

# OPEN BEEF CATTLE SHOW

**February 7 - 15, 2024**



Angus, Grey Brahman, Red Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultra Brangus, Zebu, Charolais, Dexter, Limousin, Santa Gertrudis, Simmental, & Percentage Simmental

## Show Schedule

**Entry Deadline** .....December 1, 2023  
.....(On-Line, Hand Delivered, or Postmarked)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Late Entry Period** .....December 8, 2023  
.....(Double Entry Fees)  
**Final Late Entry Period** .....January 11, 2023  
.....(Double Entry Fees plus \$200.00)

**OPEN – GREY BRAHMAN, RED BRAHMAN, BRANGUS, RED BRANGUS, ULTRA BRANGUS, ZEBU**

**YOUTH – GREY BRAHMAN, RED BRAHMAN, BRANGUS, RED BRANGUS, ULTRA BRANGUS, ZEBU**

Arrival.....Feb. 7, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Check in at Livestock Office .....Feb. 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Southeastern Miniature Zebu Classic .....Feb. 7, 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by AMZA

Beef Exhibitor Dinner.....Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Brangus Show .....Feb. 8, 9 a.m.

Grey & Red Brahman Show .....Feb. 8, 9 a.m.

Zebu Show.....Feb. 8, following Brahman Show

***The Open Zebu Show will take place in the Small Animal Ring***

(There will be a 15-minute break between shows)

**Youth Beef Showmanship** .....Feb. 8, 4 p.m.

Youth Beef Show.....Feb. 9, 9 a.m.

Release.....Feb.9, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.

**All cattle must be out of barns by 9:00 p.m.**

**YOUTH – ALL OTHER BEEF CATTLE SHOW –**

Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. See Youth Beef Rules for details.

**OPEN – ANGUS, CHAROLAIS, DEXTER, LIMOUSIN, SANTA GERTRUDIS, SIMMENTAL, PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL**

**YOUTH – ANGUS, CHAROLAIS, LIMOUSIN, SANTA GERTRUDIS, SIMMENTAL, PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL**

Arrival .....Feb. 13, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Check in at Livestock Office .....Feb. 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Beef Exhibitor Dinner.....Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

Angus Show.....Feb. 14, 10 a.m.

Dexter Show .....Feb. 14, 10 a.m.

Charolais Show.....Feb. 14, following Dexter Show

Santa Gertrudis Show ... Feb. 14, following Charolais Show

Simmental Show...Feb 14, following Santa Gertrudis Show

Limousin Show ..... Feb. 14, following Simmental Show

(There will be a 15-minute break between shows)

Youth Beef Showmanship.....Feb.15, 9 a.m.

Youth Beef Show .....Feb. 15, following Showmanship

Release .....Feb. 15, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**All cattle must be out of barns by 9:00 p.m.**

## INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. All animals showing in the Open Beef Cattle Division must be purebred and registered with their respective National Breed Association; and must conform to all special rules of their particular Association.

2. Registration papers must be presented at check-in. In the case of papers pending, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide the Fair with a letter from the Breed Association stating that the papers have been applied for but have not yet been processed. **NO papers pending will be accepted without this letter from the Association.**

3. Any exhibitor entering an animal in any name other than the bona fide owner or owners or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible may, at the discretion of the Management, be barred from further showing and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited.

4. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

## ENTRIES

**1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before December 1, 2023. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair website at [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com).**

Entry fee will be determined by the date entries are postmarked, submitted online, or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office. Hand-delivered entries will be accepted in the Agribusiness Office up to office closing at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Late Entry Period for entries postmarked, submitted online, or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office between December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is subject to space availability and will be charged double (\$50.00) entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries postmarked, submitted online, or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office between December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry



fees plus a \$200.00 fee (Open).

2. Entries must be made on the Official Livestock Entry Form, which is located on our website. **NOTE: ONLINE ENTRY IS NOW AVAILABLE, SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.** Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by full entry fee made payable to the Florida State Fair Authority.

**TO EXPEDITE THE CHECK-IN PROCESS AT THE FAIR, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS BE MAILED IN WITH THE ENTRY. (Original papers must still be presented at check-in)**

3. Entries must be made in the name of the owner.

4. Use separate entry forms for each owner.

5. Send all entries and fees to the Agribusiness Department, Florida State Fair, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680.

6. **ENTRY FEES ARE \$25.00 PER ANIMAL.** This amount must be paid before animals are officially entered and space is reserved. Overpayments will not be refunded if \$25.00 or less.

