00 am | Egg Check-in | Arena |
| 8:00 am – 10:00 am | Open Swine Area | Arena |
| 8:30 am | Dairy Goat Show \| Dairy Goat Skill-a-thon to Follow | Arena |
| 9:00 am | Poultry Judging | Arena |
| 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Swine Area Closed Except for Wash Rack Schedule | |
| 12:00 pm | American Bred & Owned Show<br>Beef Bred & Owned Show (Heifer/Bull/Mature Cow)<br>Beef Show (All Heifer/Bull/Mature Cow) | Arena |
| 5:30 pm | Celebrity Show | Arena |
| 6:00 pm | Swine Show | Arena |
| 1 hr after last show | All Gates Closed & Lights Out | |
| **Sunday, March 7** | | |
| 8:00 am | Devotion | Arena |
| 9:00 am | Cattleman, Swine Sense, Breeding Goat, Market Goat, and Rabbit Skill-a-thons | Auditorium |
| 10:00 am | Poultry Showmanship/Skill-a-thon | Arena |
| 10:30 am | Rabbit Show/Showmanship | |
| 12:00 pm | 4-H Horse Show | Horse Arena |
| 1:00 pm | Livestock Judging Registration | Office |
| 1:30 pm | Livestock Judging Contest | Arena |
| 6:00 pm | Swine Showmanship | Arena |
| 1 hr after last show | All Gates Closed & Lights Out | |

| Monday, March 8 | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 am | School Tours Setup | Arena |
| 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | School Tours | Arena |
| 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Coupe Out \| Rabbit Release \| Breeding Goat Release \| Breeding Beef Release | Arena |
| 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Educational & Creative Exhibit Pickup & Table Setting Removal | Club House/ Auditorium |
| 5:00 pm | Awards | Auditorium |
| 9:00 pm | All Gates Closed & Lights Out | |
| **Tuesday, March 9** | | |
| 11:00 am | Buyers Luncheon | Auditorium |
| 11:00 am | Exhibitors Luncheon | Arena Bleachers |
| 1:00 pm | Market Animal Sale | Arena |
| **Wednesday, March 10** | | |
| 8:00 am | Fair Take Down | Fairgrounds |
| 11:59 am | Hay Bale & Rain Barrel Removal | Fairgrounds |
| 11:59 am | All Campers Must Be Removed | Fairgrounds |

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# GENERAL RULES

Followed by Individual Livestock Rules. Exhibits and Exhibitors Must Comply with All Rules. ANY UNETHICAL ACT, BEHAVIOR OR CONDUCT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND MAY RESULT IN COMPLETE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE EXHIBITOR.

If an exhibitor or exhibitor's project is disqualified for any reason including an unethical act, behavior, or conduct, *including consumption of alcohol or drugs*, the exhibitor will not be able to participate in any fair activities or contests. If the exhibitor has a second disqualification, the exhibitor will be banned from showing and participating in any Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show activities for the rest of the exhibitor's eligible years.

# STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All exhibits will be under the direction of the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Association, Inc. (ACYFLS), but the Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for a consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the current ACYFLS Rule Book, and shall indemnify the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Association, Inc. against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

# NON-COMPLIANCE

1. The ACYFLS board reserves the right to remove from the grounds immediately any exhibit, entry, animal, exhibitor, or family of an exhibitor that are not cooperating with security personnel or ACYFLS officials in all matters of policy, including parking and camping.
2. Social Media guidelines for ACYFLS Board, Volunteers, Leaders, Parents, and Exhibitors: Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what you post online. Before creating content, consider the risks and rewards that are involved. Keep in mind that any conduct that adversely affects the ACYFLS, its clients, exhibitors, volunteers, parents, leaders, and its ability to secure the resources needed to fulfill its mission, may result in being disqualified from participating as a Board member, volunteer, leader, exhibitor or parents for the ACYFLS.

   The impact of negative online content and negative comments shall mean loss of donations, sponsorships, add-ons and buyers, and damaging experience for exhibitors. The ACYFLS reserves the right to take down and/or report any content that may be negative to the ACYFLS image or exhibitors.

3. Grievances: All grievances must be brought before the grievance committee, and all decisions of that committee will be final. Each grievance must be accompanied by a completed grievance form (provided by the committee chairperson) and a $50 fee, cash only, non-refundable. The grievance committee shall consist of the Executive Board Members (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and Committee Chair.

# OFFICIAL ENTRY

1. All entries must be made online. No entries will be accepted at the Extension Office or by mail. All entry fees are due at the time the online entry is complete and are non-refundable. All Market Animals (Market Steer, Market Swine, and Market Goat) will be required to complete entries online. You will be required to bring your receipt to tag-in / weigh-in for verification of your entry.
2. All chapter animals must be entered to a specific exhibitor with an alternate exhibitor listed at time of entry.
3. Lease agreement forms should be filled out and mailed by Dec. 1 to ACYFLS, PO Box 357190, Gainesville, FL 32635.
4. Additional lease agreements are available on the website at: www.acyfls.com
5. We will open on-line entries for Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer two weeks prior to Tag-in and Weigh-in.
6. A late fee of $25 per exhibitor will be assessed if entry forms are received between Dec. 2 and Dec. 7. No entries will be accepted after Dec. 7.

| ENTRY FEES & DATES | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Division** | **Entry Fee** | **Date Entries Open** | **Date Entries Close** |
| Steer | $25 | Sept. 12 | Sept. 26 |
| Market Swine | $25 | Oct. 31 | Nov. 14 |
| Beef (American Influence/Heifer/Bull/Mature Cow) | $25 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 1 |
| Market Goat | $20 | Oct. 31 | Nov. 14 |
| Breeding Goat | $20 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 1 |
| Dairy Goat | $10 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 1 |
| Rabbit | $10 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 1 |
| Poultry | $5 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 1 |
| Cloverbud Rabbit and Poultry | $0 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 1 |
| Educational & Creative Exhibits | $1 | Sept. 12. | Feb. 1 |
| Public Speaking | $0 | Sept. 12 | Feb. 1 |
| Talent Showcase | $0 | Sept. 12 | Feb. 1 |

7. No substitutions or changes after the late deadlines unless otherwise specifically provided for in this document.
8. Exhibitors must show their own animals in 4-H or FFA, whichever is designated on entry form. Exhibitors cannot change youth organizations after entries have been submitted.

9. All entries must be in the Exhibitor's name.
10. The Screening and Grievance Committee, upon the recommendation of the ACYFLS Board, may disqualify any exhibit they feel is not a credit to the show or unthrifty. Beef will go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Animals that are uncontrollable will not be allowed to show or sell. Any animal that becomes unruly and dangerous or gets loose twice, will be tied to the fence and judged there, or may be disqualified at any time during the Show and Sale by a committee appointed by the Grievance Committee. If the committee deems it necessary, the animal will be removed from Fairgrounds.
11. Beef exhibitors can show no more than eight animals in the Beef Breeding Division (Beef Bull, American Influence Heifer, Beef Heifer and Mature Cow). Goat exhibitors can show no more than five animals in goat divisions (Breeding Goat and Dairy Goat).
12. If a Market Goat dies within 30 days of initial weigh-in, the animal may be replaced upon verification of death by a board member or committee member. A replacement animal must be re-tagged within 10 days.
13. If a Dairy Goat dies or becomes seriously ill and is unable to compete after the entry deadline, a comparable animal from the same herd (same premises number) and being cared for by the exhibitor may be substituted upon verification and approval by the Dairy Goat Committee Chair/BOD member and the 4-H leader or FFA advisor for the exhibitor. The Dairy Goat Committee Chair and the 4-H Leader must be notified immediately of the need for a substitution, and the substitution must be documented in the Record Book and signed off on by either the Dairy Goat Committee Chair or the 4-H Leader. Only one substitution in the senior doe classes and one substitution in the junior doe classes will be allowed per youth exhibitor.
14. If a hog dies within 30 days after tag-in the animal may be replaced upon verification by two Swine Committee members. However, after 30 days, under no circumstances will replacement be allowed. A replacement animal will have to be re-tagged within 10 days.
15. If a Rabbit dies or becomes diseased after entry date you must receive written permission from the Rabbit Chairperson to replace the rabbit no later than 14 days before the fair. A late fee of $25 per exhibitor will be accepted and the rabbit will not be eligible for any premiums.
16. All livestock entries will be required to participate in all contests at the Fair, if selected.
17. The Fair Association will supply bedding.
18. All male market animals must be castrated by the initial Tag-in or Weigh-in dates and have no open wounds from castration at initial Tag-in or Weigh-in date.
19. All Beef Breeding animals, Steers and Swine must have an electronic identification (EID) tag in place by the initial check-in/weigh in. This EID tag should be administered by the breeder of the animal; however, exhibitors may apply for a premise ID with the Florida Department of Agriculture and purchase the EID tag and tag the animal themselves.

# EXHIBITORS

1. All exhibitors must be a member of an Alachua County 4-H Club or attend school at an Alachua County School and be a member of that FFA chapter, in good standing, to show in the ACYFLS. Virtual FFA members wishing to show in ACYFLS shall reside in Alachua County. Youth residing outside of Alachua County who wish to show in ACYFLS shall join an Alachua County 4-H Club. It is the responsibility of exhibitors and their families to confirm their 4-H and/or FFA eligibility with the 4-H Extension Agent or FFA Advisor prior to December 1.
2. Animal projects for 5-7 years old will be limited to lap animals. This includes rabbits, poultry, pets, and dog projects; and, for safety purposes, these exhibitors will not be allowed to assist with large animal projects.
3. Only exhibitors with an official entry in the fair that has paid entry fees will be allowed to participate in events that receive awards.
4. Market animal exhibitors shall be limited to bona fide FFA or 4-H members of Alachua County with approved projects who are not entering or exhibiting in any market show that is not available to all exhibitors in the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show.
5. We expect exhibitors to groom animals. NO PROFESSIONALS.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter and show up to two market animals of different species (steer, goat and hog). Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one animal through the sale for personal gain and must declare which animal they plan to sell by December 1 via a form posted at www.acyfls.com. If an exhibitor of two market animals fails to declare which animal they plan to sell, the first animal registered will sell. The second animal will be sold for resale price and will not go through the sale. The second animal will not be eligible for Custom Kill. The 6% commission will also be taken out of the resale price and any add-ons earned. Exhibitors are encouraged to seek add-ons for the second animal.
7. Each exhibitor must show his own animal unless approved by the appropriate show committee, prior to the show.
8. In addition to their own animals, exhibitors may show a chapter animal.
9. Age divisions are as follows:

| Division | Age by Sept. 1 of the current school year |
|---|---|
| Cloverbud | 5-7 years |
| Junior | 8-10 years |
| Intermediate | 11-13 years |
| Senior | 14+ years |

10. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean, attractive manner for the duration of the fair. Exhibitors must feed, water, and maintain proper care and treatment of their animals while at the Fair. Exhibitors will be asked to sign a sign-in sheet in the project areas twice daily. Failure to do this will result in an enforcement of Exhibitor Rule #12.
11. Exhibitors receiving awards are required to personally pick up their awards at the awards ceremony or appoint a substitute to pick up the awards at the awards ceremony.

12. If an exhibitor refuses to cooperate and/or obey rules, he/she will be contacted, first by the Committee Chair. The second contact will carry a $250 fine; on the third contact, will be asked to leave the show. Exhibitors with outstanding debt to ACYFLS, including fines, will not be permitted to participate in future ACYFLS.

# RECORD BOOKS

1. You may choose to have your record book judged or not judged. You must complete a record book to be eligible to show even if you choose to not have it judged.
2. Cloverbuds are not required to complete a record book.
3. All junior, intermediate, and senior exhibitors showing an animal must complete the appropriate Market Animal or Breeding Animal record book. Record books will be available at www.acyfls.com.
4. All record books (market and breeding animals) must be completed with ALL signatures and turned into the Alachua County Extension Office in Newberry by the deadline listed on the ACYFLS Important Dates. The only exception is the "Project Summary" page in the Market Animal book. Please remove this page and bring it to the final weigh-in, making sure to fill in any information needed before turning in the record book. The "Project Summary" page is due by the deadline noted on the ACYFLS Important Dates. A $50 deduction will be made for late project summary pages with the money donated to the ACYFLS scholarship fund.

