

YOUTH DAIRY SHOW

February 13 - 16, 2026

Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey

Superintendent Chris Decubellis
Assistant Superintendent.....Chris Holcomb

Educational Opportunities See Point Categories on page 7

Ownership Deadline December 1, 2025



Online Entry Due Date December 5, 2025
(No paper entry forms will be accepted for the 2026 Fair.)
1st Late Entry Period December 12, 2025
..... (Double Entry Fee)
Final Late Entry Period January 12, 2026
..... (Double Entry Fee plus \$100.00)

Deadline for Scholarship Applications December 5, 2025



Youth Livestock Grant Application January 12, 2026

Record Book Deadline... Hand Delivered or Postmarked
..... On or Before January 12, 2026
****NO RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT**
CHECK-IN – See Rules on page 8

YQCA Certification Deadline..... Postmarked
..... On or Before January 12, 2026
****Please Note: This is an optional Champion Youth Point**
Opportunity and NOT a Show Requirement (see page 8)

Chapter/Club must notify the Fair of Designated Student..... January 12, 2026

Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care
Workshop Deadline January 19, 2026
*****This workshop is REQUIRED for ALL students**
entered in the Youth Dairy Show. (See page 10 for
details)

SHOW SCHEDULE

Arrival..... Feb. 13, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Check-in at Booth..... Feb. 13, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**All Educational Posters In

Skillathon/Record Book Skills Test..... Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
Seniors start at 4:00 p.m.
Intermediates & Juniors start times will be
announced after check-in.

Exhibitor Meeting..... Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

FFA Dairy Judging Feb. 14, 7:30 a.m. (Reg.)
FFA Dairy Written Test..... Feb. 14, 8 a.m.
(FOR QUALIFIED FFA TEAMS ONLY)

4-H Dairy Judging Contest Feb. 14, 9 a.m. (Reg.)
4-H/FFA Dairy Judging Contest..... 9:30 a.m. (Contest)
4-H/FFA Dairy Judging Lunch..... 11:30 a.m.
4-H/FFA Dairy Judging Reasons..... 1 p.m. (Arena)
Judging Awards at Dairy Social
Showmanship (Jr., Int., Sr.) Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.



Youth Dairy Show/Heifer Classes Feb. 15
..... 1 hour after the Open Dairy Heifer Show ends
Dairy Social..... Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Announce Champion Youth.....Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

Youth & Open Dairy Cow Classes.....Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m.
ReleaseFeb. 16, 4 p.m.

Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of 2
Youth Livestock Shows at the 2026 Florida State Fair.

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. Only Florida residents who are bona fide 4-H or YLPA members (8 years old or older, as of September 1, 2025), and FFA members will be eligible to enter. All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H Club Program, YLPA Club Program, or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida. Anyone who has graduated from High School, dropped out of High School, or is currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class, but not attending class, shall be ineligible to enter or show. 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 and state organizations.

2. Only females of the five major dairy breeds may be shown. Grade animals must possess characteristics of their particular breed. Crossbred animals are not allowed.

3. Breed Association papers are preferred and highly recommended.

4. Grade animals must have a grade identification certificate. For further information on this program, contact: Chris Decubellis, UF-IFAS Dairy Extension, at (352)846-4444 or cdecube@ufl.edu.

5. Animals must be in the ownership, possession, and care of the Youth exhibitor as of December 1, 2025. The ownership date will be verified by the date on Registration, Grade ID papers, and/or Lease Agreement.

6. ALL GRADE IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS AND LEASE AGREEMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 12TH TO BE VALID FOR THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

7. Registration or Grade Identity papers must show the exhibitor to be the SOLE OWNER of the animal unless an official Lease Agreement or a Showman Clarification statement is on file with Chris Decubellis' office (See Ownership Rule #2 in regard to leases). See Lease/Grade ID Information in the box in the Ownership section. PLEASE NOTE: If any name other than the youth appears on the Registration Papers, lease papers must be filed showing the animal is the project of that single exhibitor.

8. Exhibitors must present the original Registration Paper or Grade ID Paper at the time of Check-in. No animal will be shown without the presentation of these papers. PLEASE NOTE: Papers must reflect the exhibitor to be the owner of the animal as of December 1, 2025.

9. It is the Fair's intent to allow chapters/clubs to show and

exhibit in the Youth Dairy Show to provide an opportunity for participation and learning to students who might otherwise not have the opportunity. Chapter animals must be registered in the name of the chapter. However, separate individuals may be designated to show separate animals by paying a separate entry fee for each animal and specifying the student's name in addition to the chapter name. It is required that the student be assigned to show that animal while at the Fair. That same exhibitor (the one that shows the animal in a class) may enter showmanship.

10. Chapter animals must be shown by a member of that chapter.

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

CHAPTERS/CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) that will enter and compete in all events. That student will be the representative for the Show, Skillathon, Record Book Skills Test, Showmanship, and all other competitions. The age of the student(s) will determine the division of their competition (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior). Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) by January 12, 2026 (hand-delivered, faxed, emailed, or postmarked – Metered Mail will not be considered as a valid or legitimate postmark). If the name is not received by January 12, 2026, the animal(s) will be allowed to show and compete for animal premiums ONLY. The Chapter/Club will not qualify for Achievement Premiums or participation in the Champion of Champion program. All Chapters/Clubs must have a Federal ID number to enter. The appropriate form is located on the website.

CHAPTER/CLUBS MUST ENTER SEPARATE ONLINE ENTRIES FOR EACH EXHIBITOR

ENTRIES

1. Each exhibitor may enter and show only one animal in each class with a maximum of 6 animals in the show.

2. There is a \$25 entry fee per exhibitor for the Youth Dairy Show. Overpayments will not be refunded if \$25.00 or less. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.

