

# Suwannee River Fair

## Beef Division Rules & Regulations

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## Website and Social Media

Website: <https://mysrf.org>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@SuwanneeRiverFair>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/mysrf>

## Important Dates In March

A completed record book, record book receipt, or summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter must be turned in for you to show your animal.

**RECORD BOOK CONTEST:** Contest Record Books **MUST** be turned in at Fair Grounds Wednesday, 5 March 2025 @ 4:00p – 8:00p  
**EXCEPTION:** Dog & Horse Show participants **MUST** be turned in at show entry Saturday, 1 March 2025

**COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarship Application Deadline **MUST** be BY 4:30p on Wednesday, 5 March 2025

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST:** You **MUST** signup for showmanship at the check-in table during March entry. **Late entries WILL NOT** be accepted.

**SALE DAY:** Wednesday 19 March 2025 @ 9:30a – Until Last Animal Sells

**BREEDING BEEF CHECK-IN DAY:** Friday 7 March 2025 @ 4:00p – 6:00p

**BREEDING BEEF CATTLE SHOWS:** Saturday 8 March 2025 @ 1:30p

**BREEDING BEEF CATTLE SHOW ORDER:** Bulls, Heifers (American, AOB, Homegrown)

**BREEDING BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP:** Saturday 8 March 2025 @ After Heifer Shows

**BREEDING BEEF CATTLE RELEASE TIME:** Release After Shows

**MARKET STEER CHECK-IN DAY:** Saturday 15 March 2025 @ 4:00p – 6:00p

**MARKET FAT STEER SHOW:** Tuesday 18 March 2025 @ 8:30a

**MARKET FAT STEER SHOW ORDER:** Fat Show, Fat Homegrown, Fat Showmanship

**MARKET FEEDER STEER SHOW:** Tuesday 18 March 2025 @ After Fat Steer Show

**MARKET FEEDER STEER SHOW ORDER:** Feeder Show, Feeder Homegrown, Feeder Showmanship

# 2025 Fair Schedule

## Weight/Tag-in/Entry Form Dates & Times

Saturday, August 31st – Fat Steers 8:30a – 10:00a  
Friday, December 6th – Feeder Steers 3:30p – 5:00p  
Saturday, December 7th – Swine 7:00a – 9:30a  
Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Goat Wethers Online or Postmarked Due Date

## Entry Forms Due – ONLINE OR POSTMARKED BY DUE DATE

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

Goat Wether, Doe Goat, Dairy Cow, Heifer, Horse, Bull, Dog, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy,  
BBQ Contest, Cupcake Contest, Tablescaping

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

**FINAL NON-MARKET DEADLINE WITH LATE FEE!**

### **Saturday, March 1:**

7:30a – 8:00a – Horse Entry & Contest Record Book Turn-in  
8:30a – Horse Show  
9:00a – Dog Show Entry/Show & Contest Record Book Due  
9:00a – Tablescaping Contest  
4:00p – Cupcake Decorating Contest

### **Wednesday, March 5:**

4:30p – Scholarship Application Deadline  
4:00p – 8:00p – Contest Record Books MUST be turned in at Fair Grounds

### **Friday, March 7:**

4:00p – 6:00p – Dairy Cow, Heifer, Bull Entry & Dairy Cow Skill-a-Thon  
4:00p – 5:30p – Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit Entry  
5:00p – 7:00p – Creative Life Skills Entry (NON-FOOD ITEMS)  
5:30p – Cloverbud Cavy Show & Rabbit Show/Showmanship  
After Cloverbud – Cavy Show & Rabbit Show  
6:00p – Rabbit Showmanship

### **Saturday, March 8:**

8:30a – 10:30a – Creative Life Skills Entry  
9:00a – Poultry Show  
9:30a – Poultry Showmanship  
After Show – Poultry Release, Superintendent must approve other times  
9:30a – 12:00p – Dairy Cow Show/Showmanship – Release after show  
11:00a – 1:00p – Ag- Life Contest  
1:30p – Cattle Shows  
–Bull Show  
–30 Minute after bulls – Heifer Show Order: American, AOB, Homegrown  
After Homegrown – Heifer Showmanship  
4:00p – 5:00p – Release PERISHABLE FOOD ENTRIES  
4:00p – 8:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
–Alternate Horse Show Date