**NO LATE RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**NO RECORD BOOK=NO SHOW.**

5. Incomplete record books will not be graded by the record book committee.
6. Exhibitors may handwrite or type record books. A final copy of the record book needs to be written in pen or typed.
7. All record book pages (with the exception of the project summary page) MUST be 3-hole punched and put in a 3-prong **folder** with pockets. If requirements are not met there will be a 10-point deduction. *Do not use a binder.*
8. You must write the following information on the front of your record book folder: Exhibitor's name, age division, livestock division, age, and 4-H club/FFA chapter. Failure to do this will result in a 10-point deduction.
9. If your animal does not make the show, you may still submit your completed record book for judging.
10. Only record books earning a blue ribbon will be considered for awards or premiums.
11. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the project story.
12. Divisions are as follows: Rabbit, Poultry, Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Steer, Breeding Beef.

# DRESS CODE

Exhibitors will be required to wear appropriate, clean, neat 4-H or FFA attire while in the shows, sales, and awards program. Following is the dress code for shows:

| 4-H | FFA |
|---|---|
| a) Dark black pants/jeans or skirt | a) Dark black pants/jeans or skirt |
| b) White dress shirt or blouse with collar | b) White dress shirt or blouse with collar |
| c) Tie (Green) | c) Tie (FFA colors) |
| d) 4-H Jacket (optional) | d) FFA Jacket (optional) |
| e) Closed toe shoe or boot | e) Closed toe shoe or boot |

1. 4-H or FFA emblem and club or chapter name on the pocket of shirt will be allowed
2. No hats or caps allowed.
3. Pants must be worn on the outside of shoes or boots.
4. Any exhibitors aiding in showing must be a 4-H or FFA member and abide by the dress code.
5. Any exhibitor that does not adhere to the dress code will be allowed to show their animal but will be given a white ribbon.

# ETHICS

All junior, intermediate and senior exhibitors must attend an Animal Ethics class to be eligible to show in the ACYFLS. Registration for the class must be done through the State Fair website. Completion of class may be done at a state or local training class, proof of attendance is required on entry forms at registration or to the ACYFLS by Feb. 1, 2027. You can email Pam Carter at retracmap61@gmail.com.

For the 2026-2027 Fair Season – Certification numbers starting with 25, 26 or 27 are current and valid (for example 25FSF3333, 26FSF2222, or 27FSF4444). All other numbers have expired, and exhibitors will be required to attend a workshop. Registration for ethics training should be done at the State Fair website: https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/.

Cloverbuds are not required to attend ethics training.

# MARKET ANIMAL SALE

1. Liability in case of death or injury to an animal remains with exhibitor until loaded.
2. Exhibitors are required to write **thank you letters** to ALL buyer(s) and add-on contributor(s). Exhibitors whose animals do not make weight are required to write thank you letters to add-on contributors. Copies of the thank you letters are to be uploaded to a link that will be posted at www.acyfls.com for Treasurer to review. Thank you letter(s) must be received within 45 days after the sale.
3. Exhibitors will not be issued checks until thank you letters have been received. Exhibitors will incur a $100 fine if thank you letters are not received within 45 days after the sale.

4. No exhibitor will be paid until 30 days after the sale, to allow the Treasurer time for billing and collection. At that time exhibitors will only be paid if all of his/her buyers and add-ons have paid, and Treasurer has received a copy(s) of thank you letter(s).
5. Buyers and Add-Ons will be posted to the website at www.acyfls.com
6. The Fair Board will pay all market animal exhibitors by check for resale amount, bid amount(s) and/or add-ons, minus commission and miscellaneous expenses, within 90 days after the first billing. Any exhibitor whose buyer has not paid after 90 days will be paid the amount collected to date minus commission and miscellaneous expenses.
7. Market Animal Sale checks will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service.
8. All special requests made by parent/exhibitor/etc., for donating Market Animal Sale check(s) for a charitable cause must be brought before the Sale Committee two weeks prior to the February Board meeting in writing. The Sale Committee will discuss and approve/disapprove and bring the decision before the Fair Board for discussion.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE**

*Definitions*

- *Resale Buyer*: Buyer(s) that purchase the market animal for an agreed upon price per pound prior to the Market Animal Sale.
- *Resale Price*: Amount per pound agreed upon by the resale buyer prior to the Market Animal Sale.
- *Buyer*: The actual buyer(s) that bids the highest during the market animal sale.
- *Custom Kill*: All swine will be processed at a USDA inspected facility per state regulation. Steers and Goats will be processed at a USDA facility. The buyer will receive the meat after paying the cut and wrap fee to the slaughter facility.
- *Add-On Contributor*: Business(es) and/or individual(s) that donate to the individual 4-H or FFA exhibitor (flat amount or per pound).
- *Carcass Value*: The price of the carcass will be based on the resale value/carcass value.

1. All market animals will be consigned to the Market Animal Sale.
2. All market animals are part of a terminal show and will be harvested at the conclusion of the fair.
3. Animals will be sold in order of class placement and ribbon color.
4. Each animal will be sold separately to the highest bidder.
5. The auctioneer will determine the highest bidder and settle all sale disputes.
6. Persons must be at least 18 years of age to bid on animals and/or sign a sale invoice. Any person buying animals for another person must legibly print then sign their name and provide a complete billing address and telephone contact number for the invoice.
7. Once the invoice is signed and acknowledged confirming if the animal will be Resale or Custom Kill, there will be NO CHANGES PERIOD to resale or custom kill status.

8. The ACYFLS Association will not accept bids or add-on(s) for any contest from an individual(s) or business(es) that did not pay a previous commitment to a sponsorship, bid or add-on.
9. Payment for market animals will not be accepted before the market animal is sold.
10. All payments should be made payable to ACYFLS.
    a. Terms are cash, personal check, business check or credit card due at Market Animal Sale or upon receipt of initial invoice.
    b. All add-on sponsors are encouraged to pay in advance via PayPal and/or on the day of the Market Animal Sale. All add-on payments must be paid by end of Sale Day.
    c. All add-ons of less than $100 will be due prior to the end of the Sale. These add-ons can be paid via PayPal in advance with details by exhibitor or must be paid on the day of the Sale attached to a COMPLETED add-on form. All payments should be made payable to ACYFLS. No add-ons will be announced at the sale.
    d. *Tax-deductible sale premiums and add-ons must be routed through the ACYFLS*. Any payments made directly to exhibitors are not tax deductible. Payments must be made to ACYFLS to be tax deductible.
11. The process for payment of Market Animal Sale funds will be as follows:
    a. Buyers will be encouraged to pay the day of the Market Animal Sale by cash, personal check, business check or credit card.
    b. Buyers that do not pay on day of sale will be billed after the sale is closed and will be allowed 30 calendar days to submit payment due in full.
    c. After invoicing, if the Buyer has not paid within 30 calendar days, a reminder will be submitted (via email or mail). Late fees will be assessed as follows:
        i. over 30 days - 5% late fee of total owed
        ii. over 60 days - 10% late fee of total owed
        iii. over 90 days - 25% late fee of total owed and accepted payment will be cash and/or credit card only
    d. If payment is received after 60 days, Buyer will be subject to cash or credit card payment the day of the Market Animal Sale for future ACYFLS.
12. All checks returned because of insufficient funds will be charged the current bank fee.
13. All money collected in the name of the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show must be routed through the Association's general fund.
14. No more than five (5) buyers will be billed per sale invoice. (Exhibitors can have more than 5 buyers).
15. The Treasurer will not invoice any buyer for less than $100.
16. Minimum buyer bids are required as follows:
    a. Market Goat - $1.00/lb
    b. Steers -$0.50/lb
    c. Swine - $0.75/lb
17. All qualified Market Animals will be sold prior to the Market Animal Sale to a resale buyer(s)

and a resale price will be established for Market Animals. The resale price will be paid by the Resale Buyer. No resale credit will be given to the individual (Market Animal Buyer(s).

18. Buyer(s) will be responsible to pay the bid price per pound. Example: Buyer bids $1 per pound on a 280 lb hog; the buyer is responsible to pay $280
19. The maximum sale weight for market steers is 1400 lbs, market hogs 300 lbs, and market goats 125 lbs.
20. Exhibitors with a market animal will pay a 6.0% sales commission on add-ons and buyer premiums. This will be deducted from their final check. Miscellaneous expenses will be assessed by the ACYFLS Association. Commission percentage will be revaluated annually.

**CUSTOM KILLS**

1. *Custom Kill carcass buyer(s) MUST pay their invoice amount (bid amount), and resale amount (carcass amount), IN FULL, on the day of the Market Animal Sale.* Payment for the carcass is NOT tax deductible. Only bidder (or one of the buyers on the Sale Invoice) that purchase the Market Animal will be allowed to purchase the custom kill carcass.
2. Only those designated by the ACYFLS will transport animals to designated slaughter facilities.
3. Steers, Swine and Goats for custom kill will be delivered to selected processing plants, designated by the Sale Committee, and must be accompanied by a Cut and Wrap Sheet specifying the cutting and wrapping instructions. Swine Must go to a USDA-inspected slaughter facility per FDACS. Cut and Wrap fees are paid to the processing plant by the Carcass Buyer(s).

# PREMIUMS & AWARDS

Premiums will be paid based on the judging ribbon color. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after judging. Premiums not paid during the fair will be given to the committee chairs to disburse to each exhibitor. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after May 1. All premium checks must be cashed within sixty days of issuance, or they become void. If the exhibitor fails to timely negotiate said check, all monies due exhibitor shall belong to the ACYFLS and the exhibitor shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to the ACYFLS.

| CLASS | Grand | Reserve | Blue | Red | White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mature Cow | | | $25 | $20 | $15 |
| Beef Heifer | | | $25 | $20 | $15 |
| Beef Bulls | | | $25 | $20 | $15 |
| Dairy Heifer | | | $25 | $20 | $15 |
| Dairy Goats | | | $20 | $15 | $10 |
| Breeding Goats | | | $20 | $15 | $10 |
| Rabbits | | | $5 | $3 | $2 |
| Educational & Creative Exhibits | $3 | $2 | $2 | $1 | $0 |

# JUDGES & JUDGING

1. The Modified Danish System will be used. The first-place blue ribbon animal from each class will compete for Grand Champion. There must be a blue-ribbon animal in at least one class to have a championship class. The blue-ribbon animal that stood second in the class from which the champion came, will compete with the first-place blue-ribbon animals of the other classes for Reserve Champion. Grand Champion or Reserve designation will be at the discretion of the judge.
2. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
3. The decision of the judge shall be final.
4. Any exhibitor or parent who interferes with the judging will cause the exhibitor to be excluded from competition; if done after judging, the premiums awarded will be forfeited.

# HEALTH RULES

1. All health rules as outlined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry and under each specific department must be strictly adhered to. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for entry disqualification. A certified state inspector will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the inspector on duty.
2. All animals must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (except for swine, rabbits, and poultry) listing permanent identification and must be free of evidence of disease.
3. Young stock accompanying their dams must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection and inspected by the State Veterinary Inspector upon entry into the Fairgrounds.
4. Only animals being shown at the ACYFLS are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
5. Any evidence of tampering with animals will automatically disqualify any entry. This includes such things as filling with a foreign substance and the use of tranquilizers or drugs. It is illegal to feed ruminant by-products to any ruminant animals.
6. Cattle exhibited at the ACYFLS must have EID readable both visually and electronically. Calf at side must be verified via a health certificate.
7. All Market Steer and Swine Animals must have an electronic EID tag inserted at tag-in and final weigh-in. This EID tag should be administered by the breeder of the market animal; however, exhibitors may apply for a premise ID with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and purchase the EID tag and tag the animal themselves before the final weigh in at the fair in March.

**LIVESTOCK DRUG POLICY**

1. This policy is put in place to comply with USDA Food Safety Inspection Service rules. Animals are often tested at the time of slaughter to monitor the illegal use of antibiotics, growth regulators, and other drugs that require a withdrawal period.