3. Entry Due Date - All entries must be submitted and paid online on or before December 5, 2025. Hand-delivered or mailed entries **WILL NOT** be accepted this year. 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.

Payment is required at the time of the online entry. The entry fee will be determined by the date entries are submitted online.

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 6th & 12th, 2025 is subject to space availability and will be charged double (\$50.00) entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 13, 2025 & January 12, 2026, is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees plus a \$100.00 fee (Youth).

4. TO EXPEDITE THE CHECK-IN PROCESS AT THE FAIR, IT IS MANDATORY THAT COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS BE MAILED, EMAILED, OR FAXED TO THE

AGRIBUSINESS OFFICE PRIOR TO THE FAIR (PENDING PAPERS CAN BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN).

5. All entries must be submitted through the Online submission process. All information is available on our website – www.floridastatefairag.com

Please Note: Exhibitors registering online **MUST** collect all the Mandatory signatures required on the **Signature Page** (Ag Teacher, YLPA Representative, or County Extension Agent, and 4-H Leader, Parent, and Exhibitor). The Signature Page is located on page 18 and the website. Exhibitors must submit the document to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. The Signature Page can be uploaded in the Livestock Entry Documents link on the website under the Registration tab. Exhibitors are able to upload, email, fax, or mail to finalize the entry process.

6. 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 entry date timestamp.

7. Exhibitors **MUST** indicate during the online entry process whether or not they plan to keep their animal(s) at a location other than the home place of the exhibitor or the Land Lab for FFA Chapter animals. Failure to provide this information may result in disqualification.

8. 4-H, YLPA, and FFA animals will show together in one show.

9. Any youth exhibitor with a registered animal desiring to enter the Open Show must meet the Open Show entry deadline on December 5, 2025, and pay the regular \$25.00 entry fee per animal.

10. ALL INFORMATION, SIGNATURES AND ENTRY FEE MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ACCEPTED AND QUALIFY FOR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.

11. All substitutions must be emailed to Shayla.Ashmore@FloridaStateFair.com on or before Thursday, February 5th. Only two substitutions can be made at check-in and must be submitted on the Substitution Form. The ownership deadline of December 1, 2025, will still apply to substituted animals.

12. FFA/4-H/YLPA PRIDE AWARDS: Any FFA Chapter, YLPA or 4-H Club/County that would like to be stalled together and enter the Youth Dairy Pride Awards must fill out the Entry Form located on the website. Only one entry form per Chapter/Club.

13. Only animals entered and shown in the Youth Dairy Show and checked by the state veterinarian will be allowed in the barns. No exceptions!!!

OWNERSHIP

1. Youth animals must be in possession, ownership (lease), and care of the exhibitor as of December 1, 2025.

2. Only the State 4-H/FFA/YLPA Lease Agreements will be considered valid lease agreements for the State Fair Youth Dairy Show. All leases must reflect the date of possession, lease, and care of the animal as of December 1, 2025. The lease agreement must specify the animal(s) to be shown. Any substituted animal must be listed on the original lease papers. (See Lease/Grade ID Information box below).

3. PLEASE NOTE – Properly authorized State 4-H/FFA/YLPA leased animals will be eligible to show in the Open Dairy Show.

LEASE/ GRADE ID INFORMATION

Contact **Chris Decubellis** for information on Leases, Showman Clarification Statements, and Grade ID papers. Chris Decubellis can be contacted at (352) 846-4444 or cdecube@ufl.edu. IMPORTANT: Application for Leases and Grade ID Papers must be made as soon as the animal is purchased/leased. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 12TH TO BE VALID FOR THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR.** PLEASE NOTE: Dates on these papers must reflect the date of possession and care to be on or before December 1st so it is critical that papers are filed immediately upon start of the project. Properly authorized leased animals will be eligible to show and exhibit in the Open Dairy Show.

ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare, and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.
2. Adults (other than parents) or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in the preparation or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.
3. All preparation will be done in a designated area.
4. **NO FULLBODY OR BODY CLIPPING WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE FAIR DURING THE YOUTH DAIRY SHOW.**
5. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.
6. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, Achievement premiums, etc. will be forfeited.

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. 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 definitions in Section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

- (1) Accredited tuberculosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (2) Accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (3) Accredited veterinarian. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (4) Approved livestock facility. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- (5) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(6) Certified brucellosis-free state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(7) Certified brucellosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(8) Classified brucellosis-Class A state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(9) Department. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(10) Electronic Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ECVI). An electronic certificate provided by USDA Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System or a third-party vendor approved by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) ECVI Data Standards Subcommittee and issued by licensed and accredited veterinarians in animal's state of origin.

(11) Exhibition. Any fair allowing the displaying or presenting livestock, including poultry, to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show.

(12) Fair(s). Annual public fair as defined in F.S. 616.001, that exhibits domestic animals.

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

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

(15) Market class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals.

(16) Official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(17) Official individual identification. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(18) Official test. A test conducted by a licensed and accredited veterinarian with method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(19) Owner. The owner of the animal or herd or the owner's authorized agent.

(20) Pseudorabies. A contagious, infectious herpesvirus, causing communicable disease of livestock and other animals also known as Aujeszky's disease or mad itch.

(21) Recognized slaughtering establishment. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(22) Swine brucellosis. An infectious bacterial disease caused by *Brucella suis* (B. suis) biovars 1 or 3, most frequently affecting swine but able to cause disease in other animals and humans.