### **Sunday, March 9:**

12:30p – BBQ Contest  
2:00p – Goat Doe Entry  
3:00p – Doe Goat Shows/Showmanship – Release After Show

### **Friday, March 14:**

4:00p – 6:00p – Wether Entry/Skill-a-thon

### **Saturday, March 15:**

8:00a– 11:00a – Swine Entry  
9:00a – 11:00a – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
9:00a – 11:00a – Wether Public Speaking/Sales Talk  
1:00p – Market Wether Show  
After Wether Show – Market Goat Team Fitting Contest  
4:00 – 6:00p – Steer Entry  
4:00p – 8:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing

### **Sunday, March 16:**

Posted Time – Church Service  
1:00p – 5:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
3:30p– SRF Alumni Show Registration  
4:00p – Alumni Goat, Swine, Steer Show

### **Monday, March 17:**

8:30a– Swine Showmanship  
9:00a – 7:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
1:00p – Steer Fitting Contest  
3:00p – Market Swine Show

### **Tuesday, March 18:**

8:30a – Fat Steer Show  
Homegrown Fat Steer Show  
Fat Steer Showmanship  
Following Fat Steer Show – Feeder Steer Show  
Homegrown Feeder Steer Show  
Feed Steer Showmanship  
3:00p – 4:00p – Livestock Judging Registration  
4:00p – Livestock Judging Events  
9:00a – 3:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing  
3:00p – 5:00p – Release of Creative Life Skills

### **Wednesday, March 19:**

9:30a – Sale  
12:00p– Buyers Luncheon  
1:30p – Sale

**Suwannee River Fair Association Inc.  
Parental Permission, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement**

Name and Location of Fair: Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show & Sale, Fanning Springs, Florida.

**ADULT AND MINOR PARTICIPANTS:**

Let it be known that all those directly associated with the Suwannee River Fair Association Inc./Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show & Sale/Suwannee River Fair (hereafter "Releasee"), including but not limited to Board Members, Staff, Show Committees, Sponsors, and Volunteers are to be held harmless and not responsible in any way in case of any damage, fire or accident as to person, lost articles, livestock, etc. entered and/or exhibited or any accidents that might occur to the exhibitor or their family, and/or the general public while visiting on the grounds at any time during fair activities. It is understood that all exhibitors entering any of the Suwannee River Fair shows and/or contests agree to comply with all General Rules and Regulations, Animal Inspections Rules & Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, as well as the rules governing each individual show and contest.

**NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN**

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF RELEASEE USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM RELEASEE IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND RELEASEE HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM. F.S. 744.301(3)(b) PARENTAL CONSENT.**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to enter any of the livestock areas at the Suwannee River Fair (*including, but not limited to, the show ring, competition areas, chutes, hog pens, steer barn, scales, washing/drying areas, areas reserved and intended for exhibitors or restricted to the general public*), or being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or for any purpose participate in any way in the event, by signing below, I agree as follows:

1. I am aware that there are livestock animals at the Suwannee River Fair and I understand that livestock can be unpredictable and dangerous at times.
2. If allowed to enter any livestock area, I agree to be mindful and aware of my surroundings in any areas that I may be in and will conduct myself in a safe and sensible manner.
3. I agree that if, at any time, I am in a livestock area and I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately notify Fair officials of such and will leave the area.
4. I agree not to sue any youth exhibitors, the Suwannee River Fair or any affiliate of the Fair, the Fair Board Members, Fair Superintendents, Fair Officers, or anyone else associated with the Fair for any loss or damage claimed by myself due to the injury or death of myself or any person under my care at this event.
5. I understand that the activities of the Fair can be very dangerous and could involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage, and I assume this risk on behalf of myself and anyone under my care while at this Fair.
6. I understand that neither the Suwannee River Fair nor any of its affiliates are responsible for loss of or damage to any of my personal property or belongings while at the fairgrounds.
7. I understand that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Province or State in which the event is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
8. I agree the laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity of this Release, the construction of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties hereunder.

