2027 St. Lucie County Livestock Premium Book

62nd Annual St. Lucie County Fair

Friday, February 26 through Sunday, March 07, 2027

The St. Lucie County Fair is chartered under Florida State Statue, Chapter 616 as a County Fair serving residents of St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties. The fair is dedicated to promoting agricultural, horticultural, industrial, creative arts and sciences, and educational opportunities while providing quality entertainment for everyone on the Treasure Coast.

The Fair welcomes ALL support from individuals and businesses who wish to help the Fair fully realize its goals to serve our residents and to promote our great county.

The Fair Association is recognized as a 501(C)-3 nonprofit educational organization by the Federal Government and the State of Florida.

St. Lucie County Fair Association

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COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

Welcome to the Fair!

Each year, more than four million people attend one of the numerous fairs around our state. As Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, I am enthusiastic about the positive impact fairs and livestock shows have on our youth and the agricultural industry.

Events like this one are an excellent platform for featuring our hardworking Florida farmers and showcasing the finest "Fresh From Florida" products as well as the industry's latest technological advancements and innovations.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services created and maintains the "Fresh From Florida" Program, which assists small and large producers alike by promoting the wide variety of high-quality products that are grown and harvested in Florida. I hope we can count on your support of this program - just look for items with the sunny "Fresh From Florida" logo. Together we can help our state's agricultural industry thrive.

While you are visiting the fair today, I hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy the outstanding food, entertainment, contests and youth exhibits. Most importantly, I hope your day at the fair will allow you to experience Florida's agricultural roots and its impact on our great state. Enjoy!

Sincerely,



St Lucie County Fair Association
P.O. Box 12478, Fort Pierce, FL 34979
(772)-464-2910

Hello Fair Families!

Thank you for your entry into the St. Lucie County Fair Youth Livestock Program. In this premium book you will find everything you need to complete your project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the fair office at 772-464-2910, Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Summertime hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Exhibitors at this fair are some of the finest in the industry and as the years go by, it is extremely rewarding for us to see the many generations that have followed in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents. The tradition of showcasing some of the finest livestock that St. Lucie County has to offer has been an honor for all who serve as staff, volunteers, and directors.

Whatever your interests, any of the exhibits here at the St. Lucie County Fair, be rest assured that when you arrive, that countless hours of the many volunteers have strived to make sure everything is set and ready to go. It is because of them that programs like this can continue to flourish. Thank you to all of them who make this fair better and better each year.

When showing, always do your best, act your best, and most of all have fun!!! You are the pride of not only the fair but all of St. Lucie County!!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers we welcome you to the 62nd Annual St. Lucie County Fair, Friday, February 26, through Sunday, March 07, 2027.

Sincerely,

Tracy Hurta

President

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2027 ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

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2027 ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

Monday, August 17, 2026	Market Steer ONLINE registration OPEN 7:00am
Monday, August 31, 2026	Market Steer ONLINE registration DEADLINE..... 11:59pm
Wednesday, September 9 2026	Small Animal **Leaders Only** Meeting (Building C Fairground)6:30 pm
Saturday, September 12, 2026	Market Steer Initial weigh-in/Tag-In ..... 7:00-9:00 am
Monday, September 28, 2026	Small Animal ONLINE Registration OPEN 7:00am
Monday, October 12, 2026	Market Swine ONLINE registration OPEN 7:00am
Friday, October 30, 2026	Market Swine Online Registration DEADLINE..... 11:59pm
Monday, November 02, 2026	Small Animal ONLINE registration DEADLINE..... 11:59 pm
	Small Animal sponsorships are due in the **FAIR OFFICE** ... 4:00 pm
Saturday, November 07, 2026	Market Swine Initial Weigh-In/Tag-In 7:00-9:00am
Monday November 09, 2026	Beef Breeding ONLINE Registration OPEN..... 7:00am
	Horse ONLINE Registration OPEN..... 7:00am
	Goat ONLINE Registration OPEN 7:00am
Monday November 30, 2026	Beef Breeding ONLINE Registration DEADLINE 11:59pm
Tuesday, December 01, 2026	Beef Breeding Sponsorships Due in FAIR OFFICE 4:00pm
Monday, December 14, 2026	Goat ONLINE registration DEADLINE 11:59pm
	Horse ONLINE registration DEADLINE 11:59pm
Wednesday, January 06, 2027	Horse Barn **Mandatory Meeting** (Building A)..... 7:00 pm
Monday, January 11, 2027	Goat Barn **Mandatory Meeting** (Building A) ..... 6:30 pm
Friday, February 05, 2027	Horse Record Books Due .....
Monday, February 08, 2027	Small Animal Record Books & Cage Signs due in **FAIR OFFICE** …. 5:00 pm
	Beef Breeding Record Books due at the Fair Office..... 5:00 pm
	Goat Record Books due at the Fair Office..... 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 25, 2027	Rabbits, Cavies, & Reptiles Enter..... 4:00 -5:30 pm
	Beef Breeding Enters ..... 6:00 pm
Friday, February 26, 2027	Swine Enter..... 7:00 - 9:00 am
	Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting..... 11:00am
	Swine record books due show arena ..... 11:00 am
	Beef Breeding Show..... 6:30 pm
Saturday, February 27, 2027	Small Animal Show (Rabbits, Cavy, & Reptiles)..... 8:00am
	Junior Beef Breeding Show ..... 12:30 pm
	Swine Show ..... 5:00 pm
	Beef Breeding load out ..... 9:00 pm
Sunday, February 28, 2027	Steers Enter..... 7:00 - 9:00 am
	Steer record books due show arena ..... 11:00 am
	Horse Show - Judged & Speed Events ..... 9:00 am
	Horticulture Contest – Ag-Tivity Center..... 12 -2:00 pm
	Swine Buyers Dinner - Hospitality Tent..... 2 – 4:00 pm
	Small Animal Costume Contest/Parade..... 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Swine Sale ..... 4:00 pm

Monday, March 01, 2027	Swine Showmanship & Grooming	6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 02, 2027	Market Swine 'Thank You' Letters due at Show Arena	5:00 pm
	Steer Show	7:00 pm
	Rabbit & Cavy Pick-up	9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 03, 2027	Mandatory Swine Barn Clean-up	8:00 am-12:00 pm
	Steer Buyers Dinner - Hospitality Tent	5:00 – 7:00 pm
	Steer Sale	7:00 pm
	Poultry Enter	12 – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 04, 2027	Goats Enter	7 – 9:00 am
	Small Animal Poultry Show (Closed Show)	9:00 am
	Goat Milking Contest (location TBD)	4:00pm
	Steer Showmanship & Grooming	6:30 pm
Friday, March 05, 2027	Beef & Swine Exhibitor Awards	5:00 pm
	Market Steer 'Thank You' Letters due at Show Arena	4:00 pm
	Small Animal Costume Contest/Parade	4:00 pm
	Market animal record book pickup after awards in show arena.	
Saturday, March 06, 2027	Small Animal Poultry Showmanship	8:00 am
	Pee Wee Pig Show	1:00pm
	Goat Show	4:00pm
Sunday, March 07, 2027	Horse & Goat Exhibitor Awards	12:00 pm
	Small Animal Awards	3:00 pm
	Poultry & Reptile load out	7:00 pm
	Goat load out	11:00 am

St. Lucie County Fair Association reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time. You will be notified via livestock committee, livestock desk, 4-h leader or FFA Advisor

2026-2027 ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR SCALE SCHEDULE

8:00am until 9:00am

Open scale dates have to be scheduled for the convenience of EVERYONE.

If you need to weigh your Market Animal, please make an appointment to attend one of the following scheduled scale dates.

You **must RSVP** with the Barn Chairs by 2pm on the Thursday before by the scheduled scale date to ensure a Livestock Committee Member will be at the scales.

Saturday, September 19th

Saturday, October 3rd
Saturday, October 17th

Saturday, November 14th
Saturday, November 28th

Saturday, December 12th
Saturday, December 26th

Saturday, January 09th
Saturday, January 23rd

Saturday, February 06th
Saturday, February 13th
Saturday, February 20th

February starts the fair setup workdays. February 06, 13, 20, 2027 Most Livestock members will be on the grounds each weekend. Please call ahead to verify someone is there. *

For Steer appointments call Joe Payne 772-812-5653 or Doug Swartz 772-216-3177

For Swine appointments call Bubba Wuchte 772-263-3686 or Christ Russakis 772-370-1961

YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK RULES

See Beef Breeding and Goat Show sections for additional eligibility & requirements for the "Open Show"

1. **ELIGIBILITY:**
   All exhibitors must meet the following requirements as defined by the Board of Trustees:

   The Exhibitor is required to belong to a 4H club or FFA club in St. Lucie County.

   a. Exhibitor must be a current member of St Lucie County 4-H, Westwood FFA, or Allapattah Flats FFA youth organizations. Exhibitors not in 4-H or FFA may participate in Beef Breeding or Goat Exhibits through the SLC Fair as long as they reside in St. Lucie County.
   b. Beef Breeding and Goat exhibitors must register online.
   c. Exhibitor must be present on Show Night to exhibit their market animal in the show arena to qualify to sell the market animal at the St. Lucie County Fair Market Animal Sale. In the event of a medical emergency, considerations may be made by the Livestock Committee and SLC Fair Association.
   NEW d. *Every exhibitor is required to submit a fully completed and current record book. All record books will be judged. Please visit www.StLucieCountyFair.org, to download & print a copy. Awards only given based on scoring of judged record books.
   e. In the event an Exhibitor's Market animal expires prior to or during the fair, he/she may still participate in Record Book, Herdsman and Farm Bureau Awards Competition ONLY. Exhibitors are not permitted to participate in any competitions if they do not complete their expired Market Animal Project's Record Book.
   f. Physical conditions of exhibitors which the Fair Board and Livestock Committee consider to be jeopardizing to the welfare of the exhibitor or exhibit may result in ineligibility.
   g. Each exhibitor may enter only one market animal. Market Animals must be the property of the exhibitor 7 days prior to initial weigh-in.
   h. Upon immediate notification to the Livestock Desk, if an animal dies within 14 days of initial weigh-in, Exhibitor has seven days from the date of loss to replace animal.
   i. Market animal exhibitors are only permitted to show the animal registered to the exhibitor for Showmanship & Grooming.

2. All youth market livestock entries are required to be registered online. To sign up for individual projects please go to www.StLucieCountyFair.org and click the "participate" tab then, Livestock Exhibitor Page, then "Online Entries Click Here".
3. All youth market livestock exhibitors must fill out a correct W9 form with their online entries. This form MUST have the exhibitors LEGAL name, SS#, address, and signature (parents may sign for minors). All information collected will be through a secured system
4. One parent or guardian or advisor must be with the exhibitor at all initial and mandatory weigh-ins and upon entry to the Fair unless prior arrangements are made with Livestock Committee.
5. NEW *At the discretion of livestock, if an exhibitor is injured prior to or during the fair, the fair will require a medical release form from the exhibitor's doctor stating they are released to handle their own animal for show or sale.
6. *If any exhibitor requires special accommodations due to American Disabilities Act please contact one of the livestock chairpersons. Accommodation must be made ahead of time.
7. Vaccinations and Medications:
   a. Routine Veterinarian service shall be performed at owner's expense on and off the fairgrounds.
   b. Due to liability, The Livestock Committee will not be giving any vaccinations, however, the Committee does recommend animals to be vaccinated according to State Rules & Regulations.

c. Tampering with any animals such as filling with foreign substances, etc. is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals or the possession of the same after arrival to the Fair will be construed as a form of tampering. The use of anabolic steroids is prohibited, and exhibit may be tested at any time. Tampering will result in the immediate disqualification of the animal. No chemicals are to be administered within 30 days of show dates unless administered by a veterinarian and accompanied by a letter from him/her.
d. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, withdrawal times, other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. Animals are subject to examination at any time. Violators will be disqualified, removed and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale of the animal.
e. The Livestock Committee shall have the authority to request the Fair Veterinarian to draw blood from any animal tagged and entered the fair.