(23) Terminal swine show. An exhibition market class consisting of swine that are isolated and housed separately from all other animals and designated for slaughter only channels. (24) Validated brucellosis-free herd, as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2024). This definition of validated brucellosis-free herd is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17727>.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 1-1995, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

- (1) OCVI Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI.

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

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

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

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

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days.

(3) Inspection. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be made available for inspection by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required Official Individual Identification of the Animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and (c) Evidence of compliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(4) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

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

(b) Any Animal not meeting the Official Individual Identification requirements, or

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

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

2. Examined at the owner's expense, by a Florida-licensed accredited veterinarian who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious diseases and pests. The accredited veterinarian's examination must take place within 24 hours of the initial inspection by the authorized representative.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.003, 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 585.162 FS. History—New 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18, 12-8-24.



5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

(1) OCVI Required.

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

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

(2) Official Identification Required. All cattle or bison entered for exhibition purposes, including market class animals, must have an official individual identification. If the breed registry and brand or tattoo are used to complete the identification requirements, then the breed registry number and brand or tattoo must be listed on the OCVI accompanying the animal to exhibition.

(3) Testing Requirements.

(a) Tuberculosis.

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

2. Dairy Cattle. Dairy cattle imported into Florida, may be entered for exhibition provided they have: a. a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition, or; b. originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd in an accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone.

3. Beef Cattle. Beef cattle or bison imported into Florida may be entered for exhibition provided they have: a. a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition or; b. originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd or state.

(b) Brucellosis.

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

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers; and

b. Cattle or bison originating from,

(I) a certified brucellosis-free herd. The OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test, or;

(II) a classified brucellosis-free state or area, or;

(III) Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from a classified brucellosis-Class A state or area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

Rulemaking Authority 270.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 7-25-66, 11-15-67, 1-1-70, 7-1-71, 9-1-72, 8-7-77, 8-8-79, 9-30-80, 6-26-83, Formerly 5C-4.02, Amended 417-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

**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. All exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own water and feed troughs. Exhibitors are encouraged NOT to water their animal at any other exhibitors' watering trough.

3. 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 wooded portion of the tie panels.

4. Feed, care, and management of animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Sawdust will be provided for bedding. Exhibitors may also use straw 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.

5. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless prior approval has been received from show management.

6. Only animals being shown will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

7. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get in the show ring on time. The PA system is a courtesy ONLY. Exhibitors are expected to be on time for their classes.

8. All animals showing as Senior two-years-old and older must show evidence of reproduction.

9. Cows three years old and older must be freshened at least

once. Any animals not meeting these requirements as determined by the Superintendent will be disqualified.

10. All animals must be dehorned.

11. 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.

12. The physical condition of an entrant or entry, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant or entry to participate in the show and exhibition, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show or exhibition.

13. 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.

14. **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARNs.**

15. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.

16. The use of alcohol is prohibited in barns and livestock areas.



17. Any animal may be used for judging or promotional purposes.

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 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 exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

ARRIVAL

1. **Please Note: Youth Dairy animals will arrive on Friday, Feb. 13th from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

2. All cattle must enter through the Livestock Gate at the Orient Road entrance, which is located on the west side of the fairgrounds.

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 Livestock Office by January 12th, 2026. Exhibitors will be notified by February 1st if the request has been approved. Requests can be emailed to Shavla.Ashmore@FloridaStateFair.com.**

4. It is most important that health certificates, Grade Identification Certificates or Registration papers, and Lease Agreements be available on arrival at the fairgrounds. All papers should stay with animals as long as they remain on the Fairgrounds.

5. **All trailers will be parked in a location adjacent to or near the Fairgrounds.**

6. Any animals arriving late due to an emergency must call the Livestock Office at 813-627-4229

ADMISSION

1. Each exhibitor will be issued three (3) armbands for the duration of the show. These are intended for use by exhibitors and parents. The exception will be made when more than one exhibitor is from the same family. Any additional exhibitors from the same family will be issued 1 armband.

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

3. **Vehicle/Trailer Parking Passes:** All Trailers will be parked in the designated areas within the interior of the grounds. Exhibitors will receive a Vehicle Pass for the duration of the show to be able to park in the Ag Lot outside of Gate 3. Only vehicles with the appropriate tags are permitted in this area.

4. **Each passenger must have an armband or admission pass.**

5. **Livestock Gate Drop-Offs Times** (This is in addition to arrival): Vehicles will be allowed to enter through the Livestock Gate between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and 3 pm to 6 pm to drop off needed feed and/or supplies. After unloading supplies, vehicles will proceed to the Ag Lot for parking.

6. **Parking Map and Detailed Instructions** will be posted on the Agribusiness Website prior to the Fair.

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

8. **Champion of Champion Lot: Limited Parking Spaces** can be purchased by Exhibitors within the interior of the grounds. All information will be posted on the FSF Agribusiness website. Spaces will open for purchase on January 1, 2026. All proceeds will go towards the Youth participating in the Champion of Champions program



JUDGING



1. **The Youth Dairy Heifer Classes will begin 1 hour after the Open Dairy Show Heifer Classes end on Sunday, February 15, 2026. The Youth & Open Dairy Cow Classes will start on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.**



2. **Separate shows will be held for each breed. Shows will be in alphabetical order by breed.**



3. **Any class with more than 20 animals showing will be split into separate class categories. This applies to both registered animals and grade animals.**



4. **The American System of Judging will be used.**

5. A Grand Champion in each breed will be selected and receive an award, **providing there are blue ribbon animals in at least two classes & more than 6 head in a show.**

6. A screening committee will inspect animals on arrival. Any animal not found suitable to show will be removed from the grounds.