**Please Note: Space is allocated on the number of animals that are brought to the Fair - not on the number of entry fees paid. Due to the number of animals, extra space cannot be purchased. DO NOT PAY FOR ADDITIONAL TACK SPACE OR ANIMALS YOU DO NOT INTEND TO BRING.**

7. Youth who enter animals in the Open Show must meet all Open Show deadlines and must pay the regular \$25.00 entry fee per animal to enter the Open Show.

8. **The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on stall/pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.**

9. **Group and/or herd classes must be pre-entered on the entry form. Be sure to specify classes and/or multiple entries in classes. Animals in these classes must be indicated at check-in time and the entry number of each animal and registration # of dam or sire must be submitted at this time. NO WALK-IN ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE RING.** Entries in group and herd classes must have been exhibited previously in individual classes.

10. Animals owned in partnership may be shown in the name of the partnership only, except that at the time of entry, a determination may be made that such animal will be shown in the name of one (but not both) partners; but, the animals must be shown in the same way in the group classes as they are in the open single classes.

11. All substitutions must be received by the Fair by Jan. 19, 2024. Substitutions can be made by email sent to [Ag@FloridaStateFair.com](mailto:Ag@FloridaStateFair.com) or postmarked by Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. **No Substitutions will be taken over the phone. No substitutions will be allowed upon arrival.** Additional animals will be treated as a late entries and will not be allowed.

12. **Cancellations - Notice of cancellations must be received for the Beef Cattle Show by January 11th in order to qualify for a refund of fees. Cancellations may be made by mail, fax, or e-mail. Send an email to [Ag@FloridaStateFair.com](mailto:Ag@FloridaStateFair.com) No Cancellations will be taken over the telephone.**

13. For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggests

sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

## HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. **All animals must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.**

2. To expedite entry into the Fair, ear tags that correspond to health papers are strongly recommended.

3. **Contact the Florida Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry, District 4 Office at (863) 578-1863 with questions pertaining to Health Regulations and/or Rules of Exhibition.**

## RULES OF EXHIBITION

As required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions, and Limitations.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

**5C-4.0015 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Accredited Veterinarian. A veterinarian licensed in the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative-state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) § 161 (2005).

(2) Animal(s). This term shall include:

(a) Livestock including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hooved animals;

(b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;

(c) Poultry or Domestic fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes; and

(d) Wild or game animals that may threaten the agricultural interests of Florida.

(3) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(4) Commercial Production Swine. Swine that have been subjected to and found negative on an annual brucellosis and pseudorabies test and have been continuously managed with adequate facilities and practices to prevent exposure to either transitional or feral swine and so recognized by state animal health officials.

(5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

(6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra, or other equidae.

(7) Isolation. Separation of individual animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another animal.

(8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished-fed animals that all go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

(9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form from the state of origin or from the USDA, or a Department-approved electronic format, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the state of origin for the purpose of certifying the official individual identification, test requirements, and health status of specific animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.

(10) Official Individual Identification. A form of unique individual animal identification including, but not limited to:

(a) Official Ear tags. Must be tamper-resistant/tamper-evident, approved by APHIS, capable of providing a unique identification number for each animal, and capable of being recorded in a central repository. Such ear tags must conform to one of the numbering or tagging systems approved by the USDA, APHIS, VS in 9 C.F.R. § 71.1.

(b) Ear, tail-web, or flank tattoos, approved by APHIS; breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers; or an official brand when accompanied by a brand registration certificate.

(c) Official leg or wing bands for poultry.

(d) Color digital images or notarized color photographs of the animal, signed by a state-licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian; or

(e) Implanted electronic chips with a unique number that is recorded in a single, central database.

(11) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(12) Poultry, Domestic Fowl, or Ratites. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites (limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas), and waterfowl that are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes.

(13) Segregated. To maintain a group of animals separate from another group of animals in such a manner as to prevent physical contact between animals of the two groups.

(14) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. § 71.1 (2005) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328.

History—New 1-19-95, Last Amended 6-21-06.

#### **5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions, and Limitations.**

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification, or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification, or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days, except that, for equines imported into Florida using a current Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entering market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required official individual identification of the animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(5) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious, or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from the exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious, or infectious disease and pests.

(6) Forms. Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800.

History—New 6-21-06.

#### **5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.**

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.

(b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis.

1. Florida-origin cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test.

2. Imported dairy cattle may be entered for exhibition provided they have a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition; except that, dairy cattle from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds originating in Tuberculosis-Free States, are exempt from this test requirement.