8. Market steer and swine projects: Champion, reserve, quad-county champion, reserve, and first in class winners. Drug testing will be done at the discretion of the livestock committee.

9. Market steers and swine are required by the state to have official identification. This should typically be placed in the animal before purchase and sale.

10. Each exhibitor will handle his/her livestock to protect him/her as well as protect the property of the Fair. The Fair will not be responsible for damages by wild and unruly animals. The Livestock Committee has the right to handle all animals anytime on the fair premises. Any animal that cannot be handled by the exhibitor will NOT be shown.

11. Exhibitors may have help off-loading steer or swine from the trailer at final weigh-in, once off the trailer the exhibitor will need to lead animal into the scale, tie and lead back to the trailer. Exhibitor will be required to handle their own animal walking to the stall/pen, get them tied and set up in the barn. Steer exhibitors will be required to walk animals from stall to the chute for routine ultrasound. Final check-in process will be complete after completion of the ultrasound.

12. Leaders will also be responsible for having buyer's information printed and posted on exhibitor's signs 1 day after the sale by the end of the day. *Following each sale, leaders will be given a copy of the sale invoice. Any changes made later in the week by the buyer as the fair office will be sent to the leader.

13. Exhibitors, their parents, family, friends, and anyone who accompanies them on the fairgrounds in support of the exhibitor, will always show good sportsmanship and courtesy to everyone. Including officials, judges, graders, veterinarians, building superintendents, Livestock Committee Members, and Fair management. Misconduct or unacceptable behaviors, by anyone mentioned within rule #4, prior, during or after the Fair may be grounds for removal of the exhibitor plus the exhibit from the Fair and/or suspension from future shows. This applies to all posts on any social media.

14. COACHING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BY ANYONE FROM THE STANDS, RAILS, AISLES, OR ANYWHERE IN THE SHOW ARENA. 1st Warning will be verbal and 2nd violation will result in removal from arena for the duration of the fair.

15. For the sake of neatness and appearance, only signs approved by the Livestock Committee will be permitted in the exhibit barn. No club or individual sponsorship signs are allowed on Fair premises. Leaders will be responsible for exhibitors complying with the sign regulations approved in their barn

area.

16. All stalls and pens must be clear of unsightly debris and the premises cleaned up one half hour before opening each day and maintained in an attractive manner from opening until 9:00 p.m. each night. *Only trash is to be put in the trash cans. All shavings, sand, and manure will be disposed of in the dumpster behind each barn or as directed by the barn chairpersons.

17. All barns must be supervised according to Fair management requirements. All exhibitors are required to be with their exhibits during Fair hours, according to barn assignments. Each exhibitor with animals must keep an extra supply of feed in designated areas. Horse play will not be tolerated.

18. No animal will be allowed to leave before being approved by the Livestock Coordinator. Any exhibitor doing so will forfeit all premium money, awards of any kind, and ability to show at any future fairs.

19. The buyer(s) plaques must be delivered to each buyer by April 30, 2027. Proof of delivery must be shown prior to receiving the sale money. Failure to deliver buyer(s) plaque and/or proof of forged buyer signature are grounds for exclusion from future shows. (Buyer's plaque form page 50).

20. Buyers plaque form must be delivered the day of scheduled check pick up at fairgrounds.

21. FFA Advisors must deliver buyers plaque form to receive sale check (Chapter animal).

22. All monies, whether sale, premium or add-ons will be released to the Exhibitor ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS. The Exhibitor's signature will be required along with his/her Exhibitors pass or a form of Identification, verification of last 4 of exhibitors Social Security Number, and proof of delivery of buyer(s) plaque (Buyer(s) plaque form page 50).

23. *All checks must be deposited by the specified date given with checks. $100 fee for each reissuance.

24. No award will be presented, or premiums paid for any animal in any class that, in the opinion of the judges, does not deserve the award. **ALL premiums & checks must be picked up by May 21, 2027. All unclaimed premiums will be forfeit.**

25. Age determination for Market Junior and Senior Show Awards shall be based on age as of **September 1st** of current Fair year. Awards shall be divided into these classes:

- **Senior II**, ages 17-18, **Senior I**, ages 14-16 **Junior II** ages 10-13, **Junior I**, ages 8-10, (Beef & Swine Barn)

26. *All market animals entered in the Fair will be consigned to sale and slaughter by the contracted slaughterhouse. An assessment of 8% of the sale price of each animal shall be made to help defray the expense of the livestock shows.

27. No writing on Market Animals at any time. Tampering or defacing any animal at the St. Lucie County Fair will result in immediate expulsion from the fairgrounds and exhibitor will be fined *$500 and will not be permitted to show the following year.

28. The Fair scales are to be used only in accordance with policy and **OPEN SCALE schedule** as established by the Livestock Committee. Please see "Open Scales" page for schedule & rules.

29. Neither the local interest in participating in the sponsorship of the show nor any of the personnel shall be responsible for any accidents or errors that might occur. However, every effort will be made to

provide for the safety and comfort of the guests and their animals.

30. Except as otherwise permitted by law, no dogs are allowed unless scheduled for a demonstration or competition. This also pertains to workshops, or group functions on the fairgrounds.

31. Golf carts, UTV's, and other motorized vehicles are prohibited unless properly permitted by Fair management. All vehicles must be registered at the fair office and rule sheet signed and sticker obtained. All offroad vehicles MUST have fair approval. Any unauthorized offroad vehicles will be asked to leave.

32. No alcoholic beverages, mind-altering drugs or unlawful weapons of any kind are permitted on the premises. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY BARN!

33. Protests must be done in writing. See pages (45-46)



34. *Fines: Any non-compliance of any rules may result in fines first offence $50 second offense $100 Third offence $200. No warnings will be issued and must be paid prior to the exhibitors' next scheduled event (show, showmanship, or sale). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. (page 44)

35. Check with Barn Chairs for any barn rules that may apply to individual barns.



36. *Intent to House form is mandatory for all market animal exhibitors to fill out. This is if the animal is housed on the exhibitors property or if it is housed on a property that is not the exhibitors. 24 hour advanced warning. (page 53-62).

37. Each Live Animal Exhibitor must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate. Cloverbuds under 8 years of age as of September 1st are exempt.

38. Graduating senior speeches: Must be typed on provided form (page 51). Follow directions on page.

39. 4H or FFA may not lend a spot to any other club unless approved by the Livestock Committee.

40. The fair issued exhibitor number must be visibly displayed on the back of the exhibitor, either pinned to the exhibitor's shirt or in a placed in a number harness.

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DRESS CODE

The following code will be enforced during fair related activities unless noted otherwise:

1. Vulgar, illegal (including weapons, alcohol, drugs, and tobacco) and/or sexually oriented statements or suggestions on clothing, jewelry, buttons, or accessories are not permitted. Any dress or statement, which may cause a hostile, intimidating, degrading, offensive, harassing, or discriminatory environment, is prohibited.

2. Shorts and skirts will have hems and will be no shorter than the middle of the thigh. Shirts and tops will be no lower than the collarbone, must have sleeves, and must be long enough to be tucked in. Low cut tops, see-through clothing, tank tops, spaghetti straps, and shorts and skirts shorter than the middle of the thigh are examples of styles that are considered unacceptable for exhibitors.

3. See-through clothing is not permitted. Clothing that is ripped, torn, or has holes in it is not permitted. All undergarments are to be covered.

4. Oversized clothing, which compromises the safety of exhibitors, is not permitted.

5. Exhibitors must wear close toed shoes, no sandals, flip flops, "Crocs" or open heeled shoes permitted when in the livestock area which includes all barns, scales, and arenas. Beef breeding and Steer exhibitors MUST wear boots in the show arena and NO "Crocs".

6. Please refrain from long flowing clothing in the show ring as it interferes with the Judge's view.

7. Failure to comply with dress code will result in the exhibitor being asked to change.

8. Remember to wear your exhibitor number on your back when going to show arena.

9. NEW *If any exhibitor requires special accommodations for dress code please contact one of the livestock chairpersons. Accommodation must be made ahead of time.

LIVESTOCK PARKING RULES

Livestock Parking Passes:

1. THE LIVESTOCK PARKING AREA IS A PRIVILEGE! DO NOT ABUSE IT!
2. Livestock Parking Passes are for the use of the back parking lot area located on the **SOUTH END of the "CLUB CAMPERS/RV UNITS ONLY"!!!**
3. NO parking is permitted in areas around the barns, North of Club trailers, or around the scales at any time, except for designated Livestock Committee Members.
4. A Reserved Parking space for Club Leaders ONLY, is available on the **South side** of their club's trailer.
5. NO parking on edge of roadway or in the roadway just on the north side of a Club Camper/RV at any time.
6. No Parking in Buyers parking lot on the days of the Swine and Steer Sales.
   (The 1st Sunday of the Fair & Wednesday) This is the small parking lot on the west side of Swine/Goat Barn.
7. No parking in swales, ditches, or roadways at any time.
8. Vehicles that do not comply with parking rules will be towed at the owner's expense and Livestock Parking Passes will be revoked.
9. Please make sure if you park in a handicapped space, you have the proper tag or you will be towed at your expense.

Club Campers/RV's:

1. ONLY Registered MARKET ANIMAL 4-H Clubs, FFA, Fair Queen Committee, & Livestock Committee are permitted to have a camper/RV in the Livestock Parking area. Anyone NOT registered with said organizations, is NOT permitted to have a Camper/RV in the Livestock area/Parking lot.
2. Club Campers/RV's may begin to be brought to the Fair for setup on Friday, exactly one week prior to opening day of the fair, after 9am.
3. Club camper/RV sites are on a first come, first serve basis. Call the livestock desk or email Livestock@stluciecountyfair.org
4. Clubs may have **ONE** camper/RV site and 1 small storage trailer that is to be parked **directly** behind their camper/RV. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**. Spaces will be marked. Please do not infringe on any other spot.
5. Tents rented through the Fair Office must be made no later than **NOVEMBER 29th**. Email Livestock@stluciecountyfair.org to reserve.
6. Any outside tent rentals must provide a COI (Certificate of Liability Insurance).
7. Overnight camping is NOT permitted.
8. Exhibitors, Exhibitors Family/Friends are not permitted to keep Livestock trailers/storage trailers in Livestock Parking area at any time during the week of the Fair.
9. All campsites MUST be removed by no later than Tuesday, *(2 days following the end of the fair.)* Campers/RV's will be towed on Wednesday, 3 days after the Fair has ended.