7. All animals shown in the Youth Dairy Show must be in good physical condition and properly fitted so as to be a credit to the Show and exhibition. Animals not meeting minimum standards in the opinion of the judge will **not receive** recognition or premium money.

8. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.

9. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see General Disputes Policy).

10. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

11. 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 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.

ATTIRE

For showmanship and show, all exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and dressed according to the standards of the youth organization they are representing. White is preferred for dairy cattle. 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 are strongly recommended. YLPA – Dark blue jeans, black collared shirt with logo patch. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. Exhibitors not conforming to the Dress Code will not be allowed to enter the Show Ring.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Animals of similar ages, regardless of register, non-register, or grade, will be shown in the same class.

2. Premium monies will be paid to the exhibitor.

3. 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.

4. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2026.

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.

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

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

RELEASE

1. Youth Dairy cattle will be released Monday, February 16th at 4 p.m.

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

EXHIBITOR MEETING

There will be a meeting for Youth Dairy Exhibitors at 7:30 pm, Friday, February 13th in the TECO Arena. This meeting is highly recommended for ALL exhibitors.



ANIMAL PREMIUMS

The Florida State Fair Authority will award premiums based on the American System of Judging:

1 st Place.....	\$50.00
2 nd Place.....	\$45.00
3 rd Place.....	\$40.00
4 th Place.....	\$35.00
5 th Place.....	\$30.00
6 th Place – 10 th Place.....	\$25.00
Grand Champion.....	\$50.00 and Award
Reserve Champion.....	\$25.00 and Award
Rosette – Classes 8,9,17,18	

YOUTH DAIRY SHOW

Any breed show having shown less than ten (10) animals by 2 different breeders, for two (2) consecutive years will be cancelled the following year.

Youth Dairy Show Classes

Class No.

1. Fall Heifer Calf born September 1 – November 30, 2025 (animals must be weaned)

*** Holstein Classes Only**

- 1A. Fall Heifer Calf born September 16 – November 30, 2025 (animals must be weaned)

- 1B. Fall Heifer Calf born September 1 – 15, 2025 (animals must be weaned)

2. Summer Heifer Calf born June 1 – August 31, 2025
3. Spring Heifer Calf born March 1 – May 31, 2025
4. Winter Yearling born December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025
5. Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1- November 30, 2024
6. Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1 – August 31, 2024
7. Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1 – May 30, 2024 (Any yearling in milk will be shown in two-year-old class)
8. JUNIOR CHAMPION
9. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION
10. Junior Two-year-Old Cow born September 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024
11. Senior Two-year-old Cow born March 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023 (Cow must have calved and be in milk)
12. Three-year-old Cow born March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
13. Four-year-old Cow born March 1, 2021 – February 29, 2022
14. Five-year-old Cow born March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021
15. Aged Cow born before March 1, 2020
16. Dry Cow Class – any animal born before September 1, 2023, that has had one or more lactations and is currently dry.

17. SENIOR CHAMPION

18. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION

19. GRAND CHAMPION

20. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

*21. Bred by Exhibitor – Junior Animal (Classes 1-7)

*22. Bred by Exhibitor-Senior Animal (Classes 10-16)

***For classes 21 & 22 – Exhibitors will enter these classes after the Exhibitor Meeting on February 13th. Exhibitors DO NOT need to pre-register for these classes. Exhibitors must have registration papers in hand at the time of entry.**

Registered or Grade animals may compete if the youth has registration papers or an ID that shows he owned the dam of the animal when bred to produce that animal.

***Classes 1A & 1B – 1st place winners will return for Jr. Championship class.**

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM!!

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. The Champion of Champions program is the means to which exhibitors can take advantage of these opportunities. By taking part in the various activities listed below exhibitors may earn additional monies which we call Achievement Premiums. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in the educational events listed below. Participation in the Champion of Champions Program is optional. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event they participate in and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionately for their involvement.

The point system will be as follows:

- Entry correct & complete.....	0 or 10 points
- Educational Seminars or YQCA.....	0 – 30 points*
- Record Book – Mandatory.....	0 – 100 points
- Record Book Skills Test – Mandatory.....	0 – 100 points
- Skillathon – Mandatory.....	0 – 100 points
- Showmanship (Each Age Group).....	0 – 100 points
1 st Place	20 points
2 nd Place	15 points
3 rd Place	10 points
4 th Place	5 points
Blue Award	80 points
Red Award	70 points
White Award	60 points
- Educational Poster	0 – 30 points
- Presentation Video	0 – 100 points
570 Total Points possible	

**Please Note: Exhibitors can only do one of these two events.*

- All points will be totaled and exhibitors will be ranked in order of point totals.

CHAMPION YOUTH

A Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the Florida State Fair. This exhibitor will be selected based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

SENIOR AGE CATEGORY**

Champion Youth -	\$500 Cash Award
2 nd Place -	\$400 Cash Award
3 rd Place -	\$300 Cash Award
4 th Place -	\$200 Cash Award

INTERMEDIATE AGE CATEGORY

Champion Youth -\$100 Cash Award


JUNIOR

Champion Youth -\$75 Cash Award



Please Note: Only Senior exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the Champion of Champions Round Robin contest. Intermediate and Junior exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skillathon and Record Book Skills Test that are designated for their age levels.

- Available achievement premium dollars will be allocated on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total achievement premium dollars – thus determining a dollar value per point).