**I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I ASSUME ALL RISK INHERENT IN THIS FAIR WHICH INVOLVES UNPREDICTABLE LIVESTOCK ANIMALS. I FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.**

_____ Print Exhibitor Name	_____ Exhibitor Signature	_____ Date
_____ Print Parent/Guardian Name	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date

## GENERAL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL SHOWS & CONTESTS

1. The Suwannee River Fair Association (SRF) reserves to its Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations.
2. The SRF reserves all rights to make changes to individual shows, events, and/or rules and regulations throughout the year as the Executive Board deem necessary for the betterment, improvement and safety of exhibitors, volunteers, and guests.
3. The fair will take place at the discretion of the SRF Board of Directors and when possible, the following year Fair dates will be set in January prior to the opening of the current Fair year.
4. Market animals that show must sell. Exhibitor owns the animal until it goes on the trailer of the resale buyer after the sale
5. All animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and remain in their designated area during the feeding period or until released by show committee. The care and welfare of the shows animals will be checked periodically by FFA advisors, county Agents, 4-H leaders and/or board members.
6. The website [mysrf.org](http://mysrf.org) has entry forms, record books, updates and changes to any rule.
7. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fairgrounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
8. The Fair will not be responsible for any actions by the US Post Office concerning entries or thank you letters. This includes letters lost or delayed through the mail.
9. Use of drugs in animals not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.
10. **SRF Association Resale Buyer Quality Assurance & Drug Statement** This is to acknowledge that I have been advised that the presence of any drug, antibiotic or biological residue in my market animal at slaughter will result in the condemnation of the carcass and forfeiture of all sale proceeds and premiums. I certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements or as prescribed by a veterinarian. I certify that I produced this animal, it was not fed any prohibited feedstuffs and all feeds were fed in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label instructions.
11. Show officials may refuse participation in any show, contest or sale, any exhibit or exhibitor who they feel is not a credit to the fair and/or does not adhere to all rules and regulations.
12. The decisions of Judges, Graders, FDACS Inspectors and other officials of the fair are final. There will be no arguments, verbal or written, or protest to the fair Judges or Graders. Protests are allowed under the provisions of SRF general rule #13.
13. Any disagreement or protest regarding any fair activities must be made in writing to the Fair Board President. The executive board will consider such protests and a decision rendered as soon as possible.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

14. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents are expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct at all fair sanctioned events. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of all premiums, awards and elimination or expulsion from participation in the current or future fair events.
  - a. Abide by all SRF rules and regulations.
  - b. Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages on fair property or being under the influence of such beverages is strictly forbidden.
  - c. The use of profanity or fighting on fair property is forbidden.
  - d. The possession of firearms by anyone under the age of 18 on fair property is forbidden. Adults must secure firearms in locked vehicles when left unattended.
  - e. No open fires are permitted on fair property.
  - f. Any intentional destruction or abuse of Fair property will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the fair grounds and/or activities.
  - g. No improper comments or conduct toward buyers, fair officials or volunteers will be tolerated.

### EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

15. Participants in the Suwannee River Fair, MUST live or attend school in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Individuals not meeting this requirement must apply to the Suwannee River Fair Association for exemption to participate. Refer to Application For Participation in Suwannee River Fair.
16. Participants in SRF must be certified members in good standing of 4-H or FFA in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Verification of membership is the sole responsibility of the advisors or agents and implies member compliance with national, state and local membership rules and policy. Membership is certified initially by the signature of the appropriate Advisor, Agent or Leader on the appropriate entry form. Final certification from Advisor or Agent will be verified from SRF Master Entry List.
17. **Age Division** between Primary (8-10), Junior (11-13), and Senior (14+) classes shall be uniform throughout the Fair. **The base age date for all shows: September 1, 2024.**
  - a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, Jr: 8-13, Sr: 14 years and older
  - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2024** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.

18. **4-H Cloverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of 9/1/2024.
  - a. Cloverbuds may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter and participate only in events specific to their age group.
  - b. Cloverbuds are eligible for participation in Exhibition Only classes in Creative Life Skills, Small Animal Shows, Dog Rally, and Some Showmanship classes.
  - c. Cloverbud entries will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. See Specific Shows for Rules and Regulations.
  - d. A Cloverbud project summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter, drawing, or picture on 8.5x11 paper for cavy, poultry and or rabbit shows is required.
19. **SRF Dress Code:** All exhibitors participating in Shows, Sale, and Awards Program will be required to be clean, neat and dressed in black pants or skirts, a solid white button up shirt with a white collar and dark or green tie. 4-H or FFA Jacket or 4-H Vest are required. Closed-toed shoes with backs or boots are required. No hats or caps allowed. **Show and Contest Exceptions:** Cloverbuds may wear 4-H Accessories. Contest participants refer to contest dress code requirements. Dairy Cow and Goat participants may wear white pants and shirt. Dog Show participant refer to show dress code rules. Horse Show participants are required to wear attire, boots and helmet appropriate to riding style.
20. **Buyer's Invitation:** It is the exhibitors responsibility to help get new and returning buyers to come to the livestock sales.
21. Exhibitor must be ready to enter the arena on time. Once class has started no late entries or early exits will be allowed.

