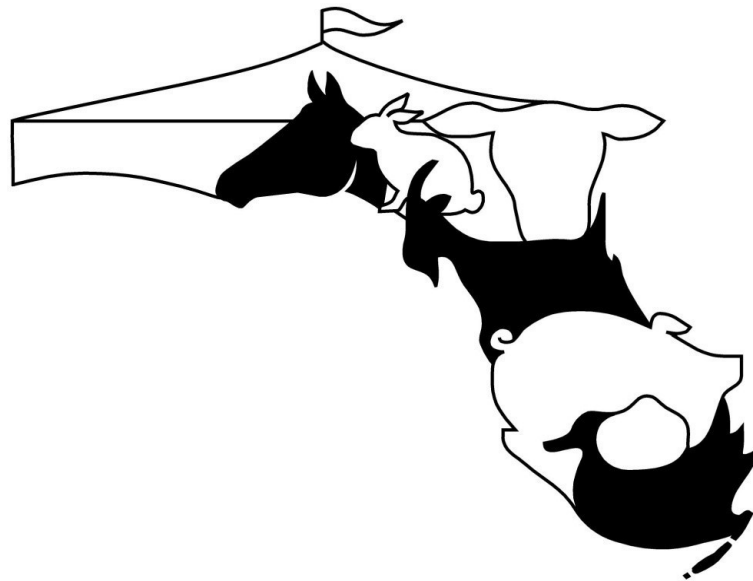


# **Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show**

**2023 - 2024**

**Rule Book**



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**2023-2024 ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW  
IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, September 15, 2023	Steer Entry Opens	8:00 am	<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Steer Weigh-In	7:00 am-10:00 am	Fairgrounds 23100 W Newberry Rd, Newberry
Sunday, October 1, 2023	Camper Registration Opens		<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Monday, October 16, 2023	Ambassador Application Due		<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Thursday, October 19, 2023	Ethics Training	5:00-8:00 pm	Ag Department Santa Fe High School, Alachua Register at: <a href="https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/">https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/</a>
Friday, October 27, 2023	Swine & Market Goat Entries Open	8:00 am	<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Beef Heifer, Bull, Mature Cow, Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat, Poultry & Rabbit Entries Open	8:00 am	<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Friday, November 10, 2023	Ethics Training	12:00 pm	Register at <a href="https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/">https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/</a>
Saturday, November 11, 2023	Swine Tag-In & Market Goat Weigh-in	7:30 am-10:30 am	Alachua County Extension Office Parking Lot 22712 W Newberry Rd, Newberry
Friday, December 1, 2023	All Beef, All Goats, Poultry & Rabbit Entries Close	8:00 am	<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Saturday, December 2, 2023	Late Entry Open	Opens 8:00 am	Late Entry with late fee of \$25 per exhibitor; <a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Thursday, December 7, 2023	Late Entry Closes	12:00 am	No Entries will be accepted after the late deadline closes
Wednesday, January 31, 2024	Camper Registration Closes (no late registration)	12:00 am	<a href="http://www.acyfls.com/">www.acyfls.com/</a>
Thursday, February 1 - Thursday, February 8, 2024	All Record Book Turn-in	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	Alachua County Extension Office 22712 W Newberry Rd, Newberry Office Hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday
Saturday, February 24, 2024	Fair Set Up	8:00 am	Fairgrounds 23100 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry
Thursday, February 29, 2024	ACYFLS Starts	5:30 pm	Fairgrounds
Monday, March 4, 2024	Youth Fair Awards Ceremony	5:00 pm	Arena Bleachers

## Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show Schedule of Events

<b>Wednesday, February 28, 2024</b>		
4:00- 8:00 pm	Camper Check-in	Camper Area
4:00- 8:00 pm	Exhibitor Pen Set-up	Arena
<b>Thursday, February 29, 2024</b>		
5:30- 7:30 pm	All Beef Check-in (Bulls, Heifers, Mature Cows, Steers)	Front Pole Barn
5:30-7:30 pm	Goat Check-in (Breeding & Market Goats)	Front Pole Barn
<b>Friday, March 1, 2024</b>		
7:00-11:00 am	Swine Check-in	Front Pole Barn
9:00-11:00 am	Rabbit Check-in	Arena
11:30 am	Market Animal Record Book <b>Final Page</b> Turn-in	Club House
12:00 pm	Exhibitor Meeting (Mandatory)	Arena Bleachers
1:30-2:30 pm	Poultry Check-in	Arena
1:30-2:30 pm	Rabbit Judging Contest	Arena
2:30-4:30 pm	Breeding Goat Show & Showmanship	Arena
6:00 pm	Steer Bred & Owned Show/Steer Show Beef Showmanship to Follow after Steer Show	Arena
<b>Saturday, March 2, 2024</b>		
7:30 am	All Dairy Goat Check-in Complete	Arena
8:00 am	Egg Check-in	Arena
8:30 am	Dairy Goat Show All-Goat Skill-a-thon Immediately After Show	Arena
9:00 am	Poultry Judging	Arena
10:30 am	Rabbit Show/Showmanship	Arena
12:00 pm	American Bred & Owned Show Beef Bred & Owned Show (Heifer/Bull/Mature Cow) Beef Show (Heifer/Bull/Mature Cow)	Arena
5:30 pm	Celebrity Show	Arena
6:00 pm	Swine Show	Arena
<b>Sunday, March 3, 2024</b>		
9:00 am	Cattleman, Swine Sense, Breeding Goat, Market Goat, & Rabbit Skill-a-thon Contests	Auditorium
10:00 am	Poultry Showmanship/Skill-a-thon	Arena
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
<b>Monday, March 4, 2024</b>		
8:00 am	School Tours Setup	Arena
9:00-12:30 pm	School Tours	Arena
5:00 pm	Awards	Arena Bleachers
<b>Tuesday, March 5, 2024</b>		
11:00 am	Buyers Luncheon	Auditorium
11:00 am	Exhibitors Luncheon	Arena Bleachers
12:30-1:00pm	Meet & Greet for Buyers & Exhibitors	Arena
1:00 pm	Market Animal Sale	Arena
<b>Wednesday, March 6, 2024</b>		
8:00 am	Fair Take Down	Fairgrounds
12:00 pm	<b>All Campers Must Be Removed</b>	Fairgrounds

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# 2023-2024 ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL RULES

Followed by Individual Livestock Rules. Exhibits & Exhibitors Must Comply with All Rules

1. 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 of Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show activities for the rest of the exhibitor's eligible years.

## STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the Alachua County Youth Fair & 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 & 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.

The ACYFLS board reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, entry, animal, exhibitor, or family of an exhibitor that are not cooperating with security personnel, or officials of the Alachua County Fair & Livestock Show in all matters of policy, including parking and camping. The entries will be cancelled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit/trainer/camper from the grounds immediately.

## NONCOMPLIANCE

1. Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries cancelled and be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately.
2. Social Media guidelines for ACYFLS Board, Volunteers, Leaders, Parents, and Exhibitors: Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what you post online. Before creating online content, consider some of the risks, and rewards that are involved. Keep in mind that any

of your conduct that adversely affects the Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show Association, Inc., (ACYFLS), its clients, exhibitors, volunteers, parents, leaders, and its clients, exhibitors, volunteers, parents, leaders, and its ability to secure the resources needed to fulfill its mission promises, 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 comment 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.

The Grievance Committee which consists of the Executive Board will determine all Actions. All decisions of that committee will be final.

### **OFFICIAL ENTRY**

- All entries must be made online. **We will not be accepting any entries at the Extension Office or by mail. All entry fees are due at the time the online entry is complete. All entry fees 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.**
- All committees will set their own entry fees. **All chapter animals must be entered to a specific exhibitor at time of entry.**
- **Lease agreement forms should be filled out and mailed in by December 1 to Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show, P.O. Box 12114, Gainesville, FL 32604.**
- Additional lease agreements are available on the website at: <https://www.acyfls.com>
- We will open on-line entries for Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer two weeks prior to Tag-in and Weigh-in.

**Market Steer online entries will open on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 8:00am and will close Friday, September 29, 2023, at 8:00pm.**

**Market Goat and Market Swine will open on Friday, October 27, and will close Friday, November 11 at 8:00pm.**

1. **All Beef Bull, Mature Cow, Beef Heifer, Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat, Rabbit and Poultry, Entries with fees are due by December 1. A late fee of \$25 per exhibitor will be assessed if the entry forms are received after December 1 and by December 7. No late entries will be accepted after December 7.**

**Entry Fees:**

Beef	\$20.00
Steer	\$20.00
Swine	\$20.00
Market Goat	\$20.00
Breeding Goat	\$20.00
Dairy Goat	\$10.00
Rabbit	\$10.00
Poultry	\$5.00
Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry	\$0

- No substitutions or changes after the late deadlines unless otherwise specifically provided for in this document.**
- 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.
- All entries must be in the Exhibitor's name.
- The Screening and Grievance Committee, upon the recommendation of the Alachua County Youth Fair 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.
- An Exhibitor can show no more than five breeding animals in each division. (Breeding Beef, Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat).
- If a Market Goat dies after 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 at least 45 days prior to final weigh-in. The replacement animal may only be shown in showmanship and will be sold to the highest bidder at the state.