 **Tie breakers will be in this order: 1) Skillathon, 2) Record Book Test, and 3) Record Book.**

PLEASE NOTE: Champion Youth - an exhibitor can only place in the top four - 2 times within a show.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

IMPORTANT!!!! **SENIOR CHAMPION YOUTH** **&** **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

The top four (4) Senior Exhibitors based on points will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions Round Robin competition. See the “Champion of Champions” section on the website for additional information.

*** Senior exhibitors must compete in the Final Round Robin Champion of Champions Contest to receive cash monies.*


PLEASE NOTE: Champion of Champions - an exhibitor can only win 1st place in the Champion of Champions Contest one time – after that, they will qualify for Achievement Premiums only.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2026 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap, they will be provided with the names and addresses of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a Thank You letter to the sponsor.
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair.

Checks for Achievement Premiums will be issued when a copy of the thank-you letters to the sponsors has been received.

 **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.**

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS **ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS –** **POINT CATEGORIES**



EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/CAMP

1. PLEASE NOTE: There will be multiple seminar sessions offered this year.

2. The Educational Seminar will be held as follows:

Florida State Fairgrounds

September 6, 2025 – Poultry 101 Workshop

Rabbit Workshop

Sheep Workshop

September 13, 2025 – Cattle ABC's Clinic

September 20, 2025 – Dairy All Breed Clinic

Swine ABC's Clinic

September 27, 2025 – Goat Camp

3. Exhibitors can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Seminar.

4. Please Note: Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to seminars.

5. For pre-registration visit our website:

WWW.FLORIDASTATEFAIRAG.COM.

YQCA - YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (Alternative to attending the Seminar) -

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA is available as an online program for youth everywhere in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where state 4-H, YLPA, or FFA offices or state/national livestock organizations have partnered to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops.

1. All exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by completing this online certification.


2. A maximum of 30 points can be earned by becoming YQCA certified.

3. YQCA certification information and online training are available at <https://www.yqcaprogram.org/>. Please be aware that there will be a cost associated with this program.

4. A copy of the exhibitor's YQCA certificate must be mailed to the Agribusiness office on or before January 12, 2026.

5. Contact the Florida State Fair Agribusiness office with any questions at 813-627-4229.

RECORD BOOK – MANDATORY

 **1. PLEASE NOTE: The Fair will be collecting/judging all the Record Books prior to the Fair. Record Books must be postmarked or hand-delivered on or before January 12, 2026.** Please note: you must turn in a completed record book to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions competition. **NO RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN.** The completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Club Leader, YLPA Representative, or Agriculture Teacher.

2. A Record Book is available on the website, at the seminar, or upon request.

3. **Mail completed record books to: Youth Dairy Show, Florida State Fair, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, Florida 33680.**

4. **An Online General Record Book is available at <https://fsf.zsuite.org>. Exhibitors are able to complete the record book online, however, they MUST still print it off for needed signatures and have it postmarked or hand-delivered on or before January 12, 2026.**

A tutorial is available on our website on how to create an account and navigate the online record book.

5. All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 – 100 and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.

6. **A Record Book is mandatory in order to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not turn in a record book will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.**

7. The Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST – MANDATORY

1 Exhibitors will be given a Record Book Skills Test. The test will cover all aspects of record keeping on their animal project.

2. Juniors answer Junior designated questions. Intermediates answer Junior and Intermediate designated questions. Seniors answer Junior, intermediate and senior designated questions.

3. The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory in order to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not take the test will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

SKILLATHON – MANDATORY

1. A Skillathon will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Skills Test.

2. The Skillathon is a series of “hands-on” stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.

3. A Skillathon study guide is available on the website, at the seminar, or upon request.

4. Junior exhibitors only need to do Junior-level skills, and Intermediate exhibitors only need to do Junior and Intermediate-level skills. Senior exhibitors must do ALL level skills.

5. The Skillathon is mandatory in order to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not participate in the Skillathon will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional

Educational Poster may earn 30 points maximum.

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.

2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.

3. Posters must be turned in during designated check-in.

4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. Acceptable poster size:

a. 22” x 28”

b. 20” x 30”

6. Acceptable material for poster:

a. Posterboard

b. Foam board

7. No attachments to the poster to extend the acceptable size of the poster.

8. Poster attachments must be within the poster size not exceeding 1’ in depth.

9. Posters must relate to the 2026 Skillathon topic of Health. Posters are not to be on showmanship.

10. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in the current year or future years. Once the poster is judged/displayed it is disqualified for additional competition within the current year or future years. Posters are either photographed or marked submitted. The decision of the judge is final.

11. Other requirements:

a. Poster must have a title

b. Poster must have your name on the back and exhibitor’s age as of September 1, 2025

c. If the poster is a game/activity it must have instructions and an answer key **ON FRONT**.

d. If other resources (such as journals, and websites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.

12. See page 13 at the end of the Rules and Regulations for

the Poster Scoring Rubric.

13. Posters will be disqualified for:

a. Incorrect Poster Size

b. Not on current year Skillathon topic

c. Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook).

d. Previously judged poster in other category current year or past years.

PRESENTATION VIDEO – Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by submitting a Presentation Video. Videos can be individual or team Illustrated Talk Video or Demonstration Video.

Demonstration – A finished product, in the end, is completed.

Illustrated Talk – Talk about what to do; no product is completed at the end

2. Videos must be registered for each animal project.

3. A team consists of 2 youth exhibitors who are both entered in the same species competition at the 2026 Florida State Fair. In order for both exhibitors to receive points both must have speaking parts in the Video.

4. Exhibitors must compose an original video based on their own research and use of Skillathon materials. Assistance in recording the Presentation Video is allowed.