2. Exhibitors must read all labels and comply with label instructions (i.e. dosage, proper administration, withdrawal, etc.)
3. Types of products that may include withdrawals, but not limited to antibiotics, vaccines, feeds and feed additives, dewormers, pour-on parasite control and implants.
4. Any off-label use (contrary to label instructions) must be accompanied by a veterinarian prescription. This document must be presented to show chair.
5. In case treatment due to illness is necessary within the specified withdrawal period, exhibitors must contact chair by Fair weigh-in. The committee will then arrange an alternate marketing plan provided the animal is healthy.
6. If illegal drugs or foreign substances are detected, it will result in forfeiture of all sale proceeds.

**DISEASE/SICK/DECEASED ANIMAL**

In the event of a sick or suspected diseased animal, the animal should be isolated in the designated area (TBD) and closely monitored. The animal owner will be contacted immediately. All potentially infectious materials such as feces, blood and bedding shall be carefully collected under supervision of a Board Member or designee and removed from other animals. This material shall be saved until evaluated by the responding DVM. The on-call large animal DVM (TBD) should be contacted for further advice and response. If the animal owner requests a DVM of their own choosing, services rendered may be at their own expense. Animals that have been in close contact with the sick animal will be monitored and their owners notified.

If an animal dies during the fair, it will be relocated to a holding area until further arrangements are made by the committee chair.

# RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK

Release times are specified by each show committee. Removal of any animals or exhibits prior to designated release time, unless approved by the appropriate show committee, will cause forfeiture of all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the show.

# LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. 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 risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.
2. ACYFLS, its officers, and employees, cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injuring 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.
3. Animals are restricted to designated areas of fairgrounds and must not be taken from the designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animal.

# SPONSORSHIPS

1. The Fair Board will not accept a sponsorship for any contest from any individual(s) or business(s) that did not pay a previous commitment to a sponsorship, bid or add-on.
2. Sponsorships need to be paid before the Fair; the Treasurer will not be billing sponsors after the Fair.

# PARKING, TRAFFIC PATTERNS & ATV USE

1. Please drive carefully due to children present and slowly to limit dust as much as possible. Careless drivers will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds because of the significant safety risk. There will be a **10 MPH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT** at all times on the Fairgrounds. Please park trailers in areas designated for trailers and all other vehicles in designated parking areas.
2. Traffic control patterns may change as needed during the event. Please be aware of traffic cone patterns and do not park in an area blocked off with cones or other traffic control devices. They are intended to keep everyone safe and to keep the event in compliance with County Regulations.
3. ATV's and golf carts will not be allowed on the Fairgrounds!
4. All livestock trailers will be parked in the NW corner of the Ag and Equestrian Center.

# CAMPING

1. Camping is open to anyone involved in the Youth Fair. Preference is given to board members and then exhibitors.
2. A $100 per camper fee will be charged to cover utility and insurance expenses.
3. An Application Form and Camper Liability Waiver must be completed at www.acyfls.com, starting Oct. 1, and due to the Fair Board by Jan. 31, 2027, for approval. All payments must be made online, INCLUDE RESPONSIBLE ADULTS NAME IN THE COMMENTS. NO PAPER OR LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.
4. The gate closest to the campers will remain locked during shows and all vehicles must go through the main gate to enter and exit fairgrounds.
5. All campers, trailers, trucks, etc. must be parked in space designated by the Fair Board.
6. There will be a limit of two vehicles per site with a parking pass. The speed limit is 5 mph at all times. Overflow parking is on the north side of fairgrounds.
7. **Use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or illegal substances is prohibited**; if violated the campers will be asked to leave and not allowed to camp at the Youth Fair in future years.
8. **Firearms of any kind, including nerf/pellet guns are prohibited.**
9. Anyone displaying undesirable conduct, as determined by the Fair Board, will be asked to leave, and not be allowed to camp at the Youth Fair in future years.
10. All campers are responsible for keeping their campsite neat and clean. All trash and waste must be disposed of in an approved manner. There will be a $50 cleanup fee assessed for

sites with trash left after the occupants vacate the site.

11. Camper check-in must take place between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the Wednesday before the fair. No campers are allowed on the fairgrounds before then. All campers must be **removed from the fairgrounds by noon on Wednesday after the fair.**
12. Minors will not be allowed to stay on the grounds after 9 pm unless a responsible adult accompanies them. Exhibitors over 18 do not qualify as adult supervision.
13. Application must have all names of people camping for the duration of the fair. If a guest wants to join a campsite for the night, the name of the guest must be submitted to the Camping Committee before the gates are closed for the night.
14. **GATES WILL BE CLOSED AT NIGHT**. Designated times of gate closure and opening will be posted in the fair schedule and given to all campers. Campers are responsible for making any necessary arrangements to comply with these gate closure/opening times. While emergencies do happen, please remember you will be waking someone up to let you in or out. Please consider this when deciding if your situation qualifies as an "Emergency".
15. **Reservation of 50-amp campsites**: Campsites with power are limited. Reservations of sites will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference being given to board members and then exhibitors. The camping committee will assign campsites. Every attempt will be made to accommodate assignment requests within reason, however there is no guarantee of requested accommodation.

# SCHOOL TOURS

School tours is an educational opportunity for elementary students across Alachua County to come to the Fair and learn about the various livestock, educational and creative exhibits that 4-H and FFA members work so hard on each year. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the show office. Exhibitors must sign-in and sign-out to receive credit for the Heart of the Fair Award.

**Date:** Monday of the fair, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

**Dress Code:** Exhibitors assisting with school tours should wear the current year's ACYFLS T-shirt. Dark black pants/jeans or skirt and closed-toed shoes are required.

1. No cursing
2. School groups are not to be led near the back tents or in the back of the main arena. Only take groups to the activities on the itinerary.
3. Exhibitors helping cannot leave their group or assigned station until a committee member has released them.
4. There is to be no exercising or practicing with animals in the arena while groups are still being walked around. No exhibitors or parents are allowed to walk through the arena to get to the barns during the tours. Only those exhibitors chosen to be in the arena are allowed in the area during this time.

# EMERGENCY PLAN

In the event of a weather-related emergency or an unusual occurrence:

1. Those unable to leave the Fairgrounds should report to the Extension Auditorium.
2. Prior to responding, animals in the barn area should be secured if time and circumstances permit. Human life will be a priority over animals.
3. Anyone choosing to leave when the order to shelter is given will do so at his or her own risk.
4. In the event of known incoming bad weather, announcements will be made so people can make informed decisions as to their actions.
5. All Fair activities will be postponed until the situation has ended.
6. The main gates at the Ag and Equestrian Center will be closed during an emergency so if there are any loose animals resulting from the emergency they will be contained.
7. Board members or their designees will be posted at every entrance/exit to the Auditorium to assist with orderly entering and leaving the building.
8. Emergency services will be contacted via the 911 system as needed.

# AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To promote the youth who participate in the ACYFLS, to educate the public about the Fair, to help where needed throughout the Fair year, to encourage participation and support from the community, and to contribute to the community through volunteer work.

**TERM:** Ambassadors serve a one-year term beginning in October. They will meet bi-monthly or as needed.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**
Apply by Oct. 4 at **https://forms.gle/8RNiqtGBto85eDYcA**. Applicants will be asked to upload a resume as well as one letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation should be from an FFA advisor, 4-H leader, employer, teacher, or community member. The letter of recommendation should not come from a relative.

Applicants will be asked to give a 2-minute speech at the ACYFLS Fair Board meeting on Oct. 8 at 7:30 pm answering the question "How has exhibiting at the ACYFLS prepared you for your future?" Board members may ask additional questions of applicants at this time. Official dress or business casual dress is requested.

**REQUIREMENTS:**
1. You must abide by the most recently adopted Rules and Regulations of the ACYFLS.
2. You must be a registered member of an Alachua County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
   a. 4-H Member – Age 14-18
   . b. FFA Member – Grade 9-12
3. You must have participated in the ACYFLS a minimum of one year and participate in the upcoming ACYFLS.
4. You must have and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 throughout the year.
5. If selected for this position, you must serve a minimum of 20 volunteer hours:

a. 10 hours of community service work on behalf of the ACYFLS.
b. 10 hours of Fair related activities.

6. You must be able to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities.
7. The Ambassador Coordinator reserves the right to request the resignation of an ambassador due to non-compliance with any of the above rules.

**UNIFORMS:** A polo shirt will be provided to each ambassador. Official dress will be the provided polo shirt with khaki pants or khaki skirt. Unless otherwise specified, official dress is to be worn at every event.

**AWARDS:** Each ambassador will receive $200 after the conclusion of the ACYFLS and completion of all service requirements.

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ACYFLS promotes education and offers a scholarship program to further our high school exhibitors' goals in attending college or technical school. Applications will be available at www.acyfls.com and recipients will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony.

Requirements to apply:

- 2.5 cumulative high school GPA
- Current year exhibitor
- Last year of high school

Recipients must provide proof of enrollment in a college or technical school no later than the fall semester following high school graduation.

# ALL BEEF DIVISIONS

1. To enter the Fair all beef animals must have a valid Health Certificate from a Veterinarian that will be presented to the state inspector before being allowed to enter the Fairgrounds.
2. The Beef Committee will make an unloading area/lane for animals ONLY (animals to check in). All other equipment can be unloaded in front AFTER animal is checked in. No exceptions and NO parking in lane.
3. No show boxes or tack items, feed storage, or hay storage in barn, unless otherwise specified at the time of check in by Beef Committee.
    a. Grooming chutes must be placed in designated areas outside the barn. Grooming chutes may not arrive at the Fairgrounds before the time and date specified by the Beef Committee.
    b. No blowers allowed/used in the barn.
    c. Fans used in the barn MUST be out of the walkway at all times for safety purposes.
4. All beef animals must be secured by a halter and a neck rope at ALL times while in the beds.
5. All animals must be halter broken and the exhibitor able to handle animal(s) before entering the barn. All beef animals must go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Show or Fair Committee reserves the right to disqualify unruly animals at any time during the Fair. Animals that are uncontrollable will NOT be allowed to show.
6. The committee may visit each exhibitor or chapter any time after the entry deadline.
7. All grievances will be brought before the grievance committee and all decisions of that committee will be final.
8. Petitions for exceptions to these rules may be considered by the Beef Committee and their decision will be final.
9. All market and breeding chapter or club animals must be registered to a specific exhibitor with an alternate listed at the time of entry (due by Dec. 1).
10. To reduce the chances of bodily harm to the exhibitors, spectators, and other animals, all Beef Cattle must be dehorned to enter the show. Any visible horns may be grounds for disqualification from the show as determined by the Beef Committee.
11. Late arrivals will not be accepted. All animals shall be in place on the day of designated arrival. No Exceptions. Medical emergencies may be considered by the Beef Committee.
12. Any clipping of beef animals should be done prior to being brought to the Fair. Exhibitors will be allowed to use all products to groom their animals. Fitting and grooming will only be allowed by registered ACYFLS exhibitors. Violation of the rule will result in a $50 fine, and second notice will be dismissal from the fair.
13. The Fair Screening Committee shall have the right to mouth animals to determine age. Starting in 2026-2027, all steers will be mouthed for age verification at initial weigh-in. Steers must be 18 months or less at initial tag in. A veterinarian selected by the ACYFLS Board will mouth steers and make final decisions on age.

14. All Breeding Beef, including bulls, must be owned or leased by the exhibitor at the time entry forms are due.
15. Exhibitors with leased Breeding Beef (Heifer, Bull, Mature Cow) must fill out an Alachua County Youth Fair Lease Agreement and turn it in with the entry form.

**CLASSES**

1. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, they will have to use another registered exhibitor of our Fair to help show the other animal. All exhibitors must be in official dress.
2. The Modified Danish Judging System will be used.
3. After all animals are entered:
    a. Market Steer classes will be divided into classes by weight.
    b. Beef Heifer, Beef Bull, and Beef Mature Cow classes will be determined by the animals' ages.
    c. In Market Steer, Beef Heifer, Beef Bull, and Mature Cow shows, once the Grand and Reserve animals are chosen the judge will continue to place the remaining animals to the top 5 in the show or top 3 if numbers do not allow for 5 placings.

**AMERICAN INFLUENCE SHOW**

American Influence heifers must exhibit prominent BOS INDICUS breed characteristics or have registration papers that indicate a Brahman/Brahman cross breed.