**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.

**If a hog dies within 30 days after tag-in** the animal may be replaced upon verification by two Swine Committee members. **However, after the 30 days under no circumstances will replacement be allowed. A replacement animal will have to be re-tagged within 10 days.**

**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 \$25.00 per exhibitor will be accepted and the rabbit will not be eligible for any premiums.

8. All livestock entries will be required to participate in all contests at the Fair, if selected.
9. The Fair Association will supply bedding.
10. 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.
11. **All Steer & Swine Market Animals must have an electronic EID tag inserted at the final weigh in in March.** 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 purchase the EID tag and tag the animal themselves before the final weigh in at the fair in March.

## **EXHIBITORS**

1. All Youth 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 to show in the Youth Fair. Non-livestock exhibitors must be Alachua County 4-H members or FFA members of an Alachua County Vocational Student Organization. The minimum age of a 4-H'er is 5 years old and the maximum age is 18 years old, or completion of high school, whichever comes first, by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. Animal projects for 5-7 years old will be limited to lap animals only. This includes rabbits, poultry, pets, and dog projects; and for safety purposes, these exhibitors will not be allowed to assist with large animal projects.
2. Only Exhibitors with an Official Entry in the Fair that has paid Entry Fees will be allowed to participate in events that receive awards.
3. Market animal exhibitors shall be limited to bona fide FFA or 4-H members of Alachua County with approved projects, and not entering or exhibiting in any market show that is

not available to all exhibitors in this show, 3/5/23-3/5/24.

4. We expect exhibitors to groom their own animals. **NO PROFESSIONALS.**
5. Exhibitors will be allowed enter and show up to two (2) market animals of different species (steer, goat, and hog). Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one (1) animal throughout the sale. The other animal will be sold at resale value. Exhibitors must declare which animal will be sold on an official “Declaration Form” due at the Exhibitor Meeting on Friday. If the sale animal has not been declared by 5:00pm on Friday, the Sale Committee will assign an animal to the sale. Exhibitors that elect this option will be required to submit record books and buyer’s letters for both animals. Exhibitors will be allowed to participate in Showmanship and the Market Animal Show with both animals. Exhibitors are encouraged to seek Add-on money for the animal does not go through the auction in order to cover their expenses.
6. **RECORD BOOKS:** All exhibitors must turn in a **Completed Record Book**. Record books are available on the website. **A Record Book is required for each division that you are competing in.**

ALL MARKET ANIMAL (STEER, SWINE, GOAT) record books must be completed with all signatures and turned into the Alachua County Extension office in Newberry between **Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> before 7:30 pm.** 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 but make sure to fill in any information needed before turning in the record book. The “Project Summary” page is due at check in. **NO LATE RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO RECORD BOOK=NO SHOW.**

ALL BREEDING ANIMAL (BEEF, GOATS, RABBITS, POULTRY) record books must be completed with all signatures and turned into the Alachua County Extension office in Newberry between **Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> before 7:30 pm. NO LATE RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO RECORD BOOK=NO SHOW.**

- Incomplete Record books will not be graded by the record book committee.
- All exhibitors may handwrite or type record books. A final copy of record book needs to be written in pen or typed.
- All record books **MUST** be in a 3-prong folder with pockets. If requirements are not met there will be a 10-point deduction.
- 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.

**Divisions are as follows:** Rabbit, Poultry, Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Steer, Breeding Beef.

## 7. DRESS CODE

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

<u>4-H</u>	<u>FFA</u>
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

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

8. **ETHICS:** All exhibitors must attend on Animal Ethics class to be eligible to show in the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. 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 Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show by February 1, 2023. **You can email Pam Carter at [retracmap61@gmail.com](mailto:retracmap61@gmail.com).**

**For the 2023/2024 Fair Season – Certification numbers starting with 22, 23 or 24 are current and valid (for example 22FSF3333, 23FSF2222, or 24FSF4444). 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/>.**

9. Each exhibitor must show his own animal unless approved by the appropriate show committee, prior to the show.
10. All Competition classes will be divided as follows: Junior – 8-10 years of age; Intermediate – 11-13 years of age, and Senior – 14 and up.
11. 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 Rule #13.**

12. 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.
13. **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 \$50.00 fine; on the third contact, will be asked to leave the show by the President.**
14. **Grievances:** All grievances must be brought before the grievance committee and all decisions of that committee will be final. Each grievance must be accompanied with a completed grievance form (provided by the committee chairperson) and a \$50.00 fee, cash only, non-refundable. The grievance committee shall consist of the Executive Board Members (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and Committee Chair.