5. The topic of Illustrated Talk or Demonstration must relate to the Skillathon topic of Health as related to Dairy. This does not include showmanship.

6. Length of Video:

Juniors 3 to 5 minutes

Intermediates 5 to 7 minutes

Seniors 7 to 10 minutes

7. Exhibitors are required to be in Official Show Attire when doing presentations.

8. Failure to adhere to the rules may result in disqualification.

9. Since all videos will be judged prior to the Fair, **all video registration forms with video link must be submitted on or before January 12, 2026**. Each exhibitor must complete the Online Registration Form which is located on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website –

www.floridastatefairag.com. **All videos will need to be uploaded to YouTube on or before January 12, 2026. Please Note: Videos on DVD or CD will not be accepted!!! Please keep the video open on YouTube until the end of the Florida State Fair.**

10. Videos become the property of the Florida State Fair with the right to be published for promotions or training.

11. Please refer to Page 14 of the rules and regulations for additional information on “How to Create a Presentation Video” and “How to Submit Entries.”

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST – Optional

1. Judging will take place on Saturday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m.

2. Exhibitor must show their own animal and that animal must be entered in the Youth Show.

3. Exhibitors must adhere to the Attire Statement as outlined in Youth Dairy Rules.

4. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded for 2nd – 4th place in each age category – 1st place will receive an award.

5. Age Categories: (As of September 1, 2025)

8 years old

9 years old

10 years old

11 years old

12 years old
13 years old
14 years old
15 years old
16 years old
17 years & Older

DIVISIONS:

Junior..... 8, 9 & 10 year olds
Intermediate..... 11, 12 & 13 year olds
Senior..... 14, 15, 16, 17 & older
DIVISION WINNERS..... BELT BUCKLE

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING

The judge will be looking for the following:

Appearance of Animal
Cleanliness, Grooming, Clipping, Condition and Thriftiness
Appearance of Exhibitor
Showing Animal in the Ring
Leading, Posing, Show Animal to Best Advantage, Poise, Alertness, Attitude

BILL CAREY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Family of Bill Carey and the Florida State Fair have established this award in memory of William "Bill" Carey. Mr. Carey had been extremely active in the Youth Dairy Show for many years. His passing was a true loss to this program.

This award will be given to a deserving Youth Exhibitor. The recipient will be selected by the Show Committee.

The winner of this award will receive \$100.00 cash.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2026 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for three (3) Fair Seasons, not 3 calendar years.

For the 2025/2026 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 24, 25, or 26 are current and valid.

The requirements are as follows:

ALL STUDENTS THAT ARE ENTERED IN THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

- THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE ON JANUARY 19, 2026.

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

****Please note: Even though you have attended an Ethics Workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.**

You may check your current certification number by going to our website – www.floridastatefairag.com and clicking on the Ethics / Verification tab.

We will offer On-Site Workshops to new exhibitors and anyone who needs to be renewed. At this time, it is unclear if any ZOOM classes will be offered.

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, and dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops that will be held around the state. Please check the website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP, THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, AND THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRANT PROGRAM

See Rules & Application on the website

YOUTH STEER, BEEF & DAIRY EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE JAN DILLARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

See Rules & Application on the website

CAMPGROUND

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. ALL GOLF CARTS MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO BE DRIVEN ON FAIRGROUNDS.

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

SHOWERS/EXHIBITOR CHANGING AREA

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

2. Access to shower facilities will be allowed to Livestock Exhibitors through the Agribusiness Office.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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

QUALITY ASSURANCE 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 families at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal 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 that 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 exhibitions 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 that 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 were 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 or 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 the 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 the same are incorporated by reference herein.

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FSF 2026 EDUCATIONAL POSTER RUBRIC

This rubric lists the criteria for the judging of your poster and is used as the scoring tool for the judging. It was developed to inform you as to how your poster was evaluated.

DQ: See above for required poster size/thickness. Any other size/thickness will be disqualified.

CRITERIA	5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 – 1 Points	SCORE
Required Elements	1.SIZE *Thickness (1” or less) *22” x 28” OR 20” x 30” 2.ON FRONT *Title *Current Skillathon topic *Game or Activity – Needs instruction and answer key 3.ON BACK *Name and age (as of 9/1/2025) *Cite Resources	Missing one key element	Missing two key elements	Missing three or more key elements	5 4 3 2 1 <u>Disqualified</u> Incorrect size Incorrect current topic Previously judged Plagiarism
Labels	All items/pictures are labeled and easily read from at least 3 ft. NO BRAND NAMES	Pics/Labels are present but somewhat small	Too small to read	Brand names present and/or no pics/labels	5 4 3 2 1
Accuracy	Detailed, accurate facts/details/definitions are displayed in youth’s own words	Accurate facts/details/definition are displayed in youth’s own words	Some accurate facts/details/definition are displayed in youth’s own words.	Limited information	5 4 3 2 1
Attractiveness	Exceptional use of space, attractive and neat.	Good use of space, attractive and neat.	Some use of space, attractive, and neat was attempted.	Lacks neatness and effort.	5 4 3 2 1
Grammar & Spelling	Grammar and spelling are accurate.	1 grammar and/or spelling error.	2 grammar and/or spelling errors.	3 or more grammar and/or spelling errors.	5 4 3 2 1
Effort	Exceptional effort, planning and pride is displayed.	Good effort, planning and pride is displayed.	Basic effort, planning and pride is displayed.	Minimal effort, planning or pride is displayed.	5 4 3 2 1
TOTAL					/30

DQ: Not Current Skill-a-ton Topic

DQ: Previously judged poster in other category current year or past years.