American influence characteristics criteria are as follows: heifers must meet 3 of the 5 criteria. The beef committee will help evaluate heifers as they unload to make sure they are in the correct division (American influence, AOB).

1. There can be ½" of hair or less.
2. Dewlap must be prominent. (Dewlap is defined as the skin from the throat to the brisket)
3. There must be an apparent crest on the neck.
4. Must have an extended navel.
5. Ears must be broken and come to a point.

American Influence heifers may compete in the Bred and Owned Show if they meet the qualifications but cannot compete in both the American Influence and the Commercial/AOB Registered heifer show.

The beef committee will ensure all entries meet guidelines.

**BEEF HEIFERS**

1. Heifers must be born at least by Sept. 1 the year prior to the fair and weaned to enter. Heifers cannot be older than 30 months on Jan. 1, the year of the Fair.
2. The show will be open to purebred, commercial and American Influenced heifers.
3. The Beef Committee will determine classes by the animals' ages within the show.

**BEEF BULLS**

1. Bulls must not exceed 24 months of age as of Jan. 1, the year of the fair. Only weaned bulls born before Sept. 1 of the year prior to the show will be eligible to show.
2. All bulls 12 months and older must be shown on a nose lead.
3. The show will be open to purebred, commercial and American Influenced. Bulls should be owned or leased by the exhibitor.
4. The Beef Committee will determine classes by the animals' ages within the show.

**BEEF MATURE COWS**

1. WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED: Cows must be older than 30 months of age as of Jan. 1, the year of the fair. Cows must have a calf by their side or have a certificate of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian may include the certification of pregnancy on the exhibitor's health certificate. Certificate of pregnancy must accompany the animal at the time of check in when you unload at the Fair. If the certificate of pregnancy is not present at the time of check-in, the animal will be required to reload and go home.
2. All beef cows and their calves must go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Animals which are uncontrollable will not be allowed to show. The Fair Screening Committee shall have the right to mouth animals to determine age.
3. The show will be open to purebred, commercial and American Influenced.
4. If the calf is by side, it will only be shown as the pair.
5. The Beef Committee will determine classes by the animals' ages within the show. Cap on age will be 6 years as of Jan. 1 of the fair year.

**MARKET STEERS**

1. Animals must be identified by special ACYFLS ear tag and weighed on scales approved by the board. The Beef Committee will determine the day and time of initial weigh-in and show weigh-in. The committee recommends that steers weigh a minimum of 750 lbs. at initial weigh-in. It is required that steers gain a minimum of 1.75 lbs/day and reach 1,000 lbs by final weigh-in. A committee member will give each steer exhibitor an index card at the day of weigh-in that states what the steer needs to weigh at final weigh-in.
2. All market steers must obtain an electronic ID and be tagged prior to the final weigh in at the fair in March.
3. If a steer is shown or attempted to be shown in any other terminal market show, the animal cannot be shown in the Alachua County show.
4. Steers entered in the show must show a predominance of beef breeding.
5. All steers entered in the show and sale must meet minimum requirements at weigh-in and have gained a minimum of 1.75 lbs. per day for the feeding period. If a steer fails to meet minimum requirements at weigh-in, scales will be re-zeroed and the steer will be re-weighed at that time, and at no other time. If the steer does not make minimum requirements, the exhibitor will have the opportunity at this time to scratch the steer and take it home or may choose to keep it there and sell it for resale price and would be eligible

to show in showmanship only. The steer must come across the official scales at final weigh-in for the exhibitor to be eligible for this.

6. Slick shearing of steers is prohibited and will be subject to a fine of $250.
7. All Market Steers must be bred, born and raised in the state of Florida. All steer exhibitors must complete and turn in the Florida Born affidavit at the initial weigh-in.

*EXHIBITORS*

Exhibitors must show their own steer during the show, showmanship, and the sale, unless approved by the Beef Committee.

*SALE*

Steers shall be shrunk 3% after the sale. The resale price will be based on shrunk weight.

**BRED AND OWNED**

1. All Bred and Owned animals will be judged. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used with prizes awarded accordingly. To qualify as Bred and Owned the beef animal must be owned by the exhibitor, parents, or grandparents at the time of conception and birth. The exhibitor must be actively involved in the cattle operation and the care of the herd.
2. The Beef Committee will come around to verify that animals are Bred and Owned.

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. Showmanship Contest will be conducted, and ALL exhibitors will participate. Contact must be made with Beef Chair for scheduling conflicts.
2. In Showmanship Contest, contestants must show their own animal. No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show. Exhibitors of Chapter or Club animals may compete in the showmanship contest.
3. Steers only– If a steer does not make weight and the exhibitor agrees to sell at resale price, then the exhibitor will be allowed to show in steer showmanship. The steer must come across the official scales at the final weigh-in and choose to be sold at resale price for the exhibitor to be eligible for this.
4. Exhibitors with more than one beef animal may choose their best animal to compete in the Showmanship Contest.
5. Showmanship Contests will be held for both Market Steers and Breeding Beef. Exhibitors that have both steer and breeding beef can compete in both steer showmanship and breeding showmanship. They are not limited to one.

**CATTLEMAN'S CONTEST**

A written test will be given to judge the exhibitor's knowledge of the beef industry. The top three in each age category will receive an award at the annual awards ceremony. All exhibitors, not just beef exhibitors, are eligible to compete in this contest; however, beef exhibitor participation is required. Contact must be made with Beef Chair for scheduling conflicts.

**HERDSMAN AWARD**

This award is being offered to show appreciation to beef exhibitors for their cooperation in

making the best possible presentation of their projects to the public and for their help in keeping fair facilities attractive. A designated committee will choose the winning exhibitors. One Herdsman Award will be presented. All exhibitors will be eligible for individual awards. Awards will be presented at the annual awards ceremony. Awards will be based on daily appearance of exhibit(s), creativity of exhibit, sportsmanship, and willingness to assist fellow exhibitors and cooperate with Fair officials.

**BEEF BREEDING ALL-AROUND AWARD**

Beef Breeding All-Around consists of American Influence heifers, All Other Breed (AOB) heifers, bulls, and mature cows and will compete for their own All-Around awards. Points will be awarded to participants placing(s) in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given. The categories for Beef Breeding are: On Foot Placing, Cattleman's Contest, Record Book, Showmanship, Bred and Owned, Public Speaking Contest, and Grand and Reserve Placing.

1. Individuals exhibiting more than 1 animal in the Breeding division may only receive points for their highest placing animal. For example: one individual exhibiting multiple animals in all three divisions of the Breeding Animal Show may only receive "on-foot" placing points for their best placing heifer, mature cow, or bull.
2. For individuals exhibiting more than one animal in the Breeding Show, only one record book score will be allowed. The highest scoring or placing will be used to determine points awarded in the Best All-Around.
3. Only blue ribbon awarded animals are eligible to receive the "on-foot" placing points for both the class and in the Bred and Owned contest.
4. Top 5 places will be placed in each category if the exhibitor or animal qualifies.
5. For the Public Speaking Contest, the top 5 places in each age division for beef-related speeches will be considered for points.
6. Points within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1st Place = 5 points; 2nd Place = 4 points; 3rd Place = 3 points 4th Place = 2 points, 5th Place = 1 point
7. Bonus points will be awarded to individuals that place in more than 3 categories as follows: 5 Categories = 4 points; 4 Categories = 3 points; 3 Categories = 2 points
8. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by showmanship and then highest score in the Cattleman's Contest.
9. Showmanship points are included in All-Around for each division no matter what animal is shown for showmanship.

**VALUE-ADDED CONTEST**

The purpose of this contest is to recognize those animals that excelled in economic value through management decisions. Factors shall include:

- Initial Market Value based on current market value at time of weigh-in.
- Final carcass value based on yield grade, quality grade, and final carcass weight.
- Final Carcass Value – Initial Market Value = Value Added.

**CARCASS CONTEST**

1. All steers entered in the on-foot Market Steer Show will be entered in the carcass contest

and must be present at the meeting. Contact Beef Chair if there is a scheduling problem.

2. All steers will be ultra-sounded by certified technician.
3. Ultra-sound data will include external fat, rib-eye area, and percentage of intra-muscular fat, from this data yield grade and quality grade will be determined.
4. Carcass contest rules will be the final decision and responsibility of the Carcass Contest Committee. Carcass contest results will be available to exhibitors, sponsors and buyers.
5. State carcass contest guidelines will be used to determine the winner. The winner will compete in State Carcass Program.

**ALL-AROUND MARKET STEER**

Points are awarded to a participant placing in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given. The categories are: On-Foot Placing, Record Book, Showmanship, Bred and Owned, Grand Reserve Placing, Cattleman's, Public Speaking Contest, Value Added and Carcass Contest.

1. Only blue ribbon awarded animals are eligible to receive the "on-foot" placing points for both the class and in the bred and owned contest.
2. Top 5 places will be placed in each category if the exhibitor or animal qualifies.
3. For the Public Speaking Contest, the top 5 places in each age division for beef-related speeches will be considered for points.
4. Within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1st Place = 5 Points; 2nd Place = 4 Points; 3rd Place = 3 Points; 4th Place = 2 Points; 5th Place = 1 Point
5. Bonus points will be awarded to individuals that place in more than 3 categories as follows: 5 Categories = 4 Points; 4 Categories = 3 Points; 3 Categories = 2 Points.
6. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by showmanship and then the highest score in the cattleman's contest.
7. Showmanship points are included in All-Around for each division no matter what animal is shown for showmanship.

# MARKET SWINE DIVISION

1. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules. All grievances will be brought before the Grievance Committee and all decisions of that committee shall be final.
2. All market swine chapter or club animals must be registered to a specific exhibitor with a qualified alternate listed at the time of entry (tag-in). If an alternate showman is used the exhibitor must be confirmed by final swine weigh-in. The exhibitor of the chapter or club animal will be allowed to compete in showmanship.
3. Swine entries need to be completed online and tag-in will be at the fairgrounds.
4. Swine entry will be $25 due when completing online entry.
5. All hogs will be tagged in with ACYFLS tag at designated location on the same day, except Swine Committee members and volunteers working tag-in; they will be tagged in on the same day at their project site by two or more Swine Committee members.
6. All market swine must obtain an electronic ID and be tagged prior to the final weigh in at the fair in March.
7. No boar hogs will be allowed to enter the show.
8. All swine must be reared at the exhibitor's home unless granted permission by the Swine Chair(s) by tag-in date and signed by a club leader/advisor. The Swine Committee will make home visits from the time of the initial tag-in to the time of the final weigh-in.
9. All hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. with a maximum weight of 325 lbs. to be eligible to show. However, 300 lbs will be the maximum weight paid out at the sale.
10. If a hog does not make a minimum of 230 lbs. or weighs more than maximum weight of 325 lbs. the hog will be reloaded immediately and not be eligible for the show. If an exhibitor's hog does not qualify for the show the exhibitor is not eligible for ANY OF THE HOG SHOWS FOR THE FAIR THAT YEAR.
11. Pulse Electro Magnetic Field (PEMF) therapy will be allowed in a designated use area ONLY. This area will be determined/designated by the Swine Committee at the fair.
12. No medication is to be given to any market animal during the Fair. Any animal that needs medical attention should be treated by the on-call vet, to avoid withdrawal issues.
13. All hogs must be in their pens and all non-exhibitors out of the swine area 15 minutes prior to the start of the shows and 15 minutes prior to the start of the sale. NO ONE EXCEPT EXHIBITORS, SELECTED SWINE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OR DESIGNATED SWINE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SWINE AREA DURING SHOWS.
14. Exhibitors are required to write thank you letters to their buyer(s) and add-on contributor(s) in accordance with fair rules.

**EXHIBITORS**

1. All exhibitors must keep their area clean and neat for the duration of the Fair. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the swine area and must be signed twice daily. Meaning once in the

morning and once in the evening. If you are not able to take care of your area you may ask another exhibitor to do it for you. The committee chair must be made of the arrangements. Failure to do this will result in enforcement of Exhibitor Rule #12.

2. All hogs are expected to be clean and ready for show. They may be washed in designated areas only, not in pens.
3. If there is a show in the show ring other than the swine show, ONLY a Swine Committee member will be allowed in the swine area.