3. Imported beef cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test provided they originate from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States or Herds. Otherwise, they must meet the requirements in subparagraph 5C-4.002(2)(a)2., F.A.C.

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition.

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers; and

b. Cattle or bison originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or a Brucellosis Class Free State or Area which when certified, the OCVI must show the certified

herd number and the date of the last herd certification test; and

c. Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A State or Area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

History—Last Amended 6-21-06.

For additional information on Florida Cattle Identification requirements – go to the following website <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry/Florida-Cattle-Identification>

## GENERAL

**1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash their hands after handling animals.**

2. The Florida State Fair provides sawdust for bedding.

3. Feed, care, and management of animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Sawdust will be provided for bedding. Exhibitors may also use straws at their own expense. **Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

4. **Grooming Chute Permit:** All grooming chutes must have a Florida State Fair permit which must be obtained with entry fee. **UPON REQUEST A COMPLIMENTARY PERMIT WILL BE GIVEN TO BREEDERS, CLUBS, AND CHAPTERS WITH 8 OR MORE ANIMALS SHOWING (PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM WITH WHO WILL BE USING THE CHUTE. A LIMITED NUMBER OF Additional permits may be purchased for \$25.00. (See form on Website).**

**Grooming chutes and paraphernalia must be confined to areas designated. DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED. PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED ON**

## A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.

**5. The Florida State Fair recommends that all clipping be done prior to arrival at the Fair.**

**6. All cattle that are tied in the arena holding area must be attended to at all times.**

**7. Registration Papers** should remain at the State Fair with cattle. Registration papers should be brought to the Show Ring on all animals showing in group classes.

**8.** At the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent, exhibitors may be instructed to double-tie their animals.

**9.** The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time of service; however, the American Angus Association officially accepts competition herds purchased in entirety as bred and owned by the current owner.

## 10. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN BARN.

**11.** Sick animals may be released immediately if a signed statement from a veterinarian is presented to the Superintendent.

**12.** The Florida State Fair will not provide space for nurse cows for beef cattle, both breeding and steers, in Open and Youth Shows.

**13.** Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and must not be taken from designated areas. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animals.

**14. Automatic water systems** in the cattle tie area (barn) must be approved by the Livestock Superintendent. No nails, screws, or other fasteners are to be used on the wooden portion of the tie panels.

**15. Sharp Practice** - Upon request, every exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by him to examination by a veterinarian appointed by the Florida State Fair to ascertain that there has been no unethical fitting or show; and, to submit such animal to such tests as may be required by the said veterinarian, and to abide by conclusions reached as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or is an over age animal under the rules of the Florida State Fair. Conclusions shall be final and binding, without recourse against the Florida State Fair Authority, officer(s), director(s) thereof, said veterinarian, or technician(s) employed. Exhibitor releases any or all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with such examination.

Any animal found to have had its physical features altered or tampered with by surgical instruments for the purpose of improving its conformation or appearance in the show ring will be disqualified and ruled ineligible to compete for or retain any premiums.

**16. Veterinarians** - Name and telephone number of a qualified local veterinarian will be available at the Superintendent's office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.

**17. Sign** - The State Fair Management reserves the right to refuse permission for any individual exhibitor to erect or display any sign of objectionable size or content.

**18. Outside Tie Out** - Exhibitors should indicate on their entry form the number of cattle they plan to tie out. The tie-outs may be assigned by the Superintendent depending on availability. **Tie-out time is 7:00 p.m. on Sunday -**

**Thursday and 8:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday. Animals must be back in the barn by 8 a.m. There is NO tie-out during the day unless approved by the Show Superintendent.**

19. No Chairs are allowed in the animal walkways.
20. No Chairs are allowed in the Make-Up / Staging Area.
21. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
22. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.
23. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.
24. The use of alcohol is prohibited in barns and livestock areas.

### LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of the 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 Fair, its officers, and its employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of the exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein

### ARRIVAL

1. Arrival times for the following breeds:  
Grey & Red Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultra Brangus & Zebu will be Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
2. Arrival times for the following breeds: Angus, Charolais, Dexter, Limousin, Simmental, Percentage Simmental, and Santa Gertrudis will be Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.
3. **EARLY ARRIVALS: Due to the lack of space during the Fair, early arrivals will not be permitted except in cases where the scheduled arrival time presents a hardship due to travel time, etc. In such situations, a WRITTEN REQUEST must be submitted to the Agribusiness Office by January 11th. Exhibitors will be notified by February 1st if the request has been approved. EARLY ARRIVALS MUST BE PREAPPROVED.**
4. Exhibitors arriving for the 1<sup>st</sup> set of shows with cattle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> group or the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of shows with cattle for the 3<sup>rd</sup> group must also follow the Early Arrival procedures stated above.
5. Any animals arriving late due to an emergency must call the Agribusiness Office at 813-627-4229.
6. Animals may not be unloaded on the Fairgrounds until they have been checked by Florida State Veterinarians, except in the case of an emergency.
7. Registration papers and official health certificates must be available and in the hands of the owner or herdsman in charge of cattle on arrival at the Florida State Fairgrounds.
8. All exhibitors must present registration papers to the Agribusiness Office by time indicated on arrival day or they will be considered as a "NO SHOW" and will be deleted from the show.
9. All animals are subject to being officially checked by their respective associations.



10. Tattoos must match registration papers and the Florida State Fair Entry Form. This is mandatory for Angus and Simmental Cattle.
11. All trailers will be parked in a remote location adjacent to or near the Fairgrounds.

### MANDATORY BEEF EXHIBITOR MEETING AND DINNER

There will be a meeting/dinner for all Beef Exhibitors on their respective week at:

Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., or Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. The meal will include a beef entree, 2 sides, roll, dessert & beverage.

**The Mandatory Beef Exhibitor Meeting & Dinner**

**FLORIDA STATE FAIR**  *is provided as a courtesy of the*

**FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY**

**As a special Recognition and Thanks to our Exhibitors.**

**\*\*LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS \*\*  
TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED WITH YOUR ENTRY!!!!**

### TICKETS

1. Armbands will be issued on the following basis:

**Owner:** (if owner is different from exhibitor) Armbands will be held at Livestock Gate and will be determined by show.

#### Group 1 Shows

**Exhibitor or Herdsman:** (held until arrival), 1-5 animals, Two (2) armbands; 6-10 animals, Three (3) armbands; 11 - 15 animals, Five (5) armbands; 16 animals & over, Seven (7) armbands.

#### Group 3 Shows

**Exhibitor or Herdsman:** (held until arrival), 1-5 animals, Two (2) armbands; 6-10 animals, Three (3) armbands; 11 - 15 animals, Five (5) armbands; 16 animals & over, Seven (7) armbands.

2. Armbands will be picked up at check-in. Additional armbands **CANNOT** be purchased.

3. **Vehicle/Trailer Parking Passes:** The Florida State Fair is currently reviewing and evaluating the Agribusiness Department Vehicle/Trailer Parking process. All updates and changes to our parking procedures will be posted on our website.

4. Single day admission tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See the Advance Ticket Form on the website for details. Tickets will be for sale at the gate.

5. Each passenger must have an armband or admission pass.

6. Reserved parking is provided, and exhibitors must park in the assigned Ag Lot or your vehicle will be subject to towing.

## JUDGING

1. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
2. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see General Disputes Policy).
3. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
4. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

## GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes which may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause, and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form and shall be accompanied by payment of \$50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and nullity, and in such an event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal in order to be considered.
2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent) and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify

the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted, and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submission, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.
4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.
5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their Respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

## PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Individual Breed Association rules will govern where more than two (2) premiums are won in a single class.
2. No premium will be paid to any animal in any class that in the opinion of the judge does not deserve an award.
3. In group classes, where premiums are offered, no premiums will be paid unless catalog entry numbers of animals are given at arrival time for the group class that is to be judged.
4. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or clerk.
5. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. **Checks will be void after 6 months from date on check. After 6 months, all**



**uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.**

6. If a Social Security Number or Federal ID number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

7. The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to revise the dollar amount of the Premiums.

#### **RELEASE**

1. The first group of beef cattle will be released Fri., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All cattle must be out of the barns by 9 p.m., Friday.

2. The second group of youth beef cattle will be released on Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All cattle must be out of the barns by 9 p.m.

3. The third group of beef cattle will be released on Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All cattle must be out of the barns by 9 p.m. in order that preparations can be made for dairy animals arriving the next morning.

4. Consideration will be given to Out-of-State exhibitors & the different Zone levels for a Staggered Early Release. For the Zone area, see page 10.

5. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the Livestock Superintendent if they wish to use an Early Release option.

6. All arrangements must be coordinated with the Livestock Superintendent and exhibitors must have a Florida State Fair Release Form.

7. No portion of the exhibit may be removed more than 2 hours before release time.

8. TRAILERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUT OF THE REMOTE LOT UNTIL DESIGNATED RELEASE TIMES.

9. Any exhibitor removing animals from the barn prior to official release time forfeits all prize monies he may have won.

