

# Florida State Fair

## Ag Mechanics Show Rules

### The purpose of the FSF Ag Mechanic Show

- To provide an opportunity for Florida 4-H, FFA and YLPA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs and/or at home under the supervision of an Agriculture Teacher, 4-H Leader or YLPA Representative.
- To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition
- To recognize individual accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics
- To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of Florida Youth Programs.

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per Exhibitor per project

### Schedule:

<b>Entry Application Deadline -</b>	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	
<b>Signature Page Deadline -</b>	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	
<b>Project Delivery Dates –</b>	<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	<b>9 am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>Friday, January 26</b>	<b>9 am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	<b>9 am – 1 pm</b>
<b>Judging</b>	<b>January 29 – February 1, 2024</b>	
<b>Florida State Fair Exhibition Dates –</b>	<b>February 8 – 19, 2024</b>	
<b>Showmanship</b>	<b>Saturday, February 10</b>	<b>1 pm – 3 pm</b>
<b>Project Pick Up -</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	<b>11 am – 1 pm</b>
	<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	<b>9 am – 12 pm</b>

### Age Division:

Junior – 8 to 10 years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Intermediate – 11 – 13 years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Senior – 14 and over as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### Projects will be judged on the following point system:

Workmanship	30 points
Design & Materials used	20 points
Practicality	20 points
Degree of Difficulty	10 points
General Appearance and Finish	10 points
Documentation & Presentation	<u>10 points</u>
	<b>100 TOTAL</b>

## Rules:

- 1. Only Florida residents that are bona fide 4-H or YLPA members (8 years old or older as of Sept. 1, 2023) or FFA members will be eligible to enter.** All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H or YLPA Club program or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida.
- 2. Anyone having currently graduated from or dropped out of high school or currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class, but not attending class, shall be ineligible to show.** Both FFA Chapter, YLPA Club and 4-H Club entries will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local & state organizations.
- 3. Entry Application Due Date** – All entries must be submitted on-line on or before January 11, 2024. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com).  
No Paper Entries will be accepted.
- 4. There is a \$10.00 Entry Fee per project.** Payments will be accepted online at time of entry. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.
5. Projects must have been constructed by the youth exhibitor who entered them.
- 6. Projects may be built of either wood or metal only. Extra products can be added (i.e. shingles) if necessary for the project, but will not be accounted for in the judging process.**
7. Projects should be built from either published drawings or drawings of original design.
8. Projects exhibited must have been constructed by FFA students, 4-H or YLPA Members either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in vocational agriculture or as part of a supervised work experience program or project.
  - No exhibitor may enter more than four (4) projects total.
  - Exhibitors are allowed to enter 2 projects per class.
  - Substitution of projects will not be allowed.
  - Exhibit space and location will be at the Florida State Fair Staff and Superintendents' discretion.
- 9 Projects must have been constructed within **a year prior to delivery.** (For example, January 1, 2023 – January 27, 2024). A project can be exhibited only one time at the Florida State Fair.
10. All projects must be clean, painted or properly treated and in a presentable condition even though they have been used. Articles designed to be hung should have hanging method attached (wire, bracket, etc.).
11. If a project is entered in the wrong division, it will be scored, but will not be eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion. NOTE: Judges will make final determination of proper classification.
12. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered, however neither the Florida State Fair, its directors, superintendents nor judges will be responsible for any losses or damage to projects.
13. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to display projects as space and quality of projects allow. It is possible that projects will be located at various locations within the Fairgrounds area due to space availability.
14. All judge's decision and announced results will be final.
15. Once the project is delivered, the project cannot be removed or used until it has been released from the show. Projects can be picked up on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 3 pm. and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon. Any other arrangements for pick up will need to be made with the Agribusiness Department.
16. The Florida State Fair Authority Staff and Superintendent reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment may deem advisable.