### **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 their buyer(s) and add-on(s). Copies of the thank you letters are to be shown to the Treasurer. Acceptable forms are hard copy, email, in person, photo, or photo sent by text message. **Thank you, letter(s) must be received within 45 days, after the sale. There will be a \$50.00 fine if thank you letters are not received within 45 days after the sale. Check will be held until received by the Treasurer.**
3. No exhibitor will be paid until 30 days after the sale, to allow 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).
4. Buyers and Add-Ons will be posted to the website at <https://www.acyfls.com>
5. The Fair Board will pay all exhibitors 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, provided that the thank you letter to the buyer(s) has been provided to the Treasurer.
6. Exhibitors will be paid by check, for the resale amount, bid amount(s) and/or add-ons once all monies for the exhibitor have been collected and the Fair Board has been furnished with a copy of the exhibitor's thank you letter to their buyer(s) and/or add-on(s).
7. **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 AND 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:** 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 with replacement and light animals at the end of the sale order.
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. All payments should be made payable to Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show Association (ACYF&LS). Terms are cash, personal check, business check or credit card due at Market Animal Sale or upon receipt of initial invoice. All buyers are encouraged to pay on the day of the Market Animal Sale. All add-ons 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.
10. 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 Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Shows.
11. All checks returned because of insufficient funds will be charged the current bank fee.
  12. Any money collected or spent in the name of the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show must be routed through the Association's general fund.
  13. **No more than five (5) buyers will be billed per sale invoice.** (Exhibitors can have more than 5 buyers).
  14. The Treasurer will not invoice any buyer for less than \$100.00.
  15. **Minimum buyer bids are required as follows:**
    - a) Market Goat - \$1.00/lb
    - b) Steers - \$ .50/lb
    - c) Swine - \$.75/lb
  16. All add-ons of less than \$100.00 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 Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show (ACYFLS). No add-ons will be announced at the sale.
  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 \$1.00 per pound on a 280-pound hog; the buyer is responsible to pay \$280.00
  19. The maximum sale weight for market steers is 1400 pounds, market hogs 300 pounds, and market goats 125 pounds.
  20. Exhibitors with Market Animal will pay a 7.5% sales commission of which will be deducted from their final check. Miscellaneous expenses will be assessed by the ACYFLS Association.

## **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 Fair Association will transport animals to the designated slaughter facility.
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 USDA slaughter facility per FDACS.** The Cut and Wrap fees are paid to the processing plant by the Carcass Buyer(s).

## **PREMIUMS AND AWARDS**

1. Premiums will be paid based on the judging ribbon color.
2. 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.**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>
Mature Cow	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Beef Heifer	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Beef Bulls	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Dairy Heifer	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Dairy Goats	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Breeding Goats	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Rabbits	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$2.00
Poultry	\$5.00	\$2.50	Ribbon

## **JUDGES AND 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, Division of Animal Industry and under each specific department must be strictly adhered to. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry. 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 ACYF&LS 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. The Cattle Identification Rule will be in effect (Chapter 5C-31). The Rule will require cattle 18 months of age or older moving within the state to be tagged with Official Individual Identification. Cattle moving to Approved Tagging sites for tagging, cattle moving directly to slaughter, and cattle moving between pastures under normal ranching operations, without changing Ownership are exempted under the rule.
7. **All Market Steer & Swine Animals must have an electronic EID tag inserted at the final weigh in in March.** 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 purchase the EID tag and tag the animal themselves before the final weigh in at the fair in March.

#### **LIVESTOCK DRUG POLICY:**

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

### **DISEASE/SICK 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.

### **RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK**

Specific 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. The Show, 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 AND 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 Maximum 10 MPH at all times on the Fairgrounds. Please park trailers in areas designated for trailers and all other vehicles park 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 & Equestrian Center.**

### **CAMPING RULES**

1. Camping is open to anyone **involved** in the Youth Fair. Preference is given to board members and then exhibitors.
2. A \$50.00 per camper will be charged to cover utility and insurance expenses.
3. An application form and Camper Liability Waiver must be completed online at [www.acyfls.com](http://www.acyfls.com), starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, and due to the Fair Board by Jan. 31, 2024, 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 enter 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 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 \$50.00 cleanup fee assessed for sites with trash left after the occupants vacate the site.
11. All campers will need to be **removed from the Fairgrounds by 12:00pm on Wednesday**, after the Fair.
12. Minors will not be allowed to stay on the grounds after 9:00pm, unless a responsible adult accompanies them. Exhibitors over 18 do not qualify as adult supervision.
13. Application must have all names of persons 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 Fair 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 serve 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 accommodations.

## **SCHOOL TOURS**

**Explanation:** School tours is an educational opportunity for elementary students across Alachua County to come to the Fair and learn about the various livestock and non-livestock projects that 4-H and FFA members work so hard on each year.

**Date: Monday, March 4, from 9:30am to 12:00pm.** Sign-up sheets will be posted at the arena. Exhibitors must sign-in and sign-out to receive credit for their club and to gain his/her points.