**JUDGING & SALE**

1. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used with prizes awarded accordingly.
2. Best Home-Grown Hog Award will be presented to the exhibitor of the highest placing hog that was farrowed at the exhibitor's home (FFA chapter and/or 4-H club) by a sow owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family (FFA chapter or 4-H club). If the highest placing is not evident from individual placings, then all home-grown hogs will be returned to the arena to be placed by the judge. For this award to be relevant there must be at least two different homegrown breeders exhibiting.
3. Exhibitors must provide and use an automatic waterer for their hog at all times during the fair.
4. NO PROFESSIONAL GROOMING. Clipping – all hair on the hogs must be at least ½" and no less. A $50 FINE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN ½". NO CLIPPING AT THE FAIR!

**ALL-AROUND AWARD**

Points are awarded to a participant placing in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given. The categories are: On-Foot Placing, Record Book, Showmanship, Carcass, Swine Sense, Public Speaking Contest, Grand or Reserve.

1. Only blue ribbon awarded animals are eligible to receive the "on-foot" placing points.
2. Top 5 Places will be placed in each category if the exhibitory or animal qualifies.
3. Points within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1st Place = 5 Points; 2nd Place = 4 Points; 3rd Place = 3 Points; 4th Place = 2 Points; 5th Place= 1 Point.
4. Bonus points will be awarded to individuals that place in more than 3 categories as follows: 1st Place = 5 points; 2nd Place = 4 points; 3rd Place = 3 points; 4th Place = 2 points; 5th Place = 1 point.
5. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest score in record book, then showmanship.

# ALL MEAT GOAT DIVISIONS

1. Market wethers must be no older than 12 months old at final weigh-in at the show. Only does may enter breeding shows; no bucks allowed.
2. All animals must be prepped for show before arrival at the Fair. Market wethers must be clipped to within 3/8" or less above the knees and hock joints. All horns shall be tipped to the size of a dime or removed. Animals not conforming to this will not be allowed to enter the barn.
3. The committee may visit each exhibitor or chapter any time after the entry deadline.
4. All goats will be judged according to meat standards. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used with the prizes awarded accordingly.
5. No hay bags will be allowed. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide hay by hand or in a bucket.
6. All grievances will be brought before the grievance committee and all decisions of that committee will be final.
7. Petitions for exceptions to these rules may be considered by the Goat Show Committee and their decision will be final.
8. All exhibitors must keep their area clean, neat, and safe for the duration of the Fair. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the goat area and must be signed twice daily. If you are not able to take care of your area, you may ask another exhibitor to do it for you; the committee chair must be made aware of the arrangements. **Failure to do this will result in enforcement of the Exhibitor Rule #12**.
9. All chapter/club animals must be registered to a specific exhibitor at the time of entry.

**HEALTH**

All animals for exhibition must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be free of any abscesses or contagious diseases. All goats must meet identification requirements mandated by USDA. All goats must have a scrapies tag OR have a permanent tattoo of breed registration identification number. A copy of the breed registration certificate must accompany tattooed animals.

**GOAT SKILL-A-THON**

This is a knowledge-based contest that could cover basic knowledge, maintenance, management, nutrition, breeds and health. The Florida State Livestock Skill-a-Thon topics and the ACYFLS rule book may be used. Study materials can be found on the ACYFLS website.

**GOAT ALL-AROUND AWARD**

Points are awarded to participants placing in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given. The categories are: On-Foot placing, Record Book, Showmanship, Skill-a-thon, Public Speaking Contest, Grand and Reserve.

1. Only blue ribbon awarded animals are eligible to receive On-Foot placing points.
2. Top 5 places will be placed in each category if the exhibitor or animal qualifies.

3. Points within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1st Place = 5 points; 2nd Place = 4 points; 3rd Place = 3 points; 4th Place = 2 points; 5th Place = 1 point.
4. Bonus points will be awarded to individuals that place in more than 3 categories as follows: 5 categories = 4 points; 4 categories = 3 points; 3 categories = 2 points.
5. In case of a tie, the highest score in record book, then showmanship will determine the winner.

**HERDSMAN AWARD**

This award is being offered to show appreciation to goat exhibitors for their cooperation in making the best possible presentation of their projects to the public and for their help in keeping Fair facilities attractive. A designated committee will choose the winning exhibitors. The award will be presented to up to three individuals. All exhibitors will be eligible for individual awards. Awards will be presented at the annual awards ceremony. Awards will be based on daily appearance of exhibit(s), creativity of exhibit, sportsmanship, and willingness to assist fellow exhibitors and cooperate with Fair officials.

**MARKET GOAT DIVISION**

1. Wethers MUST be castrated before arriving at the initial weigh-in.
2. Complete entry forms must accompany the animal. Wethers will receive ACYFLS ear tags at initial weigh-in and should be 4-8 months of age and weigh 45-75 pounds to be of ideal condition and market weight by Fair time.
3. The Homegrown Market Goat Class will require a minimum of three entries. To qualify as Homegrown; the dam of the wether must have been owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's parents at the time of kidding. The exhibitor must be actively involved in the operation. To enter the Homegrown class, mark the Bred and Owned box on your entry form.
4. Only animals showing meat characteristics may be entered and will be judged according to meat standards.
5. All animals MUST be in show condition. Animals should be washed, sheared, hooves trimmed, horns tipped (or debudded) upon arrival to the Fair. Animals not conforming to this will not be allowed to enter the barn.
6. Exhibitors will keep their animal and area clean and presentable for public display. Animals shown must be in good health, clean and have proper hoof care. No glue type adhesives or oils allowed in grooming.
7. All animals must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection listing USDA scrapies tag identification and must be free of evidence of disease.
8. Wethers should have a minimum daily gain of 0.10 pound and shall weigh a minimum of 65 pounds at final weigh-in to be eligible to show. If a wether fails to meet these requirements at weigh-in, the scales will be re-zeroed and the wether will be re-weighed immediately. If the wether does not make minimum requirements, the exhibitor shall take it home.

*EXHIBITORS*

1. Exhibitors must own the animal at the time of initial weigh-in.
2. Exhibitors will wear appropriate attire according to Exhibitor General Rule #7 and act in a sportsmanship-like manner.
3. All entries must be shown and sold by the exhibitor, unless approved by the sale committee and Goat Chair.

*JUDGING*

1. The Modified-Danish System of judging will be used, with prizes awarded accordingly.
2. Classes will be divided according to weight determined after final check-in of all animals.
3. Exhibitors shall be ready to enter the show ring when called.
4. The decision of the judge shall be final.

*SALE*

1. Maximum sale weight will be 125 pounds.
2. All market animal exhibitors are required to write a thank you note, according to fair rules.

**BREEDING GOAT DIVISION**

1. This show is open to any meat-type breed.
2. Does over two (2) years of age should have freshened/kidded at least once. Does will not be allowed to take their kid(s) in the ring. All kids must remain ringside or in the goat barn.
3. All animals must be owned or leased by the exhibitor on or before the last Friday in November. An official lease form must be submitted to the Alachua County Extension Office by Dec. 1.
4. Exhibitors will keep their animal and area clean and presentable for public display. Animals shown must be in good health and clean with proper hoof care. No glue type adhesives or oils allowed in grooming.
5. All animals must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection listing scrapie tag identification and must be free of evidence of abscesses or diseases.

*EXHIBITORS*

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show up to two (2) animals per age class. Five (5) breeding goat maximum.
2. If exhibitor knows or anticipates that they will have TWO (2) animals in an age class, they will be allowed to have a stand-in showman for their second animal. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to line up this stand-in. The stand-in must be a fellow youth Fair exhibitor, MUST be in official dress and able to control the animal in the ring.
3. Exhibitors must have all animals and handlers ready to enter the show ring at an appropriate time to ensure the show runs smoothly and efficiently.

*JUDGING*

1. Show will be judged using the Modified Danish System and selection based on structure and correctness.
2. Does may be separated for judging purposes into Breeding Stock Does, which are recognized Full Blood and high % does and Commercial Does, or crossbred breeding stock quality does with Boer influence used for meat production.
3. The classes will be determined by the show committee based on information from entry forms. The committee reserves the right to make changes to classes for even distribution of entries.
4. The Homegrown Breeding Goat Class will require a minimum of three entries. To qualify as
5. Homegrown, the dam of the doe must have been owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's parents at the time of kidding. The exhibitor must be actively involved in the operation. To enter the Homegrown class, mark the Bred and Owned box on your entry form.An exhibition class for doelings and bucklings born after Dec. 1 may be held. No entry fee will be required, and no premiums will be paid. Goat kids entered in this class must not be weaned and the dam must be entered in the show. The committee chair will contact goat exhibitors with more information after Jan. 1.

# DAIRY GOAT DIVISION

1. All Dairy Goats must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).A scrapie and/or premise number must be recorded on the CVI. Call 352-333-3120 or visit www.aphis.usda.gov/scrapie for information. The CVI must be current within 90 days. If electronically identified (microchip), the EID number must be on the CVI. If your goat is microchipped, the exhibitor is responsible for bringing the correct microchip scanner. If your goat is microchipped and we cannot scan it or find the microchip, you will not be able to enter the show.
2. Dairy Goats are seasonal breeders generally kidding in the early spring between January and April. Due to health/biosecurity concerns and in keeping with the guidelines set forth by the USDA Scrapie Eradication program, senior does must have freshened at least 14 days prior to the show or, if pregnant at the time of the show, must not be due to kid for at least 30 days following the date of the show.
3. The show committee reserves the right to excuse heavily pregnant does from the show if they are presented with signs of onset of labor, pregnancy toxemia, hypocalcemia, or other health issues.
4. All animals must be clipped/groomed prior to arrival at the Fair. You are not required to fully body clip for this show, but the animal must be washed and well groomed, feet must be trimmed, and if in milk, the udder must be free of excess hair. Minor touch ups will be permitted (such as udders, top line, legs) but no full body clipping will be allowed at the fairgrounds.
5. Over-uddering of senior does is discouraged. The judge has the right to ask an exhibitor to relieve the udder on any animal they feel is over-uddered.
6. All milk must be disposed of properly. State law prohibits the consumption of raw milk. The show chairperson will designate where to dump milk.
7. This is a one-day show (tailgate show), and you may set up your own pens. However, all hay and debris MUST be removed and placed in the proper receptacle prior to your departure that day. Leave your areas clean or cleaner than when you arrived, please.
8. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to properly feed, water, milk, and care for his or her dairy goats. Failure to do so may result in the exhibitor's immediate expulsion from the Fairgrounds.
9. All dairy goat entries must meet breed standards including breed height if applicable. American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) breed standards apply. "Miniature" cross breeds will not be accepted. ADGA sanctioned breeds are: Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Recorded Grades, Lamancha, and AOP.
10. Does over two (2) years of age must have freshened/kidded at least once.
11. All animals MUST be debudded. Animals not conforming to this will not be allowed in the barn.
12. An official lease form must be submitted by Dec. 1 to PO Box 357190, Gainesville, FL 32635.

13. All animals shown must be in good health and clean with proper hoof care. NO outside grooming products allowed (i.e., Show Sheen, spray-on conditioners, hoof/horn oil, etc.).

**EXHIBITORS**

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show up to five (5) breeding goats maximum.
2. If an exhibitor knows or anticipates that they will have several animals in an age class, they will be allowed to have a stand-in showman for their additional animals. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to line up this stand-in and they MUST be in official dress and able to control the animal in the ring.
3. Exhibitors showing does with kids may not enter class with kids. All kids must remain ringside or in the goat tent.

**JUDGING**

1. After all animals are entered, show officials will determine classes. Classes and divisions will be divided into age groups according to the number of entries in the show. In general, the classes will be broken up by age as follows:
   a. Junior Does (never freshened) :< 6 months, 6 months-12 months, 13 months, 17 months and 18-24 months.
   b. Senior Does (must have freshened) :< 2 years, 2-3 years, 3-5 years, >5 years.
2. There must be a minimum of three exhibitors and five entries present at the show to award Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Trophies.
3. Modified Danish judging system will be used.

