



2027 St. Lucie County Horticulture 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 goal to serve our residents and to promote our great county.

The Fair Association is recognized as a 501©-3 non-profit educational organization by the Federal Government of the State of Florida.

St. Lucie County Fair Association

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

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 Horticulture 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 from 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 horticulture projects 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

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

Horticulture Chairperson Erin Rosskopf

Assistant Sara Houpt

Committee Members

Terri Zuidema, Jackie Adams, Charlene Peck, James Salvator, Sara MacDonald, and John Ferguson

2027 HORTICULTURE SCHEDULE

Tuesday	September 1, 2026	ONLINE Registration Open	
Sunday	February 21, 2027	Online Entries Close	11:59 PM
Thursday	February 25, 2027	All Entries Accepted	4:00-6:00 PM Fairgrounds
Monday	March 08, 2027	Plant Pick-Up	9:00AM-12:00PM
Tuesday	March 09, 2027	Plant Pick-Up	2:00PM-6:00PM

Entries must be picked up on Monday, March 08, 2027, between 9:00AM and 12:00PM or Tuesday, March 09, 2027, between 2:00PM and 6:00PM. The Saint Lucie County Fair Association, Inc. is not responsible for items left after Tuesday, March 11, 2027.

HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS

All entries (both 4H and Open) will be accepted on Thursday, February 25, 2027, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Horticulture Tent (Between Buildings B&C).

All entries must be registered online prior to being brought to the Fair. Information must be correct and bring the registration page with the QR Code with you when you drop off your entry. All entries must be registered through the Saint Lucie County Fair online entry system with designation of 4H or Fair and include the Division (age of exhibitor) and Class of the entry.

Online Registration will OPEN September 01, 2026, and Entry DEADLINE is February 21, 2027 @11:59pm.

Division 1-Pee Wee (under 8 years of age), Division 2-Youth Junior (8-12 years of age), Division 3-Senior Youth (13-18 years of age, must be enrolled in school), Division 4-Adult

CLASSES

1. Vegetables 2. Herbs 3. Citrus/Fruit trees 4. Succulents 5. Florida Natives 6. Bromeliads 7. General Plants (Other)

Premiums

Entries are judged by professional Horticulturists and decisions are final.

Blue Ribbon \$10

Best in Class \$15

Red Ribbon \$8

4H Best of Show \$25

White Ribbon \$6

Open Best of Show \$25

Blue Rosettes will be awarded for each class by division. One Best of Show will be awarded for Fair Entries and 4H entries each. Only the highest premium will be paid for each exhibit.

Requirements:

1. All plants must be clean, trimmed, and free from obvious pests and diseases.
2. All entries should include the common name (ex. Bell Pepper) and the scientific name (ex. *Capsicum annuum*) of the plant. **Enter the plant name in the description box on the ONLINE ENTRY.**
3. **All entries must be labeled prior to check-in with: Exhibitor name, plant class, and age group.**
4. Invasive species are discouraged.
5. All plants must be in proper container and pots should be clean of debris.
6. Plants should be well-established in their container.
7. Exhibit space will be provided.
8. Entries will be judged on quality, design, and originality.
9. There is no entry fee.
10. 4H and FFA exhibitors (including 4H Market Tree exhibitors) are required to care for their entries while at the fair.
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