DQ: Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook).

Updated: March 2024

Florida State Fair Presentation Video

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by submitting a Presentation Video. Videos can be individual or team Illustrated Talk Video or Demonstration Video in the animal areas of **BEEF, STEER, SHEEP, DAIRY, AND GOATS**.

1. Demonstration - A finished product, in the end, is completed.
2. Illustrated Talk – Talk about what to do; no product is completed at the end.

***Voiceovers and interview format are not acceptable**

2. Videos must be registered for each animal project. In the case of Beef & Steer, it may be the same video, but it needs to have a separate registration form.
3. A team consists of 2 youth exhibitors who are both entered in the same specie competition at the 2026 Florida State Fair. In order for both exhibitors to receive points both must have speaking parts in the Video.
4. Exhibitors must compose an original video based on their own research and use of Skillathon materials. Assistance in recording the Presentation Video is allowed.
5. Topic of Presentation Video must relate to the Skillathon topic of Products and Marketing as related to your project of Beef, Steer, Sheep, Dairy, or Goat.
6. Length of Presentation Video:

Juniors - 3 to 5 minutes

Intermediate – 5 to 7 minutes

Seniors – 7 to 10 minutes

**** 5 points will be deducted from the REQUIREMENT category**

7. Exhibitors are required to be in Official Show Attire when doing the presentation.
8. Failure to adhere to the rules may result in disqualification, which is the decision of the judges.
9. Since all videos will be judged prior to the Fair, **all video registration forms with video link must be submitted on or before January 12, 2026**. Each exhibitor must complete the Online Registration Form which is located on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website – www.floridastatefairag.com. **All videos will need to be uploaded to YouTube on or before January 12, 2026. Please Note: Videos on DVD or CD will not be accepted!!! Please keep the video open on YouTube until the end of the Florida State Fair.**
10. Videos become the property of the Florida State Fair with rights to publish for promotion or training.
11. Please refer to the appropriate Pages of the Youth Beef, Steer, Sheep, Dairy, or Goat Rules and Regulations for additional information on “How to Create a Presentation Video” and “How to Submit Registration Form with Video Link”.

How to Create a Presentation Video

1. Preparing your Presentation

- a. Related to the Skillathon topic for the current year.
- b. Within the time limit:
 - Juniors – 3 to 5 minutes
 - Intermediates – 5 to 7 minutes
 - Seniors – 7 to 10 minutes
- c. Introduction – Body – Summary
- d. Use the judging sheet to assist in your preparation

2. Resources on 'How to Do an Presentation'

- a. *Visual Communication*, Ricky Telg, Professor UF/IFAS CALS
<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/WC101>
- b. 4-H Presentation Manual, University of California. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/346386.pdf>
- c. *Do a Visual Presentation*, Stacey Ellison, Regional Specialized Agent Florida 4-H.
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/4H/4H16300.pdf> 4HGCO59

3. Preparing to Video

- a. Equipment
 - Video Camera, Camera with video ability
 - Microphone
 - Tripod
 - Lights
- b. Person to shoot the video
- c. Set-up of your video location
 - Small room – normal 8' ceiling height
 - Place your demo table in front of a blank wall
 - Place an easel/screen to one side
 - Make sure the light source is to the camera's back
- d. Filming
 - Film at time without distracting noise, traffic, phone ringing, etc.
 - Make sure your outfit is **official show attire** (required) and that it does not bleed into the wall color.
 - Straight shots: Introduction – middle and ending
 - Overhead shots: Specific "how-to" in the middle
 - film overhead shots separately and edit into the main video
 - move the tripod to table and turn the camera looking down on the table; here you can shoot your hands putting items together and get a better video of what you are doing.
- e. Audio
 - A good video has an excellent audio. Types of microphones are **lavaliere** (clip-on), **hand-held**, and **shotgun** (very long and attach to camera- very sensitive). Many cameras have audio, check if an external microphone such as a lavaliere can be used. Test your internal microphone before filming. If you can use an external microphone, a lavaliere microphone is suggested. It allows for movement as you demonstrate.

f. Lighting

Test the lighting in the room for a sample video shot. Will it wash out the speaker or cast shadows? Secure external lighting to highlight the speaker and table. The lighting should be parallel to the camera towards the film area.

4. Lights – Camera – ACTION

- a. Practice first before shooting
- b. After a few practice runs, now shoot a sample
- c. Review the video

Does it appear seamless?

How is the lighting? Are there problem areas to fix?

Is the audio clear and understandable?

Check the timing – are you within the limits?

Does the video flow well and is easy to follow?

- d. After fixing any parts of your demonstration, re-video
- e. When you are satisfied with your video, make sure you save it with your Title, Name, and Species

5. Submitting Your Video and Registration Form

- a. Deadline is **January 12, 2026**

Video Submission: *YouTube.com*

- Upload as **Unlisted** so that only you and the Florida State Fair have access.
- File Format must be .MP4 or .WMV
- Maximum length of any video is 10 minutes long (note your required listed times per age division)
- Instructions are available at https://youtu.be/jaftEW9WI3U?si=8j2bOHrQkUOhY_2p

Entry Form with Video Submission

- Registration Forms are located under the tab **Rules & Entry Forms** on this website <http://www.floridastatefairag.com>
- Open the Show Information page (**Youth Steer Futurity, Beef Show Rules, Youth Sheep Show Rules, Dairy Show Rules, Dairy Goat Show Rules, Boer Goat Show Rules**)
- Click on the Online Video Registration Form. Fill out the form electronically and submit the form. Make sure all required information is included – especially the **unlisted link** to your YouTube video.