**DAIRY GOAT ALL-AROUND AWARD**

The Dairy Goat All-Around Award is presented to the ACYFLS dairy goat exhibitor with the highest number of total accumulated points from the categories described below. Points will be awarded to a participant placing in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given. Categories are:

1. **ANIMAL PLACINGS (highest placing entry)**: Points will be awarded for the highest placing dairy goat entered and shown by each exhibitor (regardless of the total number of animals entered by that exhibitor). Your highest placing animal will be awarded points as follows:
   a. **Age class placings**: 5 points will be awarded if the entry places 1st in their age class, 4 points for 2nd, and 3 points for 3rd.
   b. **Ribbon color**: An additional 2 points will be awarded if the entry receives a blue ribbon and 1 point will be awarded for a red ribbon.
   c. **Grand or reserve**: Another 2 points will be awarded for winning Grand Champion (Sr. Doe or Jr. Doe) or 1 point for winning Reserve Grand Champion (Sr. Doe or Jr. Doe).
2. **HOMEGROWN (highest placing entry)**: Points will be awarded for the highest placing dairy goat entered and shown by each exhibitor (regardless of the total number of animals entered by that exhibitor). Your highest placing animal will be awarded points as follows: 5 points will be awarded to the Grand Champion (Sr. Doe or Jr. Doe), 4 points will be awarded to the Reserve Grand Champion (Sr. Doe or Jr. Doe), and 2 points will be awarded for raising and showing a Homegrown Dairy Goat that does not place either Grand or Reserve.

3. **SHOWMANSHIP**: Showmanship is how well you present yourself and your animal to the judge. This is based on your appearance and your animal's appearance, sportsmanship, and dairy goat knowledge. 5 points will be awarded for 1st place in Showmanship, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, and 2 points for participating in Showmanship but not placing in the top 3.

4. **RECORD BOOK**: 5 points will be awarded for a 1st place record book, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, and 2 points for a record book not placing in the top 3.

5. **DAIRY GOAT SKILL-A-THON**: The Dairy Goat Skill-a-thon is an educational contest. It is designed to test the dairy goat exhibitor's knowledge of dairy goat terminology, equipment, health care practices, proper nutrition and reproduction management that they have learned throughout their dairy goat project. Categories on the skill-a-thon may include but are not limited to identification of dairy goat products, dairy goat nutrition and management, identification of milking and dairy equipment, dairy goat breeds and evaluation of breed characteristics, dairy goat physiology, etc. 5 points will be awarded for 1st place in the dairy goat skill-a-thon, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, and 2 points for participating in the dairy goat skill-a-thon but not placing in the top 3.

6. **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**: Public speaking, demonstrations, illustrated or educational talks are an important skill for well-rounded youth exhibitors. 5 points will be awarded to any dairy goat youth exhibitor that participates in any of these activities and whose presentation is dairy goat related. This is a one-time 5-point award regardless of number of presentations give by an exhibitor. This information MUST be recorded in the Project Accomplishment and Activities (Optional Bonus Section) of your Record Book and must be signed off on by your Leader/Advisor. Your selected activity does not have to be 4-H or FFA sponsored but it must be related to dairy goats. Presentations in the ACYFLS Public Speaking Contest related to dairy goats will earn oral presentation points.

7. **EXHIBIT JUDGING (highest placing entry)**: Exhibiting at the ACYFLS is an educational tool; it is an opportunity to learn and to teach. An exhibit entry can be used to showcase special talents and knowledge. Points will be awarded for the Dairy Goat All-Around Award for the exhibitor's highest placing entry (regardless of the total number of items entered by that exhibitor). 5 points will be awarded for a blue ribbon in exhibit judging, 4 points for red, and 3 points for white. An additional 2 points will be awarded for placing Grand or 1 point for placing Reserve Grand. An additional 1 point will be awarded if the exhibitor's top placing entry is dairy goat themed.

| TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blue | Red | White | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Other | Grand | Reserve | Dairy Goat Theme | **Max. Points Possible** |
| Animal Placings | 2 | 1 | -- | 5 | 4 | 3 | -- | 2 | 1 | -- | **9** |
| Homegrown | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 5 | 4 | -- | **5** |
| Showmanship | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | **5** |
| Record Book | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | **5** |
| Skill-a-thon | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | **5** |
| Oral Presentations | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5 | -- | -- | -- | **5** |
| Exhibit Judging | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | **8** |
| | | | | | | | | | | **TOTAL POINTS** | **42** |

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest score in Record Book and then by the highest score in skill-a-thon.

# POULTRY DIVISION

**HEALTH REGULATIONS**

1. Health requirements covering admission of poultry for exhibition in compliance with the Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry is as follows:
   a. All chickens shall have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition and must be accompanied by a certificate.
   b. A representative of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, at no charge, will test all chickens not tested within 90 days prior to exhibition for pullorum-typhoid before they are placed in their cages at the Fair. Birds that react positively to this test will not be allowed into the exhibition and must be returned to the home flock.
2. Entries must be free of all external parasites such as mites, fleas, and lice. All birds will be checked for these parasites by the poultry committee BEFORE cooping in. Any infected bird shall be dismissed from the exhibition and must be returned to the home flock.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Birds must be owned by the Exhibitor and raised at his/her home, school or have a signed lease contract, must buy feed, care for and keep record of the Poultry project.
2. Poultry recognized by the *American Poultry Association*, or the *American Bantam Association Standard of Perfection* are eligible to be shown in the Exhibition Contest.
3. Any large fowl female, pure-breeds and mixed-breeds are eligible in the Layer Production class. Birds entered in this class will not be judged in the Exhibition Contest. Unless obvious disqualifications or major faults for your breed are present, exhibitors are encouraged to enter pure-breed birds into the Exhibition Contest.
4. There will be no contests for guineas, pigeons, turkeys, geese, quail, or ducks.
5. Exhibitors less than 8 years old (Cloverbuds) will be awarded a participant ribbon only for exhibiting their birds. Premiums are not awarded to Cloverbuds.

**POULTRY ENTRIES**

1. Each exhibitor may have up to, but no more than, five (5) entries.
2. Each exhibitor must complete online entry by Dec. 1; entry fee of $5 per bird is required to complete the entry. Late entries will be fined $25 per exhibitor and will not be accepted after Dec. 7. If you participate in the Skill-a-thon and/or the Showmanship Contest, there will be an entry fee of $1 for each contest.
3. If birds die or become diseased after the entry date you must receive written permission from the Poultry Committee to replace birds no later than 14 days before the Fair. A late fee of $25 per exhibitor will be accepted and birds will NOT be eligible for any premiums.

**FAIR PROTOCOLS**

1. Exhibitors are responsible for providing feed and water for their birds throughout the duration of the fair. Please check exhibits AM/PM to assure adequate feed and water is provided. Any animal found without food or water will be cared for at the discretion of

Poultry chair, and exhibitor will be notified.

2. Cage cleanliness is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Clean bedding will be provided for exhibitors to spot clean cages as necessary through the fair.
3. Feed for poultry must be brought to the Fair. All feed will be labeled with the exhibitor's name and cage number and stored at back of exhibit area.
4. The ACYFLS Association will not be responsible for any loss that may occur but will exercise every reasonable care of exhibits.
5. Proceeds of anything that will be offered for sale at the Youth Fair, other than the participant's birds entered in the fair, will go to the Poultry Committee of the ACYFLS. All donations accepted at the fair will go to the Poultry Committee of ACYFLS.
6. All eggs laid by chickens during the Fair belong to the Owners.
7. Overly aggressive chickens will be removed from the fair and premiums will be withheld.

**ARRIVAL & RELEASE**

1. Exhibitors must be present at the check-in and put their birds in cages. If the exhibitor is unable to be there at check-in, prior approval must be made with the Poultry Committee.
2. Exhibits will be received from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 2026. All chickens must be properly housed by 6:00 pm.
3. During the period of exhibition, no chickens may be removed except with the written consent of the Poultry Committee Chairman or his/her representative.
4. At the time of release of birds from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Monday, exhibitors will tear down and clean his/her chicken pens. If unable to pick up birds by 5:00 pm you must secure an alternative plan.

**JUDGING**

1. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used with prizes awarded accordingly. Chickens are awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon depending on their quality. In the Exhibition category, the chickens are judged according to the *American Poultry Association* or the *American Bantam Association Standard of Perfection*. Layer Production birds are judged according to industry standards.
2. The decision of the judges is final.

**POULTRY CONTESTS**

Champion awards and premiums will be awarded only when the judge(s) deem the birds of sufficient quality.

1. Any large fowl female, currently laying, including pure-breeds and mixed-breeds are eligible in the Layer Production class. Birds entered in this class will not be judged in the exhibition contest. Rosettes will be awarded to the Best and Reserve Layer Production birds.
2. Exhibition includes both male and female chickens raised mainly for show. The exhibition birds will be divided into and judged according to the eleven (11) poultry classes: the 6 Large Fowl Classes are: American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean, All Other Standard Breeds, and the 5 Bantam classes are: Game, Single Comb Clean Leg, Rose Comb

Clean Leg, all other Comb Clean Leg, and Feather Leg. The best bird in each class will be awarded a Class Champion Rosette if the birds are deemed blue ribbon quality by the judge(s). From the Best-in-Class winners, only (1) Champion Large Fowl and one (1) Champion Bantam will be awarded, and one (1) Grand Champion of the Exhibition Show will be awarded.

**SKILL-A-THON**

1. There will be three age divisions: Junior (age 8-10), Intermediate (age 11-13), and Senior (age 14- 18).
2. The Skill-a-thon will be a combination of hands-on skills test, along with a written exam portion. Participants should familiarize themselves with the American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association, including the Standard of Perfection for their breeds exhibited. Exhibitors may be asked to identify comb types, faults and disqualifications, external parasites, and other information found within the Standard of Perfection. A portion of the exam may test the exhibitor's ability to locate breed specific information in a provided Standard of Perfection.

   The following resources will help you prepare for the Skill-a-thon and showmanship:
   www.youthexhibitionpoultry.org/educational_material.htm
   www.bantamclub.com
   amerpoultryassn.com

**SHOWMANSHIP**

1. There will be three age divisions: Junior (age 8-10), Intermediate (age 11-13), and Senior (age 14-18).
2. The competition will consist of a combination of skills including handling their bird, a demonstration of knowledge of Poultry and their knowledge of their bird.

**BEST DOZEN EGGS CONTEST**

1. Egg Entry Fee will be $5 per dozen. A maximum of two dozen eggs may be entered by an exhibitor. There shall be no identification marks on the eggs or egg carton, but an Egg Exhibit Entry Information Form must be attached to the exhibit. These forms can be obtained and filled out upon arrival at the fair. Entry fee due at that time. Entries are due Saturday morning, no later than 8:30 a.m.
2. All eggs should be chicken eggs and selected by the participant. The exhibitor's flock need not produce them, but they cannot be purchased from a grocery store.
3. All eggs must be entered as a single dozen.
4. Exterior egg quality will be judged based on texture, uniformity of size and color, shape, soundness, and cleanliness.
5. Interior egg quality will be judged by the size of the air cell, the visibility and mobility of the yolk, and how clear and firm the egg white is.
6. Eggs will be judged on interior (candled) and exterior quality factors used by the USDA, AA or A quality is what the judge is looking for.

**POULTRY EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The recipient of this award will have shown what it means to truly be a great exhibitor. It will not be based on any awards won by the exhibitor during the show, but rather on their actions, attitude, and interactions with fellow exhibitors. Exhibitors will be observed during their time at the fair, and the winner of this award will be selected by the Poultry Chair at the conclusion of the show. All decisions are final.