#### **POLICIES FOR BEEF CATTLE SHOWS AT THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR**

The Florida State Fair Authority is interested in expanding participation by Breed Associations. All requests for Breed Shows or exhibitions will be considered. Breeders must be endorsed by their Breed Association in order to exhibit.

#### **CONTINUING A BREED SHOW**

If a breed drops below 15 head for two consecutive years, the show will be canceled. Exception- see exhibition herd clause.

#### **EXHIBITION HERDS**

If a breed drops below 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors, they will automatically become an exhibition herd that year and no premiums will be paid.

#### **ESTABLISHING A BREED SHOW**

First Year - In order to establish a breed show, the Breed Association must first request a show (by April 30<sup>th</sup>). Upon approval, the breed must put on an exhibition of at least 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors at the Florida State Fair based on the availability of space.

Second Year - Upon request (by April 30) from the Breed Association, a show will be eligible for abbreviated premiums upon approval by the Fair Authority. The show

must have at least 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors.

Third Year – They will be eligible for full premiums if they have at least 15 heads shown by 3 different exhibitors. If not and they have less than 15 heads but at least 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors, they will continue to be eligible for abbreviated premiums only.

#### **BEEF BREED SUBSETS**

A beef breed subset is a group within a breed that is not allowed to show with the breed itself but cannot show as a separate breed either. These subsets will be eligible for full premiums if they have at least 15 heads shown by 3 different exhibitors. If they have less than 15 heads but at least 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors, they will be eligible for abbreviated premiums only. If they drop below 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors, they will automatically become an exhibition and no premiums will be paid.

#### **RE-ESTABLISHING A BREED SHOW**

A breed that has been shown at the Florida State Fair, but the show has been discontinued, can reestablish the show by making a request to the Florida State Fair Authority by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Upon approval, there must be at least 15 heads of cattle shown by 3 different exhibitors to be eligible for full premiums. If not and they have less than 15 but at least 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors, they will be eligible for abbreviated premiums only. If they drop below 10 heads shown by 2 different exhibitors, they will automatically become an exhibition and no premiums will be paid.

#### **BEEF CATTLE SHOW SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS**

The Florida State Fair sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the Breed Associations that have contributed to the Beef Cattle Shows. See the rules for each breed show for a listing of participation.

#### **HERDSMAN AWARDS**

Special Herdsman Awards are offered to exhibitors at the Florida State Fair with the purpose of encouraging exhibitors to present more attractive livestock displays.

1. A minimum of six (6) animals will be required to constitute an exhibit to be considered for the Herdsman Awards.

2. IF THE EXHIBIT CONSISTS OF ANIMALS FROM DIFFERENT RANCHES THAT ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY ONE HERDSMAN, THIS MUST BE DESIGNATED AT CHECK-IN.

3. The following factors shall determine this award: orderliness and cleanliness of service area, stall, pens, animals, and public walkway; Manure Management; courtesy of herdsman and helpers; cooperation with Show Officials; promptness in getting animals into the show ring; and availability of personnel to furnish information about their exhibit.

4. All breeds will compete for the following awards; 1st place - \$60, 2nd place - \$40, and 3rd place - \$25.

#### **CAMPGROUND/GOLF CARTS**

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED

**ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.**

2. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.



3. Golf cart permits must be purchased in order to be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any golf carts without a permit will need to be removed from the grounds.

**SHOWERS/EXHIBITOR CHANGING AREA**

1. Shower/ changing area facilities are available on the grounds for use by exhibitors only!

2. Shower Facilities permits will be issued, upon request, to Livestock Exhibitors from the Agribusiness Office.

**MOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE AND LIVESTOCK ETHICS PROGRAM**

**The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.**

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.

2. All animals are subject to testing at any time:

A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.

B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).

4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.

5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including the sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitors and/or family at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, and movement techniques are prohibited.



**IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock

show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action that contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM**

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in any way be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees, or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person, or property. AUTHORITY, its officers, or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST, and same are incorporated by reference herein.