**Dress Code for School Tours:** Exhibitors participating in 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, those unable to leave the Fairgrounds should report to the **Extension Auditorium**. Prior to responding, animals in the Barn Area should be secured if time and circumstances permit. Human life will be a priority over animals. Anyone choosing to leave when the order to shelter is given will do so at his or her own risk. In the event of known incoming bad weather, announcements will be made so people can make informed decisions as to their actions.

All Fair activities will be postponed until the situation has ended.

- The main gates at the Ag & Equestrian Center will be closed during an emergency so if there are any loose animals resulting from the emergency they will be contained.
- Board members or their designees will be posted at every entrance/exit to the Auditorium to assist with orderly entering and leaving the building.
- Emergency services will be contracted via the 911 system as needed.

# AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

## **PURPOSE:**

To promote the youth of Alachua County who participate in the Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show events; 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 by doing volunteer work.

## **TERM:**

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

## **APPLICATION**

**Due date: October 16.** The application form and attachments will be submitted online at <https://forms.gle/mFdKA3svtDBrcMyi6>

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

1. Two letters of recommendation. Suggestions for possible sources of recommendations include but are not limited to FFA Advisors, 4-H leaders, employers, teachers, and local community members.
2. A copy of latest report card
3. Give a prepared speech on November 9, 2023, at the Fair Board meeting.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. You must agree to or abide by the most recently adopted Rules & Regulations of the Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show.
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 Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show a minimum of one year and participate in the upcoming Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show.
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 Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show.
  - 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.

**INTERVIEW:**

New applicants will be notified of their interview day and time once all applications have been received. Make sure to arrive on time and dress appropriately. Research the history of the Fair and be able to answer questions related to the Fair and the events that go on. Think of the qualities you possess that you think will make a great candidate for the position and why. Have a 2-minute speech prepared on “How will you plan to serve in the ambassador role in the months leading up to the Alachua County Youth Fair?”

**UNIFORMS:**

A polo shirt will be provided to each ambassador. The 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 \$200.00 at the end of the year once all requirements have been met.

# ALL BEEF

## GENERAL RULES

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.**
  - 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.
  - **NO blowers allowed/used in the barn.**
  - **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. (All entries will be in by December 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. Any clipping done on Fairgrounds can only be done by any registered ACYF&LS exhibitor. Violation of the rule will result in a \$50.00 fine and second notice will be dismissal from the Fair. The show will be a Blow and Go and is defined as soap and water only for the duration of the ACYF&LS. Animals will be checked when entering the show ring. Animals found that have any grooming materials used will be given a **WHITE RIBBON**.
13. The Fair Screening Committee shall have the right to mouth animals to determine age.
14. All Breeding Beef must be owned or leased and in possession of 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. **All Beef Breeding exhibitors are limited to two animals per class.**
  - 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.
2. The Modified Danish Judging System will be used.
3. After all animals are entered:
  - Market Steer classes will be divided into classes by weight.
  - Beef Heifer age groups will follow the age groups chart in the rulebook (see below)
  - Beef Bull age groups will follow the age groups chart in the rulebook (see below)
  - Beef Mature Cow age groups will follow the age groups chart in the rulebook (see below)
  - In Market Steer, Beef Heifer, Beef Bull, and Mature Cow shows, once the Grand & 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.

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 HEIFER**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Heifers must be born at least by September 1<sup>st</sup> the year prior to the fair and weaned to enter. Heifers cannot be older than 30 months on January 1, the year of the Fair.
2. The show will be open to purebred, commercial and American Influenced heifers.

### **BEEF HEIFER AMERICAN/COMMERCIAL/ALL OTHER BREEDS (AOB) CLASSES**

Age Group 1: 6-11 months  
Age Group 2: 12-14 months  
Age Group 3: 15-18 months  
Age Group 4: 19-22 months  
Age Group 5: 23-26 months  
Age Group 6: 27-30 months

## **BEEF BULLS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Bulls must not exceed 30 months of age as of January 1, the year of the Fair. Only weaned bulls born before September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 all bulls recognized by a breed association. **A copy of registration papers must be provided with entry form.**

### **BEEF BULL CLASSES**

Age Group 1: 6-11 months  
Age Group 2: 12-14 months  
Age Group 3: 15-18 months  
Age Group 4: 19-22 months  
Age Group 5: 23-26 months  
Age Group 6: 27-30 months

## BEEF MATURE COW

### ELIGIBILITY

1. **WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED:** Cows must be older than 30 months of age as of January 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 heifers.
4. If the calf is by side, it will only be shown as the pair.