CHAPTER 5C-4
ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

5C-4.0015 Definitions
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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 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.

5C-4.0016 Applications, Cards, Forms, Other Official Documents Required and Fees.

(1) USDA. The Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (DEC 2020), an USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Service (VS) form required for submitting samples and reporting results of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests. Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (DEC 2020) , as incorporated in subsection 5C-18.001(10), F.A.C.
(2) OCVI. Florida-licensed and accredited veterinarians may obtain the following OCVIs through the department:
(a) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09000 Rev. 06/17; for use with all species, in association with movement or sale. Cost is $65 per book of 25 certificates. Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09000 Rev. 06/17 is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-24.003, F.A.C.
(b) Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09002 Rev. 04/17; for use with equine, in association with movement or sale. Cost is $65 per book of 25 certificates. Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09002 Rev. 04/17 is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-24.003, F.A.C.
(c) Florida-licensed and accredited veterinarians may obtain OCVIs through electronic official certificates of veterinary inspection.
(3) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, is an official document provided by the Department to the equine owner to show proof of a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months, for purposes other than change of ownership. The document is valid for 12 months from the date the blood was drawn and is renewable annually with an associated fee of $5.00 per application (Card). The Negative EIA Test Verification Card may be applied for by submitting the Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05. Negative EIA Test Verification Card FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10037. Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10038.
Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), (5), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 6-21-06, Amended 11-21-18, 12-8-24.
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-4.001 General Requirements and Limitations.
Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 7-1-71, Amended 8-7-77, 9-30-80, Formerly 5C-4.01, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, Repealed 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) 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 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.
5C-4.003 Swine.
(1) OCVI Required.
(a) Florida origin swine must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation for exhibition.
(b) Swine imported for exhibition must comply with the importation requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.007, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for exhibition and must be dated within 30 days of entry.
(2) Identification. All swine, entered for exhibition purposes, including market class swine in a terminal swine show, must have official individual identification.
(3) Tests or Certification Required for Swine.
(a) Swine Brucellosis.
1. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for swine brucellosis within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;
2. Originate from a validated brucellosis-free herd, or;
3. Originate from a commercial production swine herd as defined in subsection 5C-21.002(11), F.A.C.
(b) Pseudorabies. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for pseudorabies within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;
1. Originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd as defined in 9 CFR §85.1 (JAN 2024), which is incorporated by reference and available online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17888, or ;
2. Originate from an approved commercial production swine herd as defined in Rule 5C-21.002, F.A.C.
(4) Exemptions.
(a) Market class swine for exhibition in a terminal swine show are exempt from the OCVI and testing requirements provided all animals in the terminal swine show are transported directly to a recognized slaughter establishment or approved livestock facility in designated slaughter channels, within 7 days of the show date. At the end of the terminal swine show, the swine owner(s) must ensure:
1. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of a recognized slaughter establishment, within 7 days of the end of the show, or;
2. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of an approved livestock facility in designated slaughter only channels, within 7 days of the show.
(b) Owners must maintain swine show records for a period of two (2) years. The records must include:
1. Official individual identification of each animal, and;
2. Individual or business name and contact phone number of the entity transporting the swine from the terminal swine show to the recognized slaughter or approved livestock facility, and;
3. The name, physical address and delivery date to the recognized slaughtering establishment, or approved livestock facility where the swine were

delivered.
(c) All swine referenced in subsection 5C-4.003(4)(a), F.A.C., must be held in isolation and only commingled with other swine in slaughter channels until slaughtered.
Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 3-21-64, Amended 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, Formerly 5C-4.03, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.
5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.
(1) OCVI Requirements.
(a) An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites imported into Florida as specified per Rule 5C-3.012, F.A.C. An OCVI for entry into exhibition is required and must be dated within 30 days of entry or the animals must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.
(b) Florida origin poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated within 90 days prior to exhibition or must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.
(2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (Jan. 2018), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (JAN 2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10045.
Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.36(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24, Technical Change 3-9-26.
5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep.
(1) OCVI Required.
(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition, except lamb or kids less than three months of age and accompanied by their dam.
(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.005, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for entry into and Exhibition and must be dated within 30 days prior to entry.
(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have official individual identification, except lambs or kids under three months of age accompanied by their dam that has official individual identification.
(3) Tests or Certification Required.
(a) All dairy goats imported into the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days are exempted from the import testing requirements in subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C., provided:
1. The animals originate from:
a. Accredited tuberculosis-free states or herds, and
b. Certified brucellosis-free herds or classified brucellosis-Class A states or areas.
2. The animals return to the state of origin within 30 days of entry into Florida, and
3. The animals' milk is not used for human or pet consumption in Florida.
(b) Dairy goats that remain in Florida for more than 30 days must meet the brucellosis and tuberculosis import testing requirements in the subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C.
(c) There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats, pygmy goats, or Florida-origin dairy goats.
Rulemaking Authority 570.07(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–New 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 1-3-19, 12-8-24.
5C-4.006 Violation of Rules.
Rulemaking Authority 585.002(1), (2), (3), 585.004, 585.005, 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2), (3), 585.007(1), (2) FS. History–New 6-29-62, Formerly 5C-4.06, Repealed 1-19-95.
5C-4.007 Sheep.
Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.
5C-4.008 Equine.
(1) OCVI Required.
(a) An OCVI is required for all equine imported into Florida as specified in Rule 5C-3.003, F.A.C.
(b) Equine are not required to have an OCVI for exhibition.
(2) Test or Certification Required. All Equine presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition. The negative EIA test must be reported on:
(a) Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test, VS Form 10-11 (2020), as incorporated in subsection 5C-18.001(10), F.A.C.
(b) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, as incorporated in subsection 5C-4.0016(3), F.A.C.

(c) EIA reporting form approved by the USDA and another state's animal health official, including electronic EIA laboratory test. An electronic EIA laboratory test may be presented on an electronic device if:

1. The electronic reporting form is in the original format and has not been altered, and

2. Is of size and image quality to provide a clear, legible document; and

3. The device properly displays all document information.

(3) Exemption to Test Requirement. A foal under six (6) months of age is not required to have a negative EIA test if it is accompanied by its dam which has met the EIA test requirement.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(3), 585.145 FS. History–New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 10-17-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.009 Other Species.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-4.010 Penalties for Violations.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4) FS. Law Implemented 585.007, 585.145(3) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always 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 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 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 violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or person responsible 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 analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample 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 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 are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to 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 time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal 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 similar 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 duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials 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 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 individual 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 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 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 of 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 Expos* 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 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 which 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.

MARKET STEER

Order of Market Animal Sale:
Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Quad-County Grand Champion, Quad-County Reserve Grand Champion,
First in Class, High Weight to Low Weight in class placement order.

*First in class winner out of each class will return to the ring for the final drive to determine Champion Market Steer, then the second in class winner out of the same class will return to the ring to determine Reserve Champion Market Steer. Same rules apply for Quad County Market Steers or at the discretion of the judge. Judge's decisions are final.

The St. Lucie County Fair Association youth market animal auction is defined as a terminal sale event. All market livestock projects go to slaughter and/or directly to a licensed contracted livestock facility for slaughter.

1. The Market Steer Entry Fee is $130.00. This entry fee will supplement costs associated with:
   - Health Certificate blanket health certificate for market animals going straight to slaughter; saving exhibitors health certificate costs to enter the fair
   - 4 Bundles of Shavings per exhibitor
   - Exhibitor Awards
   - Barn Supplies
   - Show Costs and Judges

   *The entry fee will be deducted from each exhibitor's final sale check.

2. Each Exhibitor may enter only one market animal. Market animals must be the property of the Exhibitor 7 days prior to initial weigh-in.

3. Upon immediate notification to the Livestock Desk, if an animal dies within 14 days of initial weigh-in, exhibitor has seven days from date of loss to replace animal. *Market animal exhibitors are only permitted to show the animal registered to the exhibitor for showmanship/grooming.

3. The Exhibitor and a parent/guardian or advisor must sign in with the Livestock Desk at initial weigh-in, on the final weigh-in, and upon entry to the fair. Exceptions may be considered by the Livestock Committee if necessary.

NEW 4. Initial weigh-in is on Saturday, **September 12, 2026 from 7-9am**. Weigh-in will take place on the certified scales at the fairgrounds. *All steers will be ear tagged and DNA will be collected on each market steer via the tissue sampling unit. Tags will be provided by the Livestock Committee and will be placed in the steer's ear at the initial weigh-in. Removal of SLC fair ear tags will result in disqualification.

5. Initial weigh-in, please bring the following documents (if applies to you)

NEW
- Intent to House Form (page 53-62)

6. All steer show entries and showmanship entries must be registered by **August 31, 2026** with the

following documents uploaded: (www.Stluciecountyfair.org)

- W9 Form (exhibitors LEGAL name, SS, address, and signature (parents may sign for minors))
- Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form (page 47)
- Acknowledgement Form (page 48-49)
- Official Bill of Sale
- Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No glasses or hats)

Photo of Animal with SLC ear tag submitted 7 days after initial weigh-in.

- Full Body Photo of Animal with SLCF Ear Tag Prominently Visible

8. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at final weigh-in on Sunday, February 28, 2027 to show/sell AND have gained a minimum of 1.75 lbs. per day from initial weigh-in date. Steers must be 24 months old or younger to show.

9. Steers must have milk teeth. *Milk teeth may be checked upon entry to the fair at the discretion of the livestock committee.

NEW

Standard for checking milk teeth

In accordance with the 24 month old rule: Erupting central incisors are acceptable (18-24 months), any missing first lateral incisors (erupt 24-30 months) will at minimum trigger a teaching moment for that parent and exhibitor, because that steer is probably a minimum of 23-24 months of age and just on the cusp of being disqualified. If there are 2nd or 3rd lateral incisors missing then that steer will be disqualified.

10. All show boxes and equipment shall be kept clear of all walkways and shall be located as directed by the barn chairperson. Show boxes shall be limited in size to a maximum of 30" depth by 48" length. Show boxes larger than stated size will be addressed on an individual basis as room in the barn allows. Each exhibitor may enter no more than one steer and may have one of the following, one show box, or one stand up grooming box and *one grooming chute. Additional fans may be used at the discretion of the Livestock Committee if room allows. Individual generators may be used but will need to be kept on the East or South sides of the barn outside while running. No running generators will be allowed on the West side of the barn between the steer barn and show arena.

11. Balloons are prohibited in the steer barn.

12. Each exhibitor must be able to handle their steer by themselves safely in the ring or the animal will be disqualified. This will be enforced by the Livestock Committee. Exhibitor may have help off-loading steer from the trailer at final weigh-in, once off the trailer the exhibitor will need to lead animal into the scale, tie and lead back to the trailer. *Steer exhibitors will be required to walk animals from the trailer to the chute for routine ultrasound. Exhibitor will be required to handle their own animal walking to the stall, get them tied and set up in the barn. Final check-in process will be complete after completion of the ultrasound.

13. All exhibitors must attend a mandatory workday with their clubs. If they do not attend the workday, they must attend the one Livestock Committee schedules.