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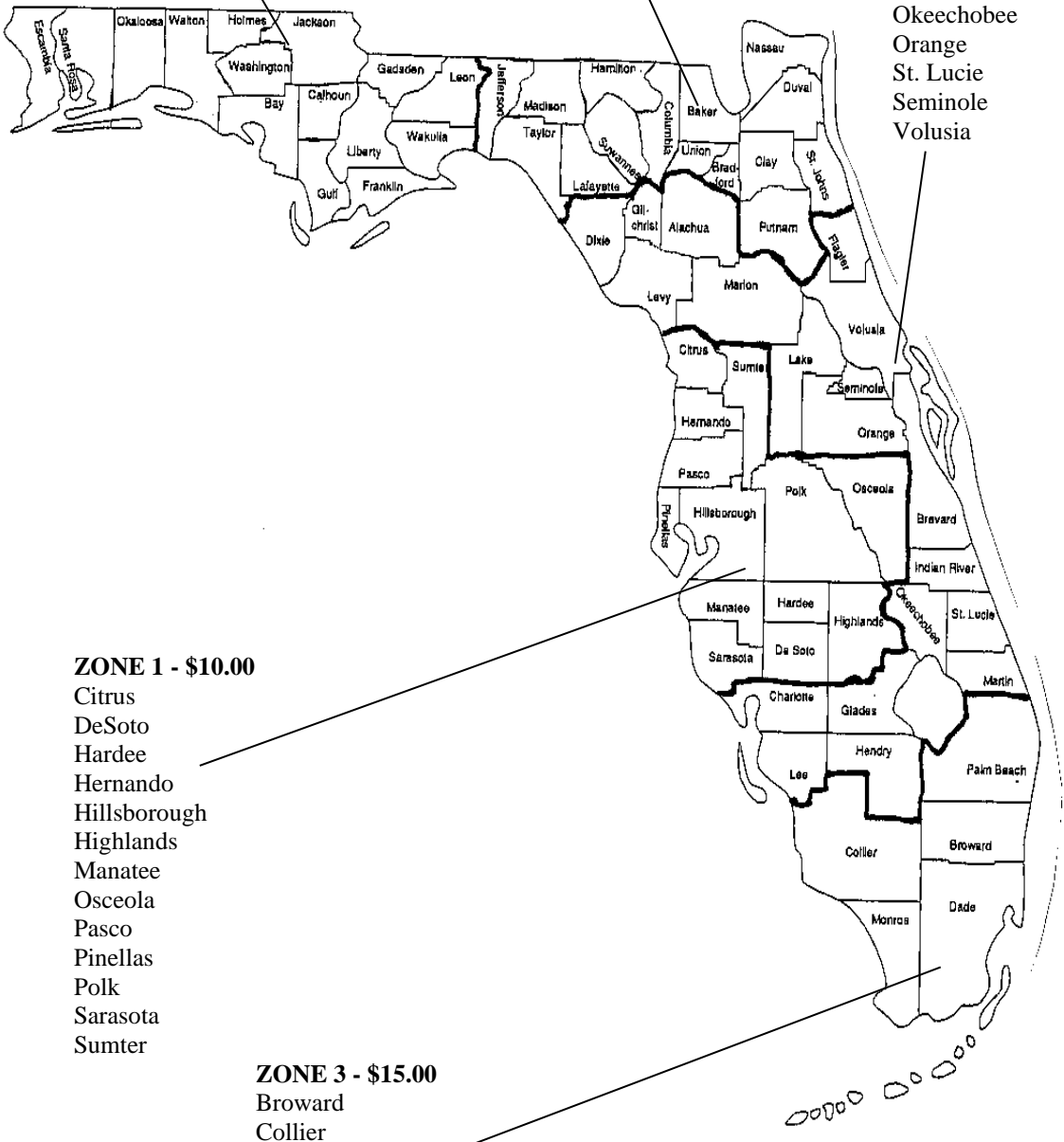
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- Walton
- Washington

**ZONE 3 - \$15.00**

- Baker
- Bradford
- Clay
- Columbia
- Duval
- Hamilton
- Jefferson
- Lafayette
- Madison
- Nassau
- Putnam
- St. Johns
- Suwannee
- Taylor
- Union

**ZONE 2 - \$12.50**

- Alachua
- Brevard
- Charlotte
- Dixie
- Flagler
- Gilchrist
- Glades
- Hendry
- Indian River
- Lake
- Lee
- Levy
- Marion
- Martin
- Okeechobee
- Orange
- St. Lucie
- Seminole
- Volusia



**ZONE 1 - \$10.00**

- Citrus
- DeSoto
- Hardee
- Hernando
- Hillsborough
- Highlands
- Manatee
- Osceola
- Pasco
- Pinellas
- Polk
- Sarasota
- Sumter

**ZONE 3 - \$15.00**

- Broward
- Collier
- Dade
- Monroe
- Palm Beach