Check how the video displays on YouTube...if it does not post as you would like, then troubleshoot and re-do or upload again. Be sure to identify this is an edited video in your title.



- b. Brands, Copyrights, and Trademarks**

Entries must not violate any copyrights or trademarks, including music. Here is an example of some sites that host licenses for music for your use: <http://creativecommons.org/music-communities> ; <http://www.youngfilmacademy.co.uk/student-zone/copyright-free-music>
Be sure to cite your use of any music with text over your video or a poster with its credit.

On posters or slides – do not use brand copyrights or trademarks, create your own brand and cover the brand. This will eliminate the loss of points. Just crediting the brand is NOT acceptable.

Summary Compiled by Georgene M. Bender, Regional Specialized Agent 4-H University of Florida. Credit to Ricky Telg, "Producing Your Own Video Program" AEC340, and "Producing an Educational Video" AEC343. UF/IFAS Agricultural Education and Communication Department. August 2015.

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Presentation Video Score Card

Exhibitor Name			Division (Jr,Int,Sr)		Team/Ind	
Animal Area			Time		Judge Initials	
Criteria	Max Score	Exhibitor Score	Judge's Comments			
Exhibitor (20 points)						
Appearance and Poise: Neat, well groomed, good posture, wearing official dress (4-H, FFA, or YLPA) show attire. Demonstrates confidence.	10					
Voice and Grammar: Clear voice, enunciates words. Correct grammar.	10					
Organization & Presentation (50 points)						
Introduction: Effective, interesting. Gives an explanation of the purpose of the Demo/Talk. Introduces self. Gains attention. (Team members work together and divide speaking parts equally)	10					
Use of Materials: Uses the right equipment for the Demo/Talk. Audience can see what the demonstrator is doing.	5					
Visual Aids: Well-arranged equipment, posters, charts, and supplies. Visual aids are neat and easily read. Visual aids were used in the presentation.	10					
Sequence: Steps of Demo/Talk are well organized, clear, and logical. There is evidence that the Demo/Talk was well-planned.	5					
Demonstration/Talk: There is a flow that follows the steps and materials being used. Exhibitor explains while demonstrating, filling the time during the process. Exhibitor re-phrases information and does not read verbatim from the Skillathon manual, slides, etc.	10					
Summary: Key points are summarized. Resources are cited.	10					
Subject Matter (30 points)						
Accuracy: Information is correct and current. All steps in the process shown.	5					
Requirements: Video must be on topic (current year Skillathon topic) and within the time limits for age division.	10					
Difficulty: Material presented is appropriate for the age level of the presenter.	5					
Results: Purpose of the Demo/Talk was accomplished.	10					
Total:	100					

2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR
YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW SIGNATURE PAGE



NEW for 2026 – Entries and fees must be submitted ONLINE!

Online Entry Process for the 2026 Youth Livestock Shows:

Step #1: Collect all Mandatory Signatures. (Ag Teacher, 4-H Extension Agent & 4-H Leader or YLPA Representative, Parent and Exhibitor). **For the 2026 Fair - Signature Page MUST be uploaded, emailed, faxed, or postmarked by the time of the corresponding entry due date to qualify for full points for the Achievement Premium program.**

Step #2: Visit the website at <https://fsf.fairwire.com> and complete the Online Registration on or before 11:59 p.m. **on the show's Entry Due Date.** Entries submitted during the 1st Late Entry Period will incur a double (\$50) late entry fee. Entries submitted during the Final Late Entry Period will incur a double (\$50) late entry fee + \$100.00.



Hand-delivered or mailed entries and payments will NOT be accepted for the 2026 Fair.

Step #3: Exhibitors must submit their Signature Page to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. Exhibitors can upload the document to the Florida State Fair website or email, fax, or mail it to finalize the entry process. **Email Ag@FloridaStateFair.com or fax the page to 813-740-3520.**

Exhibitor's Name or Club or Chapter _____

Circle Show(s): Youth Beef Youth Dairy Youth Sheep Youth Dairy Goat Youth Boer Goat

Chapter/Club _____ 4-H Exhibitor _____ FFA Exhibitor _____ YLPA Exhibitor _____

I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid and active member of the aforementioned organization.

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 is a bona fide paid member of the aforementioned organization.

For 4-H members - 4-H County Extension Agent _____ County _____
*** This signature is mandatory if showing 4-H!*

Print County Extension Agent 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 4-H members – 4-H Leader _____
***This signature is mandatory if you are participating in 4-H. ***

Print 4-H Leader Name _____ Phone Number _____

I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid and active member of the aforementioned organization.

For YLPA members – YLPA Representative _____
*** This signature is mandatory if showing YLPA!*

Print YLPA Representative Name _____ Phone Number _____

I hereby certify that this animal is intended for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair contained in the 2026 Youth Livestock show rules by which I, the undersigned, understand & agree to abide by. I also agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the General Disputes Policy as stated in the rules. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or animals in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida State Fair. **I understand that the 2026 Youth Livestock Shows are held in conjunction with the 2026 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 2026 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.**

Date _____ Signature of Exhibitor** _____
*** This signature is mandatory!*

Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian** _____
*** This signature is mandatory!*



**** Upload completed Signature Page at www.floridastatefairag.com, email to ag@floridastatefair.com or mail by corresponding entry date (to qualify for full achievement points) to:**

Florida State Fair
Youth (insert name of show here) Show
PO Box 11766
Tampa, FL 33680

If you have any questions about this form, please contact the office at 813-627-4229.