### **BEEF MATURE COW**

- Age Group 1: 31-37 months
- Age Group 2: 38-44 months
- Age Group 3: 45-49 months
- Age Group 4: 50-56 months
- Age Group 5: 57-63 months
- Age Group 6: 64-70 months

## MARKET STEER

### GENERAL

1. Animals must be identified by special ACYF 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 **700 lbs.** at the initial weigh-in to reach 1000 lbs. by show date.)
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 weigh a minimum of **1000 lbs.** gross at the time they are weighed at the show and have gained a minimum of **2.0 lbs. per day** for the feeding period. If a steer fails to weigh **1000 lbs.** at weigh-in, then 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 \$250.00.

### **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. The Bred and Owned class for the Beef Breeding and Steer will take place before each prospective show. All Bred and Owned animals will be judged in this class. 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 operation of the farm and the care giving of the herd.
2. The Beef Committee will be coming around to verify that the animals are Bred and Owned animals.

## **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. Showmanship Contest will be conducted, and all exhibitors will be entered.
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 showmanship. If we meet the requirement to have a separate steer showmanship, as stated in #5, the exhibitor will only be allowed to participate in the steer showmanship class. 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. A separate Showmanship Contest for Market Steers and Breeding Beef will only take place if there are 28 steers weighed in.

## **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.

## **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. **Cattle must be in the barn/beds by 10:00am and will be released to tie outs at 6:00pm.** To be eligible for the Herdsman Award animals must be in place during these set times. A designated committee will choose the winning exhibitors. One (1) 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.

## **ALL-AROUND AWARD**

Beef Breeding All-Around consists of heifers, bulls, and mature cows and will compete for their own All-Around award. 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, Record Book, Showmanship, Bred & Owned and Grand & 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. Points within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 5 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 4 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 3 points 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> Place = 1 point
6. 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
7. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by showmanship and then highest score in the Cattleman's Contest.
8. 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:

1. Initial Market Value based on current market value at time of weigh-in.
2. Final carcass value based on yield grade, quality grade, and final carcass weight.
3. 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.
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 & Owned, Grand Reserve Placing, Cattleman's, 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. Within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 5 Points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 4 Points; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 3 Points; 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 2 Points; 5<sup>th</sup> 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 winner will be determined by showmanship and then the highest score in the cattleman's contest.
6. Showmanship points are included in All-Around for each division no matter what animal is shown for showmanship.

## **MARKET SWINE**

### **GENERAL**

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 the Showman Class.
3. Swine entries need to be completed online and tag-in will be at the Fairgrounds.
  - Swine entry fee will be \$20.00 and due when you complete your online entry.
  - All hogs will be tagged in with ACYF 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.

- **All market swine must obtain an electronic ID and be tagged prior to the final weigh in at the fair in March.**
4. No boar hogs will be allowed to enter the show.
  5. **All swine must be reared at the exhibitor's home unless granted permission by the Swine Chairs 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.
  6. All hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. with a maximum weight of 300 lbs.
  7. If a hog does not make a minimum of 230 lbs. or weighs more than maximum weight of 300 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.**
  8. Shampoo may be used in the designated wash area and **NO** other products will be applied.
  9. **No (PEMF) Pulse Electro Magnetic Field therapy or similar device will be allowed.**
  10. 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.
  11. **NO ONE EXCEPT EXHIBITORS AND SELECTED SWINE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR DESIGNATED SWINE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS ALLOWED IN HOG BARN DURING SHOWS.**
  12. Exhibitors are required to write thank you letters to their buyer(s) and add-on(s). Copies of the thank you letters are to be shown to the treasurer. Acceptable forms are hard copy, email, in-person, or photo sent by text message. **Thank you, letter(s) must be received within 45 days, after the sale. There will be a \$50.00 fine if thank you letters are not received within 45 days after the sale. Check will be held until received by the treasurer.**

### **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 General Fair Rule #13.
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 AND 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. All exhibitors must provide and use an automatic waterer for their hog at all times during the Fair.
4. We expect exhibitors to groom their own animals. NO PROFESSIONALS. **Clipping – all hair on the hogs must be at least ½” and no less. A \$50.00 FINE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANYTHING FOR 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, Grand or Reserve.

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

## **ALL MEAT GOATS**

### **GENERAL RULES**

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 General Fair Rule #13.**
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, 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**

### **GENERAL**

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 **must** weigh a minimum of 55 lbs. at final weigh-in **WITH a minimum daily gain of 0.10 pounds** to be eligible to show in market classes. 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 will have the opportunity to scratch the animal and take it home or may choose to sell it for resale price through the Fair. The exhibitor may still participate in showmanship. The animal must come across the official scales at final weigh-in for the exhibitor to be eligible for this. There is no maximum weight, but the 'maximum' sale weight for all wethers will be 125 lbs.

### **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 Chairperson.

### **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

## GENERAL

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 December 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 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.

5. An exhibition class for doelings and bucklings born after December 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 January 1.