14. Each steer must be tied securely during the fair with a halter, lead, and neck rope.

15. At any time prior to fair opening, parents or designated people may feed and clean the bedding area of the exhibits. Whoever has been designated to feed the animal MUST sign the feed sheet in the

barn for both AM & PM to avoid a fine being assessed to the exhibitor. *It is the exhibitor's responsibility to always have the area clean including; stall area, walkway between steers and chutes, wash racks, and chutes with all feed and grooming supplies. There will only be 1 warning given on the cleanliness of your animal and area, fines will apply if a second warning is necessary.

16. From date of entry to the Fair until the end of the last scheduled show, parents & non-exhibitors are prohibited from assisting exhibitors with any of the following:

    - Washing
    - Blowing
    - Grooming of any sort

    THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE WOULD BE IN THE EVENT OF THE EXHIBIT/EXHIBITORS WELL BEING IS IN JEOPARDY. HOWEVER, THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE SHALL BE NOTIFIED FIRST.

17. Steers shall be dehorned. Scurs shall be filed smooth. Animals with regrowth of a length deemed unsafe by show management shall be rejected.

18. The Livestock Committee reserves the right for a weigh-back of 5% with any positive or negative weight change from the final weigh-in weight on market steers leading to disqualification. The second weight must be within 5% of the first weight.

19. **Force filling steers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc. All steers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.**

20. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, withdrawal times, other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. Animals are subject to examination at any time. Violators will be disqualified, removed and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale of the animal. Market steer projects: Champion, reserve, quad-county champion, reserve, and first in class winners. Drug testing may be done at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.

21. *Steer barn meeting will be held in the back of the barn with exhibitors and a parent following entry of all steers in the barn.

NEW

22. *Every exhibitor is required to submit a fully completed and current record book. All record books will be judged Complete record books are due on Sunday, **February 28, 2027,** to the barn secretary no later than 11:00 am.

23. No stock trailers left parked at the fairgrounds. After exhibitor barn meeting and record books are turned in, all trailers need to be taken home before the fair opens for the day.

NEW

24. *All exhibitors will be given a back tag number to be worn during ALL show and sale nights. Only 1 back tag will be given, please keep for all show nights. Can be pinned on the back of the exhibitor's shirt or exhibitors can wear a number harness.

25. At the discretion of livestock, if an exhibitor is injured prior to or during the fair, the fair will require a

medical release form from the exhibitor's doctor stating they are released to handle their own animal for show or sale.

26. Final weigh-in day, Sunday, **February 28, 2027**, please bring the following documents:

    - Livestock Owners Certificate (page 43)

27. A maximum sale weight of 1300 lbs. will be allowed. Animals weighing more may be shown, but will be sold at 1300 lbs.

28. All exhibitors must be in the barn with exhibits during open fair hours; including Friday, March 5, 2027, and Saturday, March 6, 2027. Exceptions will be made for exhibitors showing in multiple barns during other barn duties and show times but must be discussed with the barn chairperson. At least 1 leader or 1 designated parent of each club/chapter should be responsible for exhibitors in the barn on these non-show days.

29. All youth market animal exhibitors are required to write a "Thank You" letter in business format to the buyer(s) of their animal. Thank You note cards will not be accepted. Letter(s) must be submitted in a properly addressed and stamped, unsealed envelope to the Steer Barn Secretary.
    Market Steers - Friday, **March 5th by 4:00pm** in the Show Arena. Example on (page 52)

NEW ***Non-compliance will result in a fine, 1st offense $50.00, 2nd offense $100.00, 3rd offense $200.00. NO WARNING ISSUED. All fines will be paid in full before the exhibitors next scheduled event (show, Showmanship, sale, or exhibitor awards). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. Fine will be turned into the barn chair/livestock committee with completed form on (page 44)**

St. Lucie County Fair Association reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time. You will be notified via livestock committee, livestock desk, 4-h leader or FFA Advisor

MARKET SWINE

Order of Market Animal Sale:
Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, First in Class, High Weight to Low Weight in class placement order.

The St. Lucie County Fair Association youth market animal auction is defined as a terminal sale event. All market livestock projects go to slaughter and/or directly to a licensed contracted livestock facility for slaughter.

1. The Market Swine Entry Fee is $110.00. This entry fee will cover:
   Health Certificate
   1 Bundle of Shavings

   *The entry fee will be deducted from each exhibitor's final sale check.

2. Only barrows and open gilts are eligible.

3. Swine must be brought in a trailer or open type pen to the any weigh-ins -- no dog boxes or completely closed transporters permitted.

4. Initial weigh-in will take place Saturday, **November 07, 2026,** from 7:00 - 9:00am. Weigh-in will take place on the certified scales at the fairgrounds. All swine must be tagged. Tags will be provided by the SLC Fair and will be placed in the swine's ear at the initial weigh-in.

5. Initial weigh-in, please bring the following documents (if applies to you)



   Intent to House Form (page 53-62)

6. Upon immediate notification to the Livestock Desk, if an animal dies within 14 days of weigh-in, exhibitor has seven days from date of loss to replace animal.

7. All swine show entries and showmanship entries must be registered by **October 30, 2026,** with the following documents uploaded: (www.StLucieCountyFair.org)

   - W9 Form (exhibitors LEGAL name, SS, address, and signature (parents may sign for minors))
   - Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form (page 47)
   - Acknowledgement Form (page 48-49)
   - Official Bill of Sale
   - Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No hats or glasses)
   - Photo of Official ID (Electronic RFID 15 Digit#) Tag.

   Exhibitor has 7 days to upload after initial weigh-in:
   - Full Body Photo of Animal with SLCF Ear Tag Prominently Visible.

8. The Exhibitor and a parent/guardian or FFA Advisor, must sign in with swine secretary at initial weigh-in and on the final weigh-in upon entry to the fair. Exceptions may be considered by Livestock Committee if the need arises.

9. Final weigh-in day, **Friday February 26, 2027,** please bring the following documents:

    - Livestock Owners Certificate (page 43)

10. *Mandatory Exhibitor meeting to follow final weigh-in @11:00am.

11. Friday, **February 26, 2027**, will determine eligibility and sale weight. Market swine must weigh at least 190 lbs. and no more than 300 lbs.
12. Market swine will be sold by weight class as indicated and determined at final weigh-in.
13. Market swine exhibitors are required to provide a clear or blue corner mount waterer with nipple drinker. (NO pipe products or homemade products). Follow the links provided for approved waterers.
    Amazon.com: Trojan Pen Waterer - 2.5 Gal - Ideal for Swine Shows : Patio, Lawn & Garden
    Amazon.com: Trojan Speciality Products 4-Gallon, Corner Mount
    Aquifer Portable Pen Watering System. - Sullivan Supply
14. **ALL exhibitors are required to be on Barn Duty: Friday 2/26, Saturday 02/27, Sunday 02/28, Monday 3/01 and Tuesday 3/02. Barn Duty is from Fair Opening until 9 pm, when the swine barn closes. Exceptions can be made with authorization from Swine Barn Chair.**

15. **Two (2) Parents** from each club are required to be on Barn Duty every day! This includes the Swine Sale, Swine Show and Showmanship/Grooming. If parents on duty have a child ready to enter the arena, relief parents would be expected to cover barn duty to allow all parents to watch their child in the show arena. The adults on Barn Duty are **responsible** for each exhibitor in their club. This includes enforcing the barn rules, monitoring the whereabouts of exhibitors and informing Livestock Committee of anyissues.

16. **Day of Swine Show - Saturday- February 27 -** Barn will be open to the public from 12pm to 2:30pm. **Only current swine exhibitors and leaders will be permitted to enter the barn, until the barn opens to the public.** At 2:30pm all swine are to be fed. All bowls must be removed by 3pm. Exhibitors are required to be in their pens by 4:45pm.
    Exhibitors are required to stay in their pens, until directed by Livestock Committee. Exhibitors will escort their swine to the arena and escort the swine back to their pen. The exhibitors that placed **1st or 2nd** in their class, return to your pen. **At the end of every event, all exhibitors are to return to the barn for Barn Duty and clean up! **No cell phones in arena at any time**.

17. **Swine Sale - Sunday, February 28**- Barn will be open to the public from 12pm-2:30pm. Exhibitors are required to be in their pens by 3:45pm.
    Exhibitors are required to stay in their pens, until directed by Livestock Committee. Exhibitors will escort their swine to the arena. **At the end of every event, all exhibitors are to return to the barn for Barn Duty and clean up! **No cell phones in arena at any time**.

18. **Showmanship & Grooming - Monday, March 01** Exhibitors are required to be in their pens by 5:45pm. **The barn will be closed to the public. Only current swine exhibitors and leaders will be permitted in the barn the entire day.** At 2:30 all swine are to be fed. All bowls must be removed by 3pm.
    Exhibitors are required to stay in their pens, until directed by Livestock Committee. Exhibitors will escort their swine to the arena. **At the end of every event, all exhibitors are to return to the barn for Barn Duty and clean up! **No cell phones in the arena at any time**.

19. If any exhibitor is unable to clean their stall by the above times, arrangements must be made for

someone to clean the stall. All swine must always stay in stalls, unless directed by the Livestock Committee.

20. Shavings will be in stalls on Friday, the first day of the fair. If you want shavings in your stalls after the first day, the exhibitor will have to provide them. At no time shall there be an equivalent of more than one bale of shavings in a swine pen at any one time.

21. Each club must have their own wheelbarrow, brooms, and shovel, marked with names.

22. Clubs must arrange for the morning feed. ALL swine must be fed by 9am.

23. Exhibitors assigned to feed must sign the feed sheet every day, identifying which swine were fed. A Feed Sheet will be posted in the Swine Barn.

24. Any changes or additions to the swine pens must be approved by the Livestock Committee.

25. Aisles must remain clear all times during fair hours. (Extension cords, grooming boxes, fans, etc.)

26. Exhibitors will have an opportunity to use wash racks & exercise his/her animal in the designated exercise area between specified times. The EXHIBITOR AND A PARENT MUST be with the animal the entire time the animal is in the wash rack or exercise area. The wash rack & exercise area MUST be cleaned after each use. **Please see Barn Rules for available dates & times on wash racks & exercise area.**

27. Exhibitors MUST stay in the barn. If an exhibitor needs to leave, they MUST let the adults on Barn Duty for their club know and for what reason.
28. Swine will be taken out as authorized by the Livestock Committee at any time following the sale.

29. Mandatory Clean-up for all Swine Exhibitors will be Wednesday, **March 03, 2027**. The barn will be open at 8:00 am. All Clean-up must be completed by 12:00 pm.

30. *Every exhibitor is required to submit a fully completed and current record book. All record books will be judged. Complete record books are due by **11:00 am**, Friday, **February 26, 2027,** in the main Show Barn at the announcer's table.

31. *All youth market animal exhibitors are required to write a "Thank You" letter in business format to the buyer(s) of their animal. Thank You note cards will not be accepted. Letter(s) must be submitted in a properly addressed and stamped, unsealed envelope to the Swine Barn Secretary.
NEW
Market Swine - Tuesday, **March 2nd by 5:00pm** in the Show Arena. Example on (page 52)

32. Barn Rules will be posted, including but not limited to, changes and additional rules and information regarding the Swine Barn.