17. Exhibitors will receive two admission passes to attend the Fair. If participating in Showmanship, exhibitors will be given two additional admission passes for Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

18. For additional Information or questions, please contact the Agribusiness Office at (813) 627-4342 or [AG@floridastatefair.com](mailto:AG@floridastatefair.com)

## **Ag Mechanics Classification**

### **Competition will be available in Wood Division and Metal Division**

**JUNIOR DIVISION** (ONLY open to exhibitors 8 to 10 as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

- **JUNIOR PROJECT – PROJECT MUST MEASURE LESS THAN 2 FEET IN HEIGHT, LENGTH AND WIDTH.**

**Class 1 – Junior Wood Project**

**Class 2 – Junior Metal Project**

### **INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR DIVISION**

- Intermediate – 11 – 13 years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Senior – 14 and over as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**SMALL WOOD PROJECT**

**LARGE WOOD PROJECT**

**SMALL METAL PROJECT**

**LARGE METAL PROJECT**

- **SMALL PROJECT – Projects that measure less than 3' in height, length, and width.**
- **LARGE PROJECT – Projects that measure 3'1" to 6' in height, length, and width.**

**Class 3 – Intermediate Small Wood Project**

**Class 4 – Intermediate Large Wood Project**

**Class 5 – Intermediate Small Metal Project**

**Class 6 – Intermediate Large Metal Project**

**Class 7 – Senior Small Wood Project**

**Class 8 – Senior Large Wood Project**

**Class 9 – Senior Small Metal Project**

**Class 10 – Senior Large Metal Project**

## **Awards**

**Premiums and Ribbons will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place projects in each class.**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

**Grand Champions will be chosen for each Division and will receive Premiums and Banners**

<b>Grand Champion</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Reserve Grand Champion</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

## **Showmanship**

A Showmanship Division will be held on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 11 am to 1 pm for exhibitors who would like to participate. This is an optional event but an exciting way to talk to the judges and public about your project.

Showmanship will be divided into Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions.

- Exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat and dressed according to the standards of the youth organization they are representing. FFA – Black jeans, white collared shirt, FFA Jacket and Tie. 4-H – Black/dark jeans, white collared shirt. 4-H vest, jacket and/or tie is strongly recommended. YLPA – Dark blue jeans, black collared shirt with logo patch. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.
- Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project.
- Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions when their project is being viewed either by the judge or fairgoers. Knowledge of the project will be evaluated at that time. Exhibitors should be well informed about the project they are representing.

It is strongly recommended that exhibitors have the working plan blueprints, drawings and/or photographs showing construction of the project to present to the judges during Showmanship. This would include a bill of materials needed for the construction of the project. These must be displayed in a book or folder.

Prizes/Awards will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place showman in each Age divisions.

**Exhibitors can register for Showmanship during the online entry process.**

Class 11 - Junior Showmanship

Class 12 – Intermediate Showmanship

Class 13 – Senior Showmanship

**\*\*Specific Showmanship information will be emailed after all entries are received and processed\*\***

**2023 FLORIDA STATE FAIR  
YOUTH AG MECHANICS SHOW  
SIGNATURE PAGE**

**Entry process for the 2024 Youth AG Mechanics Show:**

**Step #1: Collect all Mandatory Signatures. (Ag Teacher, 4-H Leader or YLPA Representative, Parent and Exhibitor). Signature Page MUST be uploaded, emailed or faxed on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>. Exhibitors are able to upload document during online registration.**

**Step #2: If the Signature Page was not uploaded while completing the online entry, exhibitor must submit the document to the Ag Office by email, fax or mail to finalize entry process. Email: [Ag@FloridaStateFair.com](mailto:Ag@FloridaStateFair.com), Fax: 813-740-3520, or Mail: Florida State Fair, Ag Mechanics, PO Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680**

Name of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant(s) is a bona fide paid and active member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.***

For FFA members - Vo. Ag. Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing FFA!

Print Vo-Ag Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant(s) is a bona fide paid member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.***

For 4-H members - 4-H County Leader \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing 4-H!

Print County Extension Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide active member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.***

For YLPA members – YLPA Representative \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* This signature is mandatory if showing YLPA!

YLPA Representative Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this project is intended for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair contained in the 2024 AG Mechanics Show rules by which I, the undersigned, understand & agree to abide by. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida State Fair. I understand that the 2024 Ag Mechanics Show is held in conjunction with the 2024 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2024 Florida State Fair due the following force majeure events: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, or explosion.

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**SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR – MANDATORY!!**

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**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR – MANDATORY!!!**