## DAIRY GOAT

### GENERAL

- All Dairy Goats must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and a scrapie premise number (call 352-333-3120 or visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie) for information) recorded on it. The CVI must be current within 90 days.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - All milk must be disposed of properly. State law prohibits the consumption of raw milk. The show chairperson will designate where to dump milk.
  - 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.
  - 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.
1. Only breeds acknowledged by ADGA (American Dairy Goat Association) will be entered.
  2. Does over two (2) years of age must have freshened/kidded at least once.
  3. All animals MUST be debudded. Animals not conforming to this will not be allowed to enter the barn.
  4. An official lease form must be submitted to the ACYF&LS by December 1, Address: P.O. Box 12114, Gainesville, FL 32604.

5. 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 coat conditioners, hoof oil, 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:**
    - **Junior Does (never freshened) :< 6 months, 6 months-12 months, 13 months, 17 months and 18-24 months.**
    - **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 & 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 individual with the highest number of points received for their dairy goat project. Points are awarded to a participant placing in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given. The categories are:

### **ANIMAL PLACINGS**

1 point for each blue ribbon awarded dairy goat shown at the Youth Fair (up to 6 points)

### **HOMEGROWN**

5 points for raising and showing a homegrown dairy goat at the Youth Fair

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> place in Showmanship, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and 1 point for participating in Showmanship but not placing in the top 3.

## **RECORD BOOK**

5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Record Book, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## **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 not be 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.

2 points for participating in the Dairy Goat Skill-a-Thon.

5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Dairy Goat Skill-a-Thon, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## **COUNTY EVENTS**

County Events is the public speaking and presentation contest for 4-H and includes demonstrations, illustrated or educational talks, public speaking, and Share the Fun (talent presentation).

5 points for participating in County Events and an additional 3 points if your presentation is dairy goat themed.

5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in County Events, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## **EXHIBIT JUDGING**

2 points for participating in Exhibit Judging and an additional 3 points if your exhibit is dairy goat themed.

5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Exhibit Judging, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, TIE: in the event of a tie, the highest score in record book will determine the winner, then by showmanship.

# POULTRY DIVISION RULES

## 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:
  - All chickens shall have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition and must be accompanied by a certificate.
  - A representative of the Florida Department of Agriculture, 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 also 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.

Female Black and Red Sex-Links, Rhode Island Reds and Leghorns are eligible in the Commercial Production Contest. Female Pure-Breeds and mixed-breeds are eligible in the Production Contest.

3. There will be no contests for guineas, pigeons, turkeys, geese, quail, or ducks.
4. 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 December 1; **entry fee of \$5.00 per Bird** is required to compete the entry. Late entries will be fined \$25.00 per exhibitor and will not be accepted after December 7. If participating in the Skill-a-Thon and/or the Showmanship Contest, there will be an entry fee of \$1.00 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 \$25.00 per exhibitor will be accepted and birds will NOT be eligible for any premiums.



4. Each exhibitor must turn in an **entirely completed record book** by 11:30am before the exhibitor meeting on Friday March 1, 2024, at Exhibitor Check-in. If the Record Book is not turned in the Poultry entry will not be exhibited. No group record books will be accepted for competition.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DURING THE FAIR**

1. Poultry must be fed and watered twice a day by 10:00am and 8:00pm (except Sunday by 7:00pm). Cage cards found above each cage must be initialed each time the birds are fed and watered. If cards are not initialed a first warning will be given and if it happens a second time your premium will be withheld.
2. Cleanliness of exhibitor's cages 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 Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show 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 ACYF&LS.  
All donations accepted at the Youth Fair will go to the Poultry Committee of ACYF&LS.
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 AND RELEASE**

1. Exhibitors must be present at the check-in and put their birds in the 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 1:30pm – 2:30pm on Friday March 1, 2024. All chickens must be properly housed by 6:00pm.
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 1:00pm – 3:30pm on Monday, exhibitors will tear down and clean his/her chicken pens. If unable to pick up birds by 3:30pm 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. Commercial Production birds and 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. A. Commercial Production will include only female chickens primarily associated with production and currently laying eggs. Acceptable chickens are Rhode Island Reds, Leghorns, and Sex-Linked females.  
  