NEW ***Non-compliance will result in a fine, 1st offense $50.00, 2nd offense $100.00, 3rd offense $200.00. NO WARNING ISSUED. All fines will be paid in full before the exhibitors next scheduled event (show, Showmanship, sale, or exhibitor awards). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. Fine will be turned into the barn chair/livestock committee with completed form on (page 44)**

BEEF BREEDING SHOW

1. This is an "Open Show" for Exhibitors who reside or *attend school in St. Lucie County.

   Eligibility requirements:
   a. Exhibitor must be 8 years old on or before the online entry date of current Fair Year. If exhibitor is not 8 years old as of September 1st of current fair year, meaning exhibitor does not qualify for a 4-H club, but is or will be 8 years old as of the online entry date of current fair year, the exhibitor must show in the SLC Fair Open Show.
   b. Cow/calf requires two registered exhibitors. Each handler is required to register as an exhibitor with the animal they are handling for the cow/calf pair. No Entry Fee for handler.
   c. Each exhibitor is only allowed two beef breeding exhibits. Exhibits must be in separate weight classes. If exhibitor was to be 1st in class with both exhibits, only another registered exhibitor can handle one animal for final drive. Registration will be first come first served until slots are filled.
   d. Each exhibitor must be able to handle their animal by themselves in the ring or the animal will be at risk of disqualification. This will be enforced by the Livestock Committee. Exhibitors may have help off-loading animal from the trailer at weigh-in, once off the trailer the exhibitor will need to lead animal into the scale, tie, and lead them back to the trailer. Exhibitor will be required to handle their own animal walking to the stall, get them tied, and set up in the barn. Final check-in process will be complete after completion of animal set-up and barn meeting. Barn meeting will be held about 7:30pm when all exhibitors have animals tied in the barn and set-up.
   e. **Each Live Animal Exhibitor ages 8-18 years must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate.**
   f. Beef Breeding exhibitors are only permitted to show the animal registered to the exhibitor for Showmanship & Grooming.

2. No stock trailers left parked at the fairgrounds. After exhibitor barn meeting, all trailers need to be taken home so space is available for swine check-in and opening day of the fair.

3. **All beef breeding show entries and showmanship entries must be registered by November 30, 2026, with the following documents uploaded: www.stluciecountyfair.org**
   - Acknowledgement Form (page 48-49)
   - Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No glasses or hats)
   - Full body photo of animal with ear tag prominently visible if possible
   - Input Ear tag and official identification number
   - Current ethics certification number
   - $40.00 entry fee, including 2 bundles of shavings

4. No late entries will be accepted.

5. Beef Breeding Sponsorship Agreement form and monies are due in the Fair Office November 30, 2026 at 4:00pm.

6. If showing a cow/calf pair, please register ASAP so that the Livestock Committee can determine space.

7. Beef Breeding will be limited to 45 spots. Once registration is complete the Livestock Committee will determine if any more spots can be filled.

8. Exhibitors showing in the SLC Fair Open Show must have a record book for each exhibit registered, completed, and turned in by Monday, **February 08, 2027** in the FAIR OFFICE before 5:00pm. No late entries will be accepted. All completed Record Books must be signed by a livestock

representative, club leader or advisor.

9. The exhibitor and a parent/guardian must sign in with the livestock desk at weigh-in, upon entry to the fair. Exceptions may be considered by the Livestock Committee if necessary.

10. Upon entry to the Fair on Thursday, **February 25, 2027**, all animals must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation. Tattoos, ear tags, RFID tags, and other methods of identification must correspond with the OCVI. All Beef Breeding exhibits MUST have an Official ID number & tagged upon entry to fair. Cattle cannot have any visible warts and must be listed on health certificate if removed and healing. *Rules for entry to shows and fairs may change at any time by the Florida Department of Agriculture.

11. All show boxes and equipment shall be kept clear of all walkways and shall be located as directed by the barn chairperson. Show boxes shall be limited in size to a maximum of 30" depth by 48" length. Show boxes larger than stated size will be addressed on an individual basis as room in the barn allows. Each exhibitor may have one show box or one stand up grooming box. Additional fans used at the discretion of the Livestock Committee. *Additional fans may be used at the discretion of the Livestock Committee if room allows. Individual generators may be used but will need to be kept on the East or South sides of the barn outside while running. No running generators will be allowed on the West side of the barn between the steer barn and show arena.

12. Each animal must be tied securely during the fair with a halter, lead, and neck rope.

13. Exhibitor signs need to be hung before leaving for the evening.

14. At any time prior to fair opening, parents or designated people may feed and clean the bedding area of the exhibits. Whoever has been designated to feed the animal MUST sign the feed sheet in the barn for both AM & PM to avoid a fine being assessed to the exhibitor.

15. All beef breeding exhibits must be dehorned. Scurs must be filed smooth. Animals with regrowth of a length deemed unsafe by show management will be rejected.

16. From date of entry to the fair until the end of the last scheduled show, parents & non-exhibitors are prohibited from assisting exhibitors with any of the following.

    - Washing
    - Blowing
    - Grooming of any sort.

THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE WOULD BE IN THE EVEN OF THE EXHIBIT/EXHIBITORS WELL BEING IS IN JEOPARDY. HOWEVER, THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE SHALL BE NOTIFIED FIRST.

17. Force filling animals with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc. All animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.

18. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, withdrawal times, other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. Animals are subject to examination at any time. Violators will be disqualified, removed and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale of the animal.

19. Animals must be properly fitted, clean, and free of external parasites.

20. Exhibitors will be allowed one chute in the barn. Exceptions will be considered by the barn chair if necessary.

21. All exhibitors will be given a back tag number to be worn during all show nights. Can be pinned on the back of the exhibitors shirt or exhibitors can wear a number harness.

22. At the discretion of the Livestock Committee, if an exhibitor is injured prior to or during the fair, the fair will require a medical release form from the exhibitor's doctor stating they are released to handle their own animal for show or sale.

23. Beef Breeding exhibits: heifers, cows, & bulls may be shown **up to 36 months old as of December 30, 2026.** All Beef Breeding Animals will be placed in appropriate classes for show. The main breakdown for exhibit classes is as follows:
    - **All Heifer, Cow, & Bull** exhibits will be classed by weight
    - ALL CLASSES WILL BE COMPUTER GENERATED by ShoWorks and the Livestock Committee.

24. All bulls must have a nose ring or tong during the show or anytime the animal is not tied up in the barn. All bulls must be manageable and final entry determined by Livestock Committee.

25. All steer barn rules apply for feeding and care of beef breeding livestock.

26. Steer Grooming and Showmanship Award Rules will apply for all shows.

27. Balloons are prohibited in Beef Breeding Barn.

28. Beef breeding animals will begin to load out at 9:00 pm on Saturday, **February 27, 2027**, once the barn closes.

29. Clean entire area when loading out, take all supplies unless you have a steer coming into the barn and clean out all shavings from your area.

30. ***Non-compliance will result in a fine, 1st offense $50.00, 2nd offense $100.00, 3rd offense $200.00. NO WARNING ISSUED. All fines will be paid in full before the exhibitors next scheduled event (show, Showmanship, or exhibitor awards). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. Fine will be turned into the barn chair/livestock committee with completed form on** **(page 44)**

SMALL ANIMAL BARN

Exhibitor Age Divisions
Cloverbud 5-7 Junior 8-10
Intermediate 11-13 Senior 14-18

Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry

1. Must be a current member of St. Lucie County 4-H or FFA to exhibit in the Small Animal Barn.
2. **Each Live Animal Exhibitor ages 8-18 years must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate.**
3. Exhibitors must have been responsible for care and feeding of their small animal exhibits by **November 02, 2026,** and are responsible for the animal throughout the fair to be eligible to participate.
4. NEW *Wednesday, **September 09, 2026,** at 6:30 pm, at the fairground building "". Mandatory meeting for **4H club leaders ONLY**
5. Exhibitors must complete entry form electronically on the ShoWorks by **November 02, 2026**. This is the absolute deadline, no exceptions! Entry Fees (previously called cage fees) are due at the time of online registration. $5.00 entry fee per animal. *Maximum of 6 animals per exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors must complete a Showmanship entry as well with the information of the ONE animal being shown. IF you have a $0 charge it's because you only registered for showmanship. Must have both.

Exhibitor must upload the following document with ONLINE registration:

- **Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No glasses or hats) No photos of the animals needed!**

7. Each exhibitor is required to have a sponsor for the small animal barn. All sponsorship forms and sponsorship money are due to the leaders before **November 02, 2026**, as all sponsorships are due in the **Fair Office** by **November 02, 2026,** before 5:00 pm. Thank you letters or cards should be written to all sponsors and turned in with sponsorship, addressed and stamped.
8. Animals must be clean and in good health. Animals may be excused from the fair by the Livestock Committee or fair Veterinarian. No animal, excluding animals not required to be checked by the state, will be accepted without the state officer's test complete.
9. All animals must have a check-in physical exam by the fair veterinarian or Dept. of Ag and must be parasite free.
10. **Small Animal entries being replaced before fair MUST contact livestock@stluciecountyfair.org.**
11. NEW Rabbits, cavies, and reptiles will be accepted for entry on Thursday, **February 25, 2027**, from 4:00-5:30 pm. *The 4-H/FFA Layer Poultry Project birds will check-in at this time. All other poultry will check in the following week. Please print your ShoWorks confirmation receipt with QR code to scan at check-in.
12. Rabbit & cavy pick-up will be Tuesday, **March 02, 2027,** at 9:00 pm as soon as the small animal barn closes to the public.
13. Reptile exhibits need to bring a cage and all supplies necessary.
14. All poultry (except the Layer Project) will be accepted on Wednesday, **March 03, 2027,** from 12:00-2:00 pm.
    Please print your ShoWorks confirmation receipt with QR code to scan at check-in.
15. All poultry is required to have a blood test done by the state inspector within 30 days of entering the small animal barn for show. This is a SLC Fair requirement. Date for testing- TBA.
16. Poultry & Reptile pick-up will be Sunday, **March 07, 2027,** at 7:00 pm as soon as the small animal barn is closed to the public.

17. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of animals checked into the fair. *This includes feeding, watering, and cleaning the cage. Exhibitors and parents should only care for their own animals. In the event of an emergency, you should contact your leader and/or barn chair. DO NOT touch or move animals that do not belong to you.
18. Only 6 exhibits per exhibitor can be shown and judged. This is subject to change.
19. No medications are to be given, unless it is done under the direction of a veterinarian.
20. If any illness appears during the time at the fair, animals will only be removed from the barn with the permission of a veterinarian and/or Livestock Committee member, no re-entry.
21. Early removal of an exhibit without the direction of barn chair or veterinarian will forfeit premium monies and/or awards.
22. No does with a litter will be accepted and no rabbits under 12 weeks old will be accepted.
23. No chicks under the age of 12 weeks old will be accepted.
24. Eggs should not be removed from any cage that is not your own.
25. NEW Reptile entries *(display only) need to be approved through your leader and barn chairs before registration and may be limited.
26. No hamsters, goats, sheep, pigs or any other small livestock animals may be shown in the small animal barn.
27. No wildlife, family pets, skunks, or possums are permitted on the fairgrounds by any exhibitor.
28. The small animal barn can be loud and stressful for animals, especially during show days. For this reason, please consider the surroundings your animal may be exposed to before registering your animal to exhibit for the public at the fair.
29. The Livestock Committee nor the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc. is responsible for any losses.
30. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must complete a record book for each category. More than one exhibit in the small category may be in the same record book. *Ex: Showing 2 rabbits; same record book, showing 1 rabbit and 1 reptile; need a record book for each. Cloverbuds only need to complete one record book. Complete record books and cage signs will be due to your leader(s) by the deadline they have determined for the club. Final deadline is Monday, **February 08, 2027**. Late record books will not be accepted, and exhibitor will not be allowed to show in the small animal barn.
31. Exhibitors are responsible for making their own cage signs for each exhibit/cage. Cage signs should be made from foam poster board ONLY, DO NOT use regular poster board, it will not hold up outside in the barn. All cage signs should be cut into an 11 by 14 sized piece (full board cut into four pieces). For reptile exhibitors: please write the dimensions of cage/enclosure on the back of the cage sign.
32. NEW Exhibitors are permitted to have a business card in the corner of the cage sign if they have an animal for sale, but no animal is to be sold during the fair or on the fairgrounds property. Sales must take place after the fair, and off the fairgrounds property. **NO breeding of any animals in the barn during fair.
33. Parent/Guardian must accompany child/exhibitor in the small animal barn at all times.
34. Exhibitor must have control of animals while out of the cage. Smaller children are allowed help from an adult or older exhibitors.
35. During showmanship there will be two designated areas for participants. One for participants waiting to show and a second for participants that have shown until their age division is finished. All phones need to be left with parents. Parents and other exhibitors will not be allowed to talk to the participants during showmanship judging. *Cheating or the suspicion of cheating will be taken seriously, and the exhibitor will be asked to leave and will be disqualifies from showmanship judging.
36. The Small Animal Rabbit, Cavy, and Reptile show will be held on Saturday, **February 27, 2027,** from 8:00 am until finished. Judging order and breaks will be determined by the judges.
37. The Small Animal Poultry Show will be held as a closed show on Thursday, **March 04, 2027**, from 9:00am until finished. The barn will be closed from 8:30am until the completion of judging.

38. The Small Animal Poultry Showmanship will be held on Saturday, **March 06, 2027,** from 8:00 am until finished.
39. Small Animal Barn Awards will be held on Sunday, **March 07, 2027,** at 3:00 pm.
40. All or any state rules, regulations, and recommendations may change at any point during the year.
41. Any entry being replaced before fair MUST contact livestock@stluciecountyfair.org.

Reptiles



****Reptile exhibits will be a display only entry.**

1. All Small Animal Barn Rules apply to reptile exhibitors and exhibits being shown in Building C.
2. **Each Live Animal Exhibitor ages 8-18 years must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate.**
3. Reptile exhibits are reserved for exhibitors that have previously shown reptiles. New reptile exhibits will only be allowed to register if space allows.
4. *During online registration, put the dimensions of the cage/enclosure in the description.
5. Exhibitors must complete entry form electronically on ShoWorks by **November 02, 2026**. This is the absolute deadline, no exceptions! Entry fees (previously called cage fees) are due at the time of online registration. $5.00 entry fee per animal. *For an exhibitor showing ONLY a reptile exhibit the sponsorship fee will be waived. The reptile display section in building C will be sponsored.
   Exhibitor must upload the following document with ONLINE registration:
   Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No glasses or hats) No photos of animals needed!

6. During online registration, put the dimensions of the cage/enclosure in the description.
   Reptiles will be accepted for entry on Thursday, **February 25, 2027**, from 4:00-5:30pm. They do not need to be checked in by the Department of Agriculture. They will be checked in, in Building C. Parents can pull to the back of Building C to unload cages and supplies.
   Please print your ShoWorks confirmation receipt with QR code to scan at check-in.
7. **Any reptile entry being replaced before fair MUST contact livestock@stluciecountyfair.org. Any entry being replaced AT CHECK-IN must fill out the Entry Replacement Form.**
8. Reptile pick-up will be Sunday, **March 07, 2027**, at 7:00pm, as soon as the small animal barn is closed to the public.
9. Tables will be provided for tanks and cages to sit on.
10. All supplies necessary for daily care will need to be brought to the fair at check-in. Food, water, heat lamps, power strips, extension cords, etc.
11. All 4-h and FFA exhibitors must complete a record book for each category. More than one exhibit in the small category may be in the same record book. Complete record books and cage signs will be due to your leader(s) by the deadline they have determined for the club. Final deadline is **Monday, February 08, 2027.** Late record books will not be accepted, and exhibitor will not be allowed to show in the Small Animal Barn.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for making their own cage signs for each exhibit/cage. Cage signs should be made from foam poster board ONLY, DO NOT use regular poster board, it will not hold up outside in the barn. All cage signs should be cut into 11 by 14 sized piece (full board cut into four pieces). Reptile exhibitors: please write the dimensions of cage/enclosure on the back of the cage signs.



13. *Reptile exhibitors will compete for small animal barn herdsman awards.

***Non-compliance will result in a fine, 1st offense $50.00, 2nd offense $100.00, 3rd offense $200.00. NO WARNING ISSUED. All fines will be paid in full before the exhibitors next scheduled event (show, Showmanship, or awards). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. Fine will be turned into the barn chair/livestock committee with completed form on (page 44)**

SLCFA HORSE BARN & SHOW RULES

Horse Show: 9:00 AM – Sunday, **February 28, 2027** - Judged and Speed Events
(Outside and Covered Arenas will be used simultaneously)

1. Online Registration **deadline is December 14, 2026.**
   Exhibitor must upload the following document with ONLINE registration:
   - **Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No glasses or hats)**

2. **Each Live Animal Exhibitor ages 8-18 years must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate.**

   - **Exhibitor will register for ALL classes they want to participate in. Exhibitor will select "Exhibitor fee" labeled as "HORSE EVENT ENTRY FEE" before completing registration.**

3. A mandatory Horse Exhibitor meeting will be held Wednesday, **January 06, 2027**, 7:00pm at the fairgrounds building. Each Exhibitor must attend this meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will cause disqualification from the horse show and horse barn. Showbills are to be turned in at the meeting.

4. Record books will be turned in by club leaders to barn leader on date Friday, **February 05, 2027** in a three ring binder. Record books are to include a current negative color Coggins test. Two (2) legible color copies are required: one included as a page in record book and the second one loose in front of record book for barn leader, a signed vet release form, and a current report card. Record books are not to be photocopied once initial printout. If you have trouble printing them correctly, contact the Fair office or barn leader.

5. Each Stall Exhibitor is required to be present for 6:00 PM feeding. Each Stall Exhibitor is required to leave a supply of feed, marked with Horse and Exhibitor Name, for the designated person to feed all horses in the AM. Horses are to be given fresh water at barn closing.

6. Halter and lead ropes are to be left on stall door all the time – no tack left in the stall.

7. Only owners, club members, Livestock Committee members, and veterinarians are permitted in the stalls. Exhibitors should discourage parents, family, and friends from loitering around the stalls.

8. One adult per exhibitor must be present in barn during fair hours and to oversee the exercising of horses.

9. Stall assignments will be designated upon entry into the fair.

10. *To show at the fair, you must be a St. Lucie County 4-H or FFA member. See youth livestock rules page 9, rule #1.

11. Each exhibitor putting a horse in the barn can display an exhibitor board with required information: name of exhibitor and club; name, age, and breed of horse. Other information and pictures may be added.

12. There will be a $20.00 stall fee due from each stall exhibitor for shavings. If additional shavings are needed, exhibitor will provided.

13. State 4-H Horse Show Rules will be enforced. Age as of September 01, 2026, Junior 8-13 and Senior 14-18. Boots and fastened safety helmet must be always worn when exhibitor is mounted on a horse. Proper attire and tack are required for each event (See 4-H State Rule Book for Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Speed Events, and Western requirements). Exhibitors not wearing proper attire will be disqualified.

Horses must be started inside the arena unless enclosed boxed area is available adjacent to the arena. The exit gate of the arena will not be opened until the horse is stopped and under control. Horse must be under the control of the rider upon entrance and exit of the arena or stopping area and promptness in entering the arena is expected. No horse or rider will be assisted once inside the arena. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. In support of the 4-H horse philosophy and to ensure maximum acceptance of responsibilities through learning experiences, any 4-H Exhibitor registered at the current show is allowed to be riding the horse while on the show grounds. Lunging (in a halter with no other tack or equipment on the animal) by someone other than the exhibitor is permitted. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the contestant.

The Beginner Division is for exhibitors in their first two years of showing. Any exhibitor entering any Beginner Class may not enter any other riding class at the judged or speed events. The exhibitor may not be cantering in any other show series.

The Livestock Committee reserves the right to deny entry of any horse to fair activities if the horse's appearance or nature is not that of a healthy horse, for example: having open wounds, limping, being under conditioned. Exhibitors of horses that develop colic symptoms and other such problems will be asked to remove their horse immediately.

The exhibitor and parents are to be courteous to the Livestock Committee, judges, and fellow contestants always. Parents are responsible for their children and horse(s) during the fair. Horse play and careless riding will not be tolerated. Those involved will be dealt with accordingly as deemed necessary by the Livestock Committee.



***Non-compliance will result in a fine, 1st offense $50.00, 2nd offense $100.00, 3rd offense $200.00. NO WARNING ISSUED. All fines will be paid in full before the exhibitors next scheduled event (show, or awards). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. Fine will be turned into the barn chair/livestock committee with completed form on (page 44)**

HORSE SHOW SPECTATOR ENTRY

The Horse Show does begin prior to the fair opening. Anyone that does not have proper parking passes must leave the back gate area after the show.

SLCFA YOUTH GOAT SHOW

1. Registration **Online Only** through the St Lucie County Fair's website is **mandatory.** www.StLucieCountyFair.org
2. All registrations must be complete by **December 14, 2026**. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
3. *Exhibitors participating in Showmanship must complete a separate Showmanship entry using the information for (1) goat that will be exhibited in the Showmanship competition. Only the goat registered by the exhibitor may be used for Showmanship.
4. **All goat entries must be registered by December 14, 2026, with the following documents uploaded: www.stluciecountyfair.org**
   - Headshot Photo of Exhibitor (No glasses or hats)



5. *The entry fee is $40.00 per goat entry. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of four (4) goats, with goat entered in a different age division/class. Each paid entry includes one (1) bag of shavings.
6. **Official SLCFA goat record books are required for all exhibitors and will be judged. Each exhibitor must submit one (1) official SLCFA Goat Record book by Monday, **February 08, 2027,** at the Fair Office by 5pm. The record book shall include all goats exhibited by the exhibitor during the current fair year, with a maximum of four (4) goats documented in one record book. Record books must be complete and include all required sections, documentation, and signatures. Failure to submit a completed record book by the deadline will result in "No Book – No Show."
7. Mandatory goat meeting, Monday, **January 11, 2027,** at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors that intend on showing a goat for the current fair year must attend this meeting.