# RABBIT DIVISION

**OPEN SHOW**

1. The exhibitor must OWN and CARE for (daily feeding and general care) each rabbit that they enter in the Fair. Ownership should begin no later than the last week in November.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their own rabbits to the judging table. Youth, not adults, must bring rabbits when breed is called. Rabbits not brought when called for will not be judged. Cloverbuds may be assisted with transporting rabbits to and from the table.
3. There is a $10 entry fee per animal; this must accompany the online registration form. Cloverbud 4-H exhibitors are not required to pay this fee.
4. All exhibitors must turn in complete entry forms by Dec. 1. Any entries received after Dec. 1 will be charged a $25 late fee per exhibitor. No entries will be accepted after Dec. 7, and NO substitutions for any age group allowed after this date.
5. Each exhibitor must turn in a General Fair Record Book to be eligible to show.
6. Total entries per exhibitor are five. Limit of two pet class entries.
7. All rabbits must have an identification mark in their left ear.
8. Any sick or diseased rabbit will automatically be disqualified and will not be allowed to remain at the fair.
9. No pregnant or nursing does allowed.
10. Animals that bite will be disqualified and not allowed to remain at the fair.
11. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing clean water and feed for his or her rabbits while at the fair. Failure to do this will result in enforcement of Exhibitor Rule #12. Cages are not equipped with feeders or water bottles. Do not bring plastic containers that the rabbits can chew or tip easily. Do not bring dirty containers; you will be asked to take them home and clean them. If the exhibitor is unable to feed and water their rabbits every day, they are responsible for finding someone to assist them.
12. Bedding and shavings are not allowed in cages.
13. Pet class entries are not eligible for Best in Show or Runner-up awards.
14. Judge will be using a modified ARBA standard for judging and a Modified Danish System for awarding ribbons.
15. Storage containers, grooming stands, feed, etc., are to be stored along the railing around the arena, not under or beside rabbit cages.

**OPEN SHOW PREMIUMS**

Blue: $5 Red: $3 White: $2

Premiums *must* be collected by the end of the awards ceremony, or they will be donated to the ACYFLS.

**AWARDS IF MERITED**

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| Best in Show | 1st, 2nd and 3rd place record book |
| Best in Show Opposite Sex | 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in judging |
| Best of Class | 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in showmanship |
| Best of Class Opposite Sex | All Around |

**JUDGING CONTEST**

The judging contest is when the exhibitor evaluates a group of animals to place them based on ARBA standards. The exhibitor should be prepared to answer questions about the rabbits' breeds, colors and/or faults.

1. The contest is open to all junior, intermediate and senior ACYFLS exhibitors.
2. Registration for the judging contest must be completed during the rabbit check-in at the beginning of the fair. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Contestants must be able to handle rabbits with which they are unfamiliar. Anyone mishandling a rabbit in a way that could cause injury will be disqualified.
4. Consists of a breed ID and animal judging.
5. Age Divisions: Junior (age 8-10), Intermediate (age 11-13), and Senior (age 14-18).

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. The showmanship contest is open to all Youth Fair Exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors wishing to participate, but who do not have a rabbit entered in the fair must obtain permission from another exhibitor with a rabbit in the fair to use their animal. This information must be provided during showmanship registration.
3. Showmanship registration must be completed during the rabbit check-in at the beginning of the fair. No late entries will be accepted.
4. Consists of the exhibitor evaluating and explaining details about the rabbit to the judge. The judge will use the ARBA showmanship score card that can be accessed on the ACYFLS website or on the ARBA website.
5. There will be a 3-minute time limit for evaluating each exhibitor.
6. Showmanship judging will use the ARBA showmanship score sheet.

**SKILL-A-THON**

1. Skill-a-thon contest is open to all junior, intermediate, and senior exhibitors.
2. Skill-a-thon may consist of any combination of written, verbal, and/or hands-on demonstration assessments.

**ALL-AROUND AWARD**

Points schedule:

- 1 point for Best of Class
- 5 points for Best in Show
- 3 points for Best in Show Opposite Sex
- 5 points for 1st place in Judging, Showmanship, Skill-a-thon, Public Speaking and/or Record Book, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place.
- 1 point for participating (but not placing) in Judging and Showmanship.
- Skill-a-thon and then Record Book will be used as a tiebreaker for All Around if needed.

# ALACHUA CO. 4-H & FFA BEEF BREEDING & GOAT LEASING PROGRAM

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To develop character, knowledge, and sense of responsibility in 4-H and FFA youth.
2. To provide non-farm youth and youth from farms without beef cattle, the opportunity to work with beef cattle as a Fair project.
3. To maintain or increase the number of beef heifers/bull carried as 4-H and FFA projects.
4. To provide the opportunity for 4-H and FFA youth to become familiar with contracts and lease agreements.

**RULES**

1. Animals must be leased and in the possession of an exhibitor on or before Dec. 1. This lease form is due Dec. 1, by mail: ACYFLS, PO Box 357190, Gainesville, FL 32635. Animal entry fees are due with entry.
2. The leasing program pertains to purebred and crossbred beef heifers or purebred bulls.
3. The program is available to youth, hereafter referred to as Lessee, in good standing as a member in a county 4-H club or FFA chapter. The lessee must attend regular club meetings during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend project educational meetings.
4. The lessee will be required to keep a project record on each animal. The record must be submitted to his/her local club leader, chapter advisor, or lessor as requested.
5. All leased animals must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA project. The lessee may lease a maximum of two animals during the project year.
6. The owner hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will jointly determine with the lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee. The responsibilities will be recorded on the lease agreement and will include the following:
    a. Duties and responsibilities while working with the animal(s) at the farm.
    b. Work schedule for carrying out the specified duties.
    c. Assistance provided to Lessee by sponsor.
    d. Where the animal(s) will be cared for. (sponsor's or Lessee's farm)
    e. Who will provide feed and medical supplies?
    f. What monetary compensation will be provided?
7. Leased animals may be exhibited in the appropriate calf or yearling classes. Animals may be shown in the cow classes only if the Lessee showed the animal as a calf or yearling.
8. Animals enrolled in the leasing program will be exhibited by the Lessee only during the contract year.
9. Leased animals will be housed and maintained at the farm/facilities of Lessee unless approved by the Beef Committee.
10. The title of ownership of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the sponsor.

11. The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from accidental injury or death to the leased animal. The lessee can be held responsible for loss or injury due to neglect or poor management. It is strongly suggested that insurance be purchased by one or both of the parties to cover the value of the animal.
12. The sponsor is not responsible for all financial liability from any injury which may occur to the lessee while involved in working with leased animals.
13. The lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal(s), such as veterinarian, transportation, and other miscellaneous expenditures. The lessee may keep any premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.
14. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of the lease agreement.
15. The lease agreement will remain until terminated by either party or until the end of the project year for reasons such as:
    a. Failure of Lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Lease Agreement
    b. Changes in the farming operation of the sponsor
16. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the sponsor and lessee prior to entering animal(s) at any show to ensure that the lessee is carrying out responsibilities. The sponsor will sign the lease agreement to confirm compliance, and a copy will be attached to the entry form.

# Alachua County 4-H and FFA
# Beef Breeding Lease Agreement

This LEASE AGREEMENT is entered into on _____ (date) between

Owner _____

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*Owner Address* *Owner Phone Number*

And 4-H/FFA youth (Lessee) _____

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*Youth Address* *Youth Phone Number*

The sponsor hereby agrees to lease to the lessee listed above the following animal(s):

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*Coloring* *Ear tag #* *Breeding*

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*Birth date* *Bull/Heifer/Mature Heifer*

The leased animal must be a bona fide 4-H/FFA project and the Lessee assumes responsibility for care and management of the project animal mutually agreed upon with the sponsor as stated below.

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The lease agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Alachua County 4-H/FFA Beef Heifer Leasing Program or until the end of the project year.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Alachua County Beef Heifer Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

*Owner* *Date*

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Alachua County Beef Heifer Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

*4-H/FFA Youth (Lessee)* *Date*

I have read and understand the contractual agreement entered into by the Lessee and sponsor and agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury or financial liability, which may occur to the Lessee during this contractual agreement.

*Parent or Legal Guardian* *Date*

# Goat Lease Agreement
# Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show

The lessee is considered the 4-H or FFA member and parent(s) or guardian(s). A photograph of both sides of the animal must accompany this lease. Only one animal per lease form. The lessee will give the original copy of this form to the ACYFLS Goat Chairman, maintain a copy of this lease, and ensure that copy is given to the animal's owner. Market animals may not be leased. This lease form is due Dec. 1, by mail: ACYFLS, PO Box 357190, Gainesville, FL 32635.

The lease agreement is entered into between:

_____ and _____ for
*Lessee* *Owner*

Goat's Name: _____

Goat's Breed: _____ Gender: _____

Scrapie Identification (complete all applicable information below):

Tag Number: _____ Registry Number: _____

Registration Number: _____ Tattoo Numbers: Right ear/tail _____

Left ear/tail _____

Location at which this animal will be housed (MUST be located within Alachua County):

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If the animal will not be housed on the lessee's property, include the name, address and phone number of the property owner where the goat will be housed.

The lease shall commence on _____ and terminate on _____.
*Date* *Date*

The Lessee agrees to take full responsibility for the care of the animal to include proper housing, health care, nutrition, water, grooming, and transportation associated costs. It is understood that the Lessee will take all reasonable precautions to protect the animal from illness, injury, or suffering. The Lessee shall maintain a health program to keep this animal in

good health. The Lessee will be responsible in case of accidents, injuries or suits arising from any action of this animal while in the Lessee's care. The Lessee hereby agrees to hold the Owner harmless for any claim resulting from damage or injury caused by the animal after commencement of this lease until the animal is returned at the end of the leasing period.

The Lessee shall immediately notify the owner in the event the animal becomes ill or injured and will report the treatment and health progress at regular intervals. The Lessee will also notify the Owner if the animal goes missing, lost, strayed or dies. In the event of death, the Lessee will notify the Owner and the insurance carrier (if applicable) without delay and order an immediate necropsy by a mutually agreed upon veterinarian. In the event the animals die of natural causes, all parties will be held harmless if the mutually agreed upon veterinarian verifies the cause of death to be natural after examination. If the animal dies from negligence, the Lessee is held responsible for the full replacement value of the animal.

The Owner agrees: that he/she is the lawful Owner of the animal subject to this lease and has the good authority to enter this lease. The Owner represents that the animal is in good health and good disposition; to furnish, in a timely manner, such documents that are necessary for signing the animal up for programs or shows including: registration papers, current health papers, and proof of any required immunizations or testing; that the Lessee may exhibit the animal in Alachua County 4-H of FFA programs and other shows agreed upon by both the owner and lessee; that the lessee may keep any premiums or awards earned while exhibiting the animal during the duration of this contract; and the owner will not exhibit the animal during this lease.

The veterinarian to be contacted for all the animal's medical care will be (Name, address and phone number):

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The ACYFLS Goat Committee reserves the right to verify health and location of any animal to be entered or exhibited at the ACYFLS. If the leased animal is not at the listed address, if the housing is deemed inappropriate, or the animal is not properly cared for, the animal will not be eligible for participation or exhibition in the 4-H/FFA project at the ACYFLS. The lessee is required to notify the Goat Chairman immediately if there are any deviations or changes in the conditions of this lease. All parties agree that if the contents of this agreement are not upheld, the animal will be returned immediately to the owner. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement from both parties, in writing.

We, the undersigned have read and do hereby agree to the terms and conditions in this lease.

4-H or FFA Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Animal Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

# EDUCATIONAL & CREATIVE EXHIBITS

**OVERVIEW**

An exhibit is the item or display that you have made in your 4-H or FFA project. Posters, science exhibits, educational displays, sewing projects, paintings, etc. are all exhibits. Exhibits should be a physical item that you bring to the fair. Each exhibit you enter will be judged. You will meet with a judge for an interview that could include questions on how you made your exhibit, problems you encountered and how you solved them, etc. The judge may offer suggestions on ways to improve your exhibit(s). Only the exhibitor is allowed to present the exhibit to the judge. Parents may listen but may not answer questions. Each exhibitor will only have one interview for all exhibits rather than one interview for each exhibit. Separate judging of projects will take place after interviews are completed. Scoring will include up to 10 points for the interview and up to 40 points for the project itself.

**RULES**

4. All exhibit submissions must take place by Feb. 1 via Fairwire.
5. Exhibits should have been created between February 2026 and February 2027.
6. Interviews with judges will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on fair setup day.
7. Absentee forms for interviews will be available upon request. Youth completing the absentee form will receive a maximum of 5 points (out of 10 possible points) for their interview score.
8. Youth can enter a maximum of six exhibits per class and a total of 20 exhibits overall. Youth doing absentee interviews are limited to six total exhibits.
9. Each exhibit has a $1 entry fee.
10. Each exhibit requires a completed entry card. Cards will be printed with the information submitted on Fairwire and will be available at fair setup prior to judging interviews. Tape and other fasteners will be provided, or you can bring your own.
11. Exhibits not exceed 3’ x 3’.
12. Exhibits should be physical items, not digital submissions.
13. Exhibits in Class 1 can be used for points toward species All-Around awards as determined by each division committee.
14. Exhibits in classes 1-11 should be educational, informative or persuasive in nature.
15. Prepared foods can be exhibited via display board that includes your recipe, steps taken and photographs of the process/completed dish. No food will be accepted for judging.
16. Writing-based exhibits should not exceed two pages; when sampling from a longer piece, you may provide context for the sample.
17. Individual photographs will only be accepted in the Photography category (e.g., do not submit a single photo of a horse in Class 3: Horse).
18. Entries in the Photography category should be individual photographs only – no collages or compilations.

19. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded to each exhibit.
20. Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) will receive participation ribbons only. Cloverbuds will not receive premium money.
21. Blue ribbon entries in each class and age division will be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion placings. Red and white ribbon entries are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion placings.
22. Premiums are as follows:

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| Grand Champion | $3 |
| Reserve Champion | $2 |
| Blue Ribbon | $2 |
| Red Ribbon | $1 |

23. Exhibits and premiums *must* be picked up on Monday between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. If you cannot pick up your exhibits, please plan to have someone else do so.
24. If items are not picked up during by 5 pm on Monday, projects and premiums will be forfeited. Items will be discarded.

**CLASS LIST**

*EDUCATIONAL, INFORMATIVE OR PERSUASIVE*

- Class 1: Animal Industry (Beef, Goats, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits)
- Class 2: Small Animals & Pets (Cats, Dogs, etc.)
- Class 3: Horse
- Class 4: Plants & Gardening
- Class 5: Entomology
- Class 6: Marine Science
- Class 7: Forestry
- Class 8: Food Education, Nutrition & Preparation (Create a display that shows your recipe and steps taken along with a photo)
- Class 9: Health & Safety
- Class 10: Citizenship/Leadership
- Class 11: Science & Technology

*CREATIVE WORKS*

- Class 12: Woodworking
- Class 13: Sewing
- Class 14: Needlecrafts

- Class 15: Jewelry & Beadwork
- Class 16: Drawings
- Class 17: Paintings
- Class 18: Other Art
- Class 19: Crafts
- Class 20: Creative Writing (limited to 2 pages per entry)

*PHOTOGRAPHY*

- Class 21: Photography – People (Main subject must be a person or people; still shots or active)
- Class 22: Photography – Flora/Fauna (Plants or animals; living things in nature)
- Class 23: Photography – Scenic (Cityscapes, rural landscapes, natural settings that do not fit Flora/Fauna)
- Class 24: Photography – Still Life (An arrangement, display or inanimate objects)
- Class 25: Photography – Black & White (Any subject presented in black and white)

*GRAPHIC DESIGN*

- Class 26: Graphic Design – Brochure (8.5”x11” tri-fold)
- Class 27: Graphic Design – Flyer (8.5”x11” document that promotes a topic of your choice)
- Class 28: Graphic Design- PowerPoints (5-10 slides with notes/script)
- Class 29: Graphic Design – Other (any materials that do not fit into the above categories)

# PUBLIC SPEAKING & TALENT SHOWCASE

**OBJECTIVES**

This contest provides youth with the opportunity to develop communication skills by presenting on a topic of their choice, including their livestock project species. Participants in the livestock show may earn points toward their species high point award through their presentation. Youth may also participate in the Share-the-Fun Talent Showcase to share their unique skills and creativity.

**OVERVIEW**

This contest will be held on the afternoon of fair setup day in the Alachua County Extension Auditorium. All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to participate. When developing your speech/demonstration, consider that your presentation should be educational or persuasive in nature. Either teach the audience how to do something (such as how to groom an animal) or convince them that something is important (such as the importance of livestock nutrition).

**RULES**

1. Exhibitors must register via Fairwire by Feb. 1.
2. Youth may choose to give a speech with or without visual aids (e.g., PowerPoint, display board equipment related to project). If using a PowerPoint or digitally displayed visual aid, youth are responsible for bringing their presentation on a USB drive. Computers and projectors will be available for use.
3. No living specimens may be used for a presentation. This includes all vertebrates and invertebrates (e.g., insects, crustaceans, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals).
4. No firearms will be permitted.
5. Competitors are responsible for all aspects of their preparations and setup of their presentations.
6. Speeches/demonstrations should follow the following time limits:

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| Cloverbuds | 1-3 minutes |
| Juniors and Intermediates | 3-12 minutes |
| Seniors and Teams | 5-12 minutes |

7. Share-the-Fun Talent Showcase acts for junior through senior age divisions should be 3-5 minutes long.
8. For speeches/demonstrations, youth can present as individuals or in teams of two as long as both team members are in the same age division.
9. For the Share-the-Fun Talent Showcase, youth can compete as individuals or teams composed of 2-5 members within the same age division.
10. For the Share-the-Fun Talent Showcase, an electronic piano and microphone are provided. Youth are responsible for providing any other equipment or instruments they may need.
11. Youth participating in public speaking may earn points toward all-around awards as long as their speech is related to livestock or agriculture.

12. Youth may submit a maximum of one entry for speeches/demonstrations and one entry for Share-the-Fun talent showcase.
13. Score sheets will be available for pickup during the Monday awards ceremony. The top three blue ribbon presentations in each category and age group will receive awards.

**CATEGORIES**

*SPEECHES/DEMONSTRATIONS*

1. Animals – Beef
2. Animals – Swine
3. Animals – Poultry
4. Animals – Goats
5. Animals – Rabbits
6. Animals – Other
7. Environmental Science, Nature & the Outdoors
   *Environment; Marine and Aquatic Sciences; Outdoor Adventures; Shooting Sports; Soil, Water and Land Use; Wildlife; Natural Resources; Earth Science*
8. Plants & Gardening
   *Plants, Gardening, Entomology*
9. Science & Technology
   *Aerospace, Computer, Bicycles, Electricity, Energy, Geospatial, Robotics, Small Engines, Weather & Climate*
10. Citizenship & Leadership
    *Citizenship, Community Service, Global Education, Leadership Development, Career & Workforce Preparation*
11. Communication & Expressive Arts
    *Leisure & Performing Arts, Music, Woodworking, Metalwork, Communication, Media Arts*
12. Family & Consumer Sciences
    *Childcare, Child Development, Clothing & Sewing, Money Management*
13. Healthy Living
    *Food Preparation, Nutrition, Food Safety, Food Science, Personal Wellbeing, Safety, General Health*

*SHARE-THE-FUN TALENT SHOWCASE*

14. Instrumental
    *Musical instruments of all descriptions*
15. Vocal
    *Singing*
16. Dance
    *Dance, baton & acrobatic routines*
17. Drama/Novelty
    *Skits, stunts, pantomimes, monologues, puppetry, ventriloquism, impersonations, etc.*
18. General
    *Acts which include two or more of the above classifications or other classification*

# CLUB/CHAPTER EXHIBITS

**HAY BALE DECORATING**

*OBJECTIVE*

This contest will show off your club or chapter to fellow exhibitors and individuals visiting the ACYFLS. Hay bale exhibits will be placed outside of the clubhouse in the designated area. Clubs and chapters are encouraged to include a club/chapter sign or banner as part of their exhibit.

*RULES*

1. The Alachua County Hay Bale Decorating Contest is open to all 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters in Alachua County.
2. Hay bales will NOT be provided. Participating clubs/chapters are responsible for providing their own hay bales for this contest.
3. Each club/chapter may use a maximum of 1 round bale and up to 5 rectangular bales for decoration. Any combination/configuration is allowed.
4. Entries will be judged based on visual impact, craftsmanship, originality/creativity, completeness, and youth-adult partnership.
5. Hay bales may be decorated at fair setup. Bales should be decorated with the theme for the year. Youth should prioritize helping with youth fair setup before setting up their hay bales.
6. Bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end.
7. Hay bale location is on a first-come, first-served basis.
8. Decorations should be wind and weatherproof. Decorations must be secure since exhibits will be outdoors for the duration of the fair.
9. Paint may be applied to the hay bale.
10. The exhibit must be cleaned up by 7 pm on the Wednesday after the fair. Any decorations left behind will be discarded, not saved. Clubs/chapters that leave decorations behind will not be eligible to compete in the following year's contest. Clubs/chapters can choose to clean up their exhibits on Tuesday after the conclusion of the sale.
11. Register for the Hay Bale Contest by Feb. 1 via Fairwire. Only one individual per team needs to register on behalf of the team.

*THEME: SUPERHEROES OF AGRICULTURE*

A celebration of the heroes who make agriculture possible! Farmers, ranchers, scientists, veterinarians, and innovators are the real-life superheroes feeding the world every day. Highlight the strength, creativity, and dedication of these ag heroes with your hay bale designs.

**TABLE SETTING**

*OBJECTIVE*

This contest gives your club or chapter the chance to showcase creativity, teamwork and table etiquette. Table settings will be displayed inside the exhibit building (Club House) for the duration of the fair.

*RULES*

1. Teams can be composed of combined age groups. Parents/adults may provide general guidance, but all decorations must be created, purchased, or brought from home and set by youth.
2. Description: Describe your table display (a blackboard or picture frame are good options), and tell your guests: Club/chapter name, team members, table theme, and a brief decision on how you decided on the theme.
3. Create a menu to go with your table setting. This should be listed on your table. It can be on the same display as your description, or you can include a separate display of your choosing.
4. Table size: All entries will use a standard 6-foot folding table. Plan for four place settings, two on each side. Chairs will not be used at the tables to save space.
5. Table settings can be formal or casual. Each table setting should include a table covering, centerpiece and decoration for each setting.
6. Table Setup: Table decorations/placements should be brought to fair setup day. Tables will be left up for exhibition during the fair. All decorations should be removed on Monday before sale day. Any decorations left behind after Monday will be discarded, not saved. Clubs/chapters that leave decorations behind will not be eligible to compete in next year's contest.
7. For more information and details on table setting, contact the Alachua County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent at 352-955-2402 and view the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0EWX9LbRrw
8. Register for the Table Setting Contest by Feb. 1 via Fairwire. Only one individual per team needs to register on behalf of the team.

**RAIN BARREL ART**

*OBJECTIVE*

This contest gives your club or chapter the opportunity to combine art and environmental education while showcasing your creativity. Decorated rain barrels will be displayed in a prominent location during the ACYFLS. Clubs and chapters are encouraged to include a sign or display explaining the design and the importance of water conservation.

*RULES*

1. Entries can be done by individuals or teams.
2. Registration is due Feb. 1 via Fairwire. Only one individual per team needs to register on behalf of the team.
3. All entries must function as a working rain barrel and be a standard 55-gallon size.
4. Barrels should at least have a painted front. Feel free to utilize the entire barrel space.
5. Barrels should be brought to fair setup day and removed on Wednesday after the fair. Any barrels not removed by Wednesday at 7 pm after the fair will be considered a donation to Alachua County 4-H and may be auctioned, sold or otherwise used at the discretion of the Alachua County 4-H Agent. Barrels can also be removed on Tuesday after the conclusion of the sale.

# EXCELLENCE IN ACTION DRAWING

**OBJECTIVE**

This drawing serves to highlight exhibitors demonstrating good citizenship at the fair. Exhibitors may earn entry into the drawing by being helpful, mentoring other exhibitors, or any other elements of good sportsmanship expected from ACYFLS exhibitors.

**RULES**

1. All youth with livestock as well as educational and creative exhibits will be eligible for this drawing.
2. ACYFLS Board members will award Excellence in Action tickets to exhibitors seen demonstrating good citizenship and sportsmanship during the fair.
3. Excellence in Action tickets may be awarded starting on fair setup day and will continue through the end of school tours.
4. An exhibitor who receives a ticket should write their full name on the back of the ticket and add it to the Excellence in Action drop box in the fair office. The final opportunity to turn in tickets will be 12:00 pm following school tours.
5. A random drawing for the Excellence in Action prize will take place during the awards ceremony on Monday evening.
6. Exhibitors cannot request to be given Excellence in Action tickets. These must be given freely based on the observations of Fair Board members. However, recommendations can be made in the fair office. This does not guarantee a ticket will be given but will be taken into account.