B. Production will include all females, both mixed breed and purebred that are currently laying eggs. Rosettes will be awarded to the best Commercial Production Bird and the best Production bird. Then the best Overall Production bird will be selected from the two.
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 divisions Junior (age 8-10), Intermediate (age 11-13), and Senior (age 14-18).
2. This year's Skill-a-Thon will be based on the State Fair's Poultry Skill-a-Thon. The State Fair has a study guide on their website. Study it to prepare for our Skill-a-Thon.  
<https://floridastatefairag.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/poultry-skillathon-manual-2022.pdf>

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. There will be three 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 can be turned in between 2:00pm – 5:00pm on Friday, March 1.
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. The exterior egg quality will be judged based on texture, uniformity of size and color, shape, soundness, and cleanliness.
5. The 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 their 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 SHOW RULES**

### **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. All exhibitors are responsible for getting their own rabbits to the judging table. Youth, not adults, must bring their rabbits when their 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 \$10.00 fee per entry per animal; this must accompany the registration form. Cloverbud 4-H exhibitors are not required to pay this fee.
4. All exhibitors must turn in complete entry forms by December 1. Any entries received after December 1 will be charged a \$25 late fee per exhibitor. No entries will be accepted after December 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. Record Book is due at check-in before rabbits will be accepted. A project book may be submitted without a rabbit entry.
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 be automatically 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 General Rule #13.** Cages are not equipped with feeders or water bottles. Please do not bring plastic containers that the rabbits can chew or tip easily. Please 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 the 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.

### **OPEN SHOW PREMIUMS**

Blue \$5.00 Red \$2.50 White \$2.00

### **AWARDS IF MERITED:**

Best in Show  
 Runner-up  
 Best of Class  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place record book  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in judging  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in showmanship  
 All Around

### **JUDGING CONTEST**

1. The contest is open to all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Youth Fair 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. 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. 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 the showmanship registration.
2. Showmanship registration must be completed during the rabbit check-in at the beginning of the fair. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Consists of a written test and animal showmanship. (Must use own rabbit for showmanship or have permission to use another exhibitor's)
4. Divisions: Junior (age 8-10), Intermediate (age 11-13), and Senior (age 14-18)
5. Showmanship judging will use the ARBA showmanship score sheet.

### **SKILLATHON**

1. Skillathon contest is open to all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Youth Fair Exhibitors.
2. Skillathon may consist of any combination of written, verbal, and/or hands-on demonstration assessments.
3. Registration for the Skillathon must be completed during the rabbit check-in at the beginning of the fair. No late entries will be accepted.

### **HOMEGROWN CONTEST**

1. Exhibitors must mark Homegrown on their entry form at the time they are due for the rabbit to be eligible for the Homegrown contest.
2. Homegrown rabbits are defined as being born in the exhibitor's kindle.
3. Only rabbits who are awarded blue ribbons during Open Show will be called back for the Homegrown Contest.

### **ALL AROUND CONTEST**

Point Schedule:

- 2 points for raising a Homegrown rabbit, rabbit must be entered in Youth Fair to qualify.
- 1 point for Best of Class
- 5 points for Best in Show

- 3 points for Runner Up
- 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Judging, Showmanship, Skillathon and/or Record Book, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 1 point for participating (but not placing) in Judging and Showmanship.
- Record Book and then Skillathon scores will be used as a tiebreaker for All Around if needed.

## **ALACHUA 4-H & FFA BEEF BREEDING LEASING PROGRAM**

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To develop character, knowledge, and sense of responsibility in 4-H & 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 & FFA projects.
4. To provide the opportunity for 4-H & 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 December 1. This lease form is due December 1, by mail: ACYFLS, P.O. Box 12114, Gainesville, FL 32604. An entry fee of \$20.00 per animal will be 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 Lease Agreement must be signed and filed with **ACYFLS, P.O. Box 12114, Gainesville, FL 32604** and will be in effect for a 12-month period.
15. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the Lessee during the period of the Lease Agreement.
16. 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
17. 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 & FFA BEEF BREEDING LEASE AGREEMENT

This LEASE AGREEMENT is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) between Owner  
(Sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Phone Number)

And 4-H/FFA youth (Lessee) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Phone Number)

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

(Coloring)	(Ear tag #)	(Breeding)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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.


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.



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Owner (Sponsor)

(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.

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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.

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Parent or Legal Guardian

(Date)

The Lessee is a member/student in good standing of the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter.

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4-H Leader/FFA Advisor

(Date)

Copy of lease agreement on file in the County Extension Office.

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Extension Agent

(Date)

I certify that the Lessee is in compliance as outlined in the Alachua County Beef Heifer/Bull Leasing Agreement.

Show/Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## GOAT LEASE AGREEMENT ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Lessee is considered the 4-H or FFA member and parents or guardians. 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 Goat Chairman of Alachua County Youth Fair, 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 December 1, by mail: ACYFLS, P.O. Box 12114, Gainesville, FL 32604.**

The lease agreement is entered into between:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lessee, and

\_\_\_\_\_, Owner, for:

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**):

\_\_\_\_\_

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 or FFA programs, Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show, 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 & phone number):

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The Alachua County Youth Fair Goat Committee reserves the right to verify health and location of any animal to be entered or exhibited at the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. 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 Alachua County Youth Fair. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_