8. ***Each exhibitor is required to obtain a minimum but not limited to of $40 in barn sponsorships. All sponsorship forms and monies will be required at the time of the mandatory January 11th meeting. NO exceptions.**
9. This is an "Open Show for exhibitors who reside in St. Lucie County.

Eligibility requirements:

- Exhibitor must be 5 years old as of September 1st of current Fair Year.
- If exhibitor is not 8 years old as of September 1st of current fair year, meaning exhibitor does not qualify for a 4-H club, but will be 5 years old as of the online entry date of the current fair year, the exhibitor must show in the SLCF open show, given the exhibitor meets the above requirements. All Exhibitors over the age of 8 and a member of 4-H or FFA may enter their goat in the exhibit as a member of their club as long as they reside in St. Lucie County.
- **Each Live Animal Exhibitor ages 8-18 years must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate.**
- Exhibitors are only permitted to show the animal registered to the exhibitor for Showmanship & Grooming.

10. All exhibitors must have record books signed by the Goat Barn chairperson, Club leader or Livestock Committee representative.
11. Upon entry to the fair, all Wethers will be taken to the scales to be weighed for class placement purposes. ALL goats will be checked in FIRST, then scales will be open for weighing.
12. Minor clipping (head, tail, hooves, etc.) will be permitted in designated areas during designated times. Body clipping is to be completed before entering the fair. NO full body clipping will be permitted during the fair.

13. On the day of the show the goat barn will be closed to the public at 2pm. ONLY registered SLCF

exhibitors, club leaders, parents/legal guardians of exhibitors or their immediate family will be allowed to coach and be present while the exhibitor grooms their project. The exhibitor must be PRESENT and be the ACTIVE groomer of the project. Grooming the project without the exhibitor actively present as the primary groomer can result in disqualification. The only exception to this rule would be in the event the exhibitor or exhibit's well-being is in jeopardy. However, the barn chairperson shall be notified first.

14. Upon entry to the Fair on Thursday, **March 04, 2027**, all animals must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation. Tattoo, Scrapie Tags, and other methods of identification must correspond with the OCVI. No carbon copies of Health Certificates and tattoos must be a week old.

15. *Goat Milking Contest **Thursday at 4:00pm**, (location TBA). Participation is free; however, all contestants must register through ShoWorks. Additional contest information and official flyer will be posted on the SLCFA Livestock Exhibitors Page and the SLCFA Livestock Facebook Page. A minimum of six (6) registered contestants is required to hold the Goat Milking Contest. If fewer then six (6) entries are received, the contest will be canceled.

16. All pens will have a clean base with one bag of shavings upon entry to the fair. Additional use of bedding is at the exhibitor's expense. All pens must always be kept clean, and manure disposed of properly.
17. All aisles must remain clear during Fair hours (extension cords, grooming boxes, fans, chairs, etc.)
18. Once a goat has been assigned to a pen the goat is to remain in that pen. No goats are to be removed from a pen during the hours of the barn being open. No goats are to be moved without approval of the Barn Chair.
19. The exhibitor is responsible for all care management and feeding of his/her own animals. Animals must always have fresh water. Animals may be fed according to their normal feeding schedules.

20. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE GOAT BARN!
21. Exhibitors must be present in the barn while it is open to interact with the public. The public may have questions regarding your animal.

22. Goats will remain in the barn until Saturday, **March 06, 2027**, and may leave after 9pm. Stalls must be completely cleaned before departure by **11:00am** Sunday, **March 07, 2027.**

23. *Each exhibitor is responsible for thoroughly cleaning their assigned pens and storage areas before leaving the fairgrounds. Pens must be inspected and approved by the Goat Barn Chair prior to departure. Failure to have the assigned pen and storage area cleaned and approved will result in a $50.00 cleaning fine assessed to the exhibitor. Failure to clean assigned areas may also result in the forfeiture of future exhibition privileges at the St. Lucie County Fair. Exhibitor and clubs are responsible for providing their own wheelbarrows, brooms, shovels, and other cleaning equipment.

24. NO companion goats are allowed unless approved by the Livestock Committee. Any approved companion animal MUST have a valid health certificate and will be marked by tag ID with chalk. NO bucks as companion goats. One parent or guardian of each exhibitor must be in the barn while it is open.

***Non-compliance will result in a fine, 1st offense $50.00, 2nd offense $100.00, 3rd offense $200.00. NO WARNING ISSUED. All fines will be paid in full before the exhibitors next scheduled event (show, Showmanship, or awards). Exhibitor will not be eligible to show in their next scheduled show or sale until fine is paid in full. Fine will be turned into the barn chair/livestock committee with completed form on (page 40)**

SLCFA SHOWMANSHIP RULES

Market Steer - Market Swine - Beef Breeding - Goat

The number of places awarded may be limited by show management in accordance with the number of entries. Showmanship contests shall be conducted in conjunction with all youth livestock shows listed which have a minimum of four entries.

In general, the contest will be judged on the following:

1. The ability of the contestant to lead, set up, and handle his/her own animal. The judge may ask you to show another contestant's animal.

2. The appearance of the contestant.

3. The contestant's attention to the judge and ring stewards.

4. The contestant's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring as demonstrated by his/her actions and possible questions by the judge.

5. Other areas may be evaluated as deemed necessary by the judge to determine winners.

SLCFA GROOMING RULES

Market Steer Market Swine Beef Breeding

a. From date of entry to the Fair until the end of the last scheduled show, current exhibitors may receive and/or give help to *current fellow steer exhibitors*. This includes:
-Washing -Blowing -Grooming of any sort

b. ***Parents & non-exhibitors*** are prohibited from assisting exhibitors with any of the following:
-Washing -Blowing -Grooming of any sort
Force filling of steers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses. ETC. All steers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton, twine, etc. May be applied.

c. Show Night: Tuesday, **March 02, 2027 @7:00pm**
Verbal assistance from the Official FFA Advisor(s) and registered 4-H Club Leaders ONLY is permitted. The barn will be closed to EVERYONE except for Exhibitors, FFA Advisor, 4-H Leaders, Livestock Committee & Designated Persons per Livestock Committee approval at 5:00pm.

d. Showmanship & Grooming Night: Thursday, **March 04, 2027 @6:30pm**
Exhibitors may begin grooming their steers no earlier than 1:00pm…except for wash and dry. At 1:00pm the barn will be closed to EVERYONE except for Exhibitors, Livestock Committee & Designated Persons. Current steer exhibitors may receive/or give help to fellow steer exhibitors.

2. **Beef Breeding Barn:**
a. From date of entry to the Fair until the end of the last scheduled show, current exhibitors may receive and/or give help to *current fellow steer exhibitors*. This includes:
-Washing -Blowing -Grooming of any sort

Show, Showmanship & Grooming Beef Breeding Night: Friday, **February 26, 2027@6:30pm**
Exhibitors may begin grooming their beef breeding exhibit no earlier than 1:00pm. EXCEPT WASH AND DRY. The barn will be closed to EVERYONE except for Exhibitors, FFA Advisor, 4-H Leaders, Livestock Committee & Designated Persons per Livestock Committee approval at 5:00pm.

3. **Swine Barn:**
Showmanship/Grooming – Monday, **March 01, 2027 @ 6:00pm** - Exhibitors are required to be in their pens by 5:45 pm.
The barn will be closed to the public. Only current swine exhibitors and leaders will be permitted in the barn the entire day.
   a. Current exhibitors may receive and/or give help to fellow current swine exhibitors.
   b. Verbal assistance from the official FFA Advisor and registered 4-H club leaders is permitted.

4. Initial full body grooming must be done prior to entering the fair, touch-up clipping ONLY will be allowed.

5. Professional fitters will not be allowed to groom animals or advise exhibitors in any barn once the animal is entered into the Fair.
Violation of these Grooming Rules will result in disqualification of the Exhibitor & animal.

SLCFA HERDSMAN AWARD

Herdsman Awards are awarded to exhibitors with the purpose of encouraging exhibitors to present more attractive displays. Show management reserves the right to withhold any or all Herdsman Awards if they are not merited. All livestock exhibitors are eligible to compete for these awards. Exhibits will be judged daily by the Livestock Committee on the following basis:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service areas, stalls, pens, animals, and public walkways.
2. Promptness in preparation of exhibit and exhibit areas by opening time and maintained until 9:00 p.m. daily.
3. Appearance of exhibitor.
4. Cooperation with show officials.
5. Availability to furnish information about their exhibits.
6. General conduct of the exhibitor.
7. Exhibitors shall discourage loitering by parents and acquaintances during fair hours.
8. There will be a First and Second Place in each barn.
9. A Special Award may be given for outstanding performance in areas of conduct, personal appearance, and assistance and cooperation with other exhibitors and show officials.

OTHER SLCFA LIVESTOCK AWARDS

St. Lucie County Fair
Quad County Bred Steer Competition

To compete for this award, steers must have been bred & born in St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, or Okeechobee County.

Cattlewomen's Best Effort Award

Two female exhibitors are selected who have demonstrated special efforts in the Market Steer Show and/or Beef Breeding Show. Exhibitors are judged on attitude, appearance, helpfulness, and knowledge of the Beef industry. Competition begins when animals enter. Award is decided by a committee of the St. Lucie County Cattlewomen.

St. Lucie County Farm Bureau Outstanding Exhibitor Award

The St. Lucie County Farm Bureau is looking for the "Ideal FFA/4-H/Open Show Exhibitor". One exhibitor from each barn (Beef, Swine, Horse, Goat, and Small Animal) will be selected based on Participation (barn time, interaction with public, time with animal, helping others, grooming/showmanship); Attitude (sportsmanship during shows and in the barn); Knowledge (about their animal such as breed, feeding program, breeder); Record Book (ribbon score and number score); and Exhibitor (appearance, appropriate clothes, and courteous to others). Winners will be recognized at the Exhibitor Awards and presented a belt buckle.

Market Steer and Swine Weight Gain Award

All market entries weighed in at the initial weigh-in are eligible. Animals with the highest average daily gain (ADG) will be selected.

Swine Carcass Award **Steer Carcass Award**

St. Lucie County Fair Association reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time. You will be notified via livestock committee, livestock desk, 4-h leader or FFA Advisor

SLCFA RECORD BOOKS

1. **Every exhibitor is required to submit a fully completed and current record book. All record books will be judged. Record Books will be available for Exhibitors to print out by going the St. Lucie County Fair website. Please visit www.StLucieCountyFair.org, to download & print a copy. If an exhibitor needs assistance with printing out copies, please call the fair office to decide. Requested copies will be gladly printed. You may want to print a copy for practice to keep records along the way then print a final copy to turn in for fair entry. Age category will be determined by exhibitor's age as of September 1st of the current school/fair year. The exception to the age category is in the Junior Division for the SLC Beef Breeding Show. Please see the Beef Breeding section.

2. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to purchase & obtain the required Record Book cover(s) needed.**

Completed record books:

- **Shall be submitted in a three-prong folder with pockets, NO 3 RING BINDERS PLEASE.**
- **Please include the following information on the front of each record book cover: 1.Exhibitor Name 2. Club Name 3. Age Division.**
- **Please submit each record book in the correct color folder according to age category:**

Junior 1 (Red Folder) 8-10 years
Junior 2 (Orange Folder) 11-13 years
Small Animal Intermediate (Orange Folder) 11-13 years
Senior 1 (Purple Folder) 14-16 years
Senior 2 (Black Folder) 17-18 years
Cloverbuds Small Animal (Green Folder), Caprine Goat barn (Green Folder). 5-7 years

3. 4-H & FFA exhibitor's Record books must be signed by the club leader or advisor.

4. For any additional assistance please contact the livestock committee.

5. Exhibitors shall submit one complete record book for each entry. Books will be judged separately by age and barn.

6. Cloverbud receives a participation certificate.

7. *No exhibitor will be allowed to participate until a fully completed record book is submitted for each project. In the event that an exhibitor receives a record book back for being incomplete when reviewed during entry to the fair, they must complete the record book and make arrangements to submit to the barn chair by fair opening the following day or they will not be permitted to participate with their animal in the show.

8. If an exhibitor's animal expires prior to entry to the fair, the exhibitor may still participate in the record book contest, providing a record book is submitted on the expired animal.

9. Record books where it is apparent that the work was done by a parent or someone other than the exhibitor will be reviewed by the Livestock Committee. The Livestock Committee will determine if record book and/or animal will be accepted and/or judged. Award will be given only to first and second place winners.

10. All beef breeding and goat record books must be completed and submitted by February 08, 2027, by 5:00 PM to the fair office. ALL BEEF BREEDING & GOAT RECORD BOOKS will be judged.

SLCFA LIVESTOCK OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, as of _____ (date of entry to fair) none of the livestock shipped to or delivered to the **St Lucie County Fair** will be, on such date, adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (i.e., none of the cattle or other ruminants will have been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, e.g. meat and bone meal, as that term is defined in 21 CFR 589.2000 and none of the livestock will have an illegal level of drug residues). This certificate shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned seller and such revocation is delivered to the (fair).

Date: _____

Exhibitor/Seller: _____

Name (please print)

Exhibitor/Seller: _____

Signature

Parent/Guardian _____

Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian _____

Signature

Mailing/Street Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

TAG ID #: _____

***Please turn this document in upon entry to the fair ***

*SLCFA FINE NOTICE TO EXHIBITOR

Fine $_____ Issuance #_____

February / March _____, 202____

Exhibitor Name _____

Address_____

City & State _____

Dear _____

The St. Lucie County Fair Livestock Committee has advised the Fair office _____ has to be paid before the exhibitors next event.
If this fine is received after all show events are concluded, then Fair office will deduct remaining balance from final sale of livestock.

The reasons these monies are being **deducted** are due to:

_____

_____

*Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Livestock Committee.

_____
Livestock Barn Representative

_____ _____
Livestock Desk Date Received

SLCFA PROTEST PROCEDURES

1. All protests must be done in writing and accompanied by a deposit of $100 cash or certified check which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such a protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to Livestock Coordinator within 24 hours after the occasion for such protest.

   A. Protest form lines 1 through 6 must be completed and submitted to Livestock Coordinator.
   B. Order of Action:
      1. Livestock Chair (Steer. Swine, etc.)
      2. Livestock Coordinator
      3. Final action St. Lucie County Fair Board of Trustees.

Action

All rules and regulations that have been properly protested and proven true could be subject to one or more of the following penalties:

1. Loss of premium monies
2. Loss of awards
3. Disqualification of animal(s) and or exhibitor from current and future shows.

Disqualifications: Any exhibitor that has been disqualified from any livestock show or has premium withheld or withdrawn from the grounds of rule violation(s) will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but is not limited to, disqualification for fraud, investigation, and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaints or appeal that a judge overlooked an animal will be considered. If any exhibitor, in any way whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s) or shows any disrespect to them or show officials, the existing show may excuse him/her from the ring and exclude him/her from further competition; exhibitor premiums that may have been awarded may also be withheld. If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the animals placing below him may be moved up at The option of the Livestock Chairman to fill the vacated position.

SLCFA Protest Form

1. Name of Exhibitor_____

2. Contact phone of exhibitor_____

3. Signatures of supporting exhibitors

   a. _____/print_____
   b. _____/print_____
   c. _____/print_____

4. Reason for protest

   _____
   _____
   _____
   _____
   _____

5. Check/cash enclosed____

6. Accepted by Livestock Secretary or Chair_____
   Date_____ Time_____

7. Action by Show Committee

   _____
   _____
   _____
   _____
   _____
   _____
   _____

8. Signature of exhibitor submitting protest

   _____

9. Signature of parent or guardian of above exhibitor

   _____

10. Date_____

SLCFA Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form

I_____

(Parent's / FFA Advisor's Printed Name)

understand that if my child's market animal project does not make the minimum requirements to enter the St. Lucie County Fair 2 times (2 consecutive years), my child's "loaned" market animal slot will be forfeited.

Forfeited 4-H market animal slots will go to the next eligible name on the market animal list via the St. Lucie County 4-H Office.

Forfeited FFA market animal slots will go to the next eligible member of the Chapter for Ft. Pierce Westwood or Allaphatta Flats or simply forfeited.

_____

Parent's / Advisor's Signature Date

_____

Market Animal Exhibitor Name. **(PLEASE PRINT)** Exhibitor Signature

FFA ADVISOR MUST SIGN A FORM FOR THE FFA CHAPTER ENTRY EXHIBIT ONLY

St. Lucie County Fair Association reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time. You will be notified via livestock committee, livestock desk, 4-h leader or FFA Advisor

Revised as of August 19th, 2024

SLCFA Acknowledgement Form

I,_____,
(Exhibitor Name / Please Print)
Acknowledge reading and understanding the State of Florida Vaccinations & Certificate requirements on pages 15-20, the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics on pages 19-20, and the Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form on page 47.

I,_____,
(Parent or Guardian Name / Please Print)
Acknowledge reading and understanding the State of Florida Vaccinations & Certificate requirements on pages 15-20, the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics on pages 19-20, and the Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form on page 47.

I,_____,
(Exhibitor Name/ Please Print)
(If showing a Market Steer or Market Swine) Acknowledge The St. Lucie County Fair Association youth market animal auction is defined as a terminal sale event. All market livestock projects go to slaughter and/or directly to a licensed contracted livestock facility for slaughter.

I,_____,
(Parent or Guardian Name/ Please Print)
(If showing a Market Steer or Market Swine) Acknowledge The St. Lucie County Fair Association youth market animal auction is defined as a terminal sale event. All market livestock projects go to slaughter and/or directly to a licensed contracted livestock facility for slaughter.

I,_____,
(Exhibitor Name / Please Print)
Acknowledge reading and understanding the **2027 St. Lucie County Fair Livestock Youth Premium Book.**

I,_____,
(Parent or Guardian Name / Please Print)
Acknowledge reading and understanding the **2027 St. Lucie County Fair Livestock Youth Premium Book.**

I,_____,
(Exhibitor Name / Please Print)
I EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE, COVENANT AND PROMISE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITIES AND RISK FOR INJURY, DEATH, ILLNESS OR DISEASE OR DAMAGE to me or to my property arising from participation in the activities of the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc., its livestock show, or use of the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

I,_____,

(Parent or Guardian Name / Please Print)

I EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE, COVENANT AND PROMISE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITIES AND RISK FOR INJURY, DEATH, ILLNESS OR DISEASE OR DAMAGE to me or to my property arising from participation in the activities of the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc., its livestock show, or use of the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

I,_____,

(Exhibitor Name / Please Print)

I VOLUNTARILY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc. and all other persons or entities affiliated therewith ("Releasees"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with the participation in the activities of the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc., its livestock show, or use of the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds including, but specifically not limited to, any and all negligence or fault of Releasees.

I,_____,

(Parent or Guardian Name / Please Print)

I VOLUNTARILY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc. and all other persons or entities affiliated therewith ("Releasees"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with the participation in the activities of the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc., its livestock show, or use of the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds including, but specifically not limited to, any and all negligence or fault of Releasees.

I,_____,

(Exhibitor Name / Please Print)

I understand that this aforesaid RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE will prevent me, my child, my heirs or my estate from bringing any action at law, suit in equity, or other judicial proceeding or making any claim for damages, injury or death in the event of damage, injury or death arising from participation in the activities of the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc., its livestock show, or use of the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

I,_____,

(Parent or Guardian Name / Please Print)

I understand that this aforesaid RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE will prevent me, my child, my heirs or my estate from bringing any action at law, suit in equity, or other judicial proceeding or making any claim for damages, injury or death in the event of damage, injury or death arising from participation in the activities of the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc., its livestock show, or use of the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

Date: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

BUYERS PLAQUE RECEIPT
ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR MARKET SALE

Exhibitor Name: _____

Market Buyer(s)

Print	Signature	Date
Print	Signature	Date
Print	Signature	Date
Print	Signature	Date
Print	Signature	Date
Print	Signature	Date
Print	Signature	Date

ABOVED MENTIONED CERTIFIES RECEIPT OF BUYERS THANK YOU PLAQUE

Exhibitor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Club: _____

4-H Exhibitor is to return form to St Lucie County Livestock Desk to receive sale check.
FFA Advisors must present form to Livestock Desk to receive sale check.

Must present this form on specified dates given for check pickup

Exhibitor Name: _____

St. Lucie County Fair Graduating Senior's Speech:

Your speech **MUST** be typed on this form. This speech can be **200 words or less**. All senior speeches **MUST** be turned in on the **FINAL WEIGH DAY** and given to the weigh-in table. If your speech is not turned in on a weigh day it will not be accepted at a later date.



****Example Thank You Letter**

Requirements for Thank You Letters for Market Animal Exhibitors:

Standard Business Block Style Format:

Optional Letterhead: If applicable, a letterhead can be included at the top of the letter with name, address, and contact information. This adds a professional touch to the correspondence.

Senders Address: Start with your address at the top left (if not using letterhead), followed by the date.

Left Alignment: All text, including the senders address, date, recipients address, body, and closing paragraphs.

[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]
[Date]

[Recipients Name]
[Company Name]
[Company Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]

[Dear [Recipient's Name]]

[Body of the letter goes here. Each paragraph should be single-spaced, with a double space between paragraphs]

[Closing (e.g., Best Regards)]
[Your Name]

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Intent to House Form

Official ID:_____

Exhibitor Name _____

Type of Exhibit _____

Exhibit is being housed at address below:

Address:_____

City, St. _____ Zip:_____

I hereby submit to the livestock committee of the St. Lucie County Fair Association the location of the livestock exhibits housing address and that I will be responsible for my own exhibit and that the care and feeding of the exhibit will be done by me, the owner of the livestock exhibit.

Signature _____ (Exhibitor) Date _____

Signature _____ (Parent (if exhibitor is under the age of 18))

COMPLETED BY OFFICE

Received Date:_____

Signature:_____

COMPLETE THIS DOCUMENT AND BRING TO INITIAL WEIGH-IN

This document is mandatory for all market animal exhibitors and will be used for knowledge purposes only