### EXHIBITOR ENTRIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

22. Animals must be entered at the initial and final entry time.
23. Exhibitors must own in full any animal exhibit offered for sale. No individual may show and/or sell more than one SALE animal per year. Chapter or club animals must be shown and sold by someone that does not have a market animal in the show.
24. Exhibitors must show and sell, his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate.
25. All exhibits must be picked up no later than the time and date listed in the schedule of events or show barn for each show and division.
26. Early removal of exhibits may result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
27. For the safety of all exhibitors, any animal that becomes loose or unruly while in the show ring due to lack of control by the exhibitor shall be penned or tied to the fence for the remainder of the class.
28. **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:** By signing and submitting an entry to the Suwannee River Youth Fair, the exhibitor, parents, leaders, and advisors agree that they have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as published by the Suwannee River Fair Association, and that all information on the entry form is true. By signing the entry form you release the Suwannee River Fair Association and those directly associated with it from any liability to your person or property and you consent to the use, by the Fair, of any pictures taken during the events for promotion or advertising of the Suwannee River Youth Fair.
29. **LIABILITY WAIVER:** Parent/Guardian and/or Exhibitor must sign and submit a Parental Permission, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement with their entry form.
30. **WRIST BANDS:** Colored wrist band will be issued to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Wristbands are required to enter restricted livestock areas of the fair grounds.
31. **Entry Forms:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline
32. **Entry Fees:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline
 

\$35.00	Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine & Wether
\$30.00	Horse Performance, & Horse Speed
<b>\$30.00</b>	Beef Bull & Heifer Dairy Cattle, Dog, & Goat Doe \$30.00 per Head
\$20.00	Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit
\$10.00	BBQ Contest & Cupcake Decorating Contest,
\$5.00	Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry
\$5.00	Creative Life Skill Shows & Tablescaping Contest
33. **Registration Deadlines:** All paperwork is the responsibility of the exhibitor and entry forms are due into the show superintendents no later than:
  - a. **Market Steer & Swine Animals:** On the day of Weight/Tag-in.
  - b. **Market Wether Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December of the current fair year.
  - c. **Non-Sale Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December will be accepted at double the entry fee. Exhibitors are encouraged to include a self-addressed, stamped post card which will be returned upon receipt of their entry forms. A list of all received entries will be posted on the Fair website. Dropped off forms will not be accepted.

34. **REQUIRED Show/Contest Sponsor Thank You Letters:** Your animal or project will not be checked into the fair until a show/contest sponsor thank you letter is submitted. No Torn Pages, Frayed Edges or Envelopes will be excepted. Letters **MUST BE HANDWRITTEN** and **AT THE MINIMUM MUST** include 3 paragraphs with at least 9 sentences, using the following format:
- ▶ Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself (name, age, school, club/chapter, what other shows you participate in, etc.);
  - ▶ Paragraph 2: tell what the project is (steer, swine, horse, rabbit, etc.) and describe what you learned from the project (do not just say "I learned responsibility" or "I learned time management," but explain how you learned it and why it is important);
  - ▶ Paragraph 3: Express your appreciation and tell how much you appreciate them and their sponsorship.
35. **Mandatory Project Summary Sheet OR Record Book:**
- a. All animal exhibitors **MUST** complete either a Project Summary Sheet or a Record Book for each animal project they enter. Any exhibitor wishing to participate in the Record Book Contest must fully complete a Record Book.
  - b. Animals will be group as either Market or Non-Market Animals.
  - c. The completed project summary sheet or record book will be presented to the show committee check-in station where all summary sheets and record books will be examined for completeness.
  - d. If a summary sheet or record book is found to be incomplete, the exhibitor and their animal **WILL BE** diverted out of line to an area where they will complete their sheet/book.
  - e. Exhibitors showing in multiple animal divisions have the choice of completing either the project summary or the record book, so long as one or the other is completed for each division.
  - f. If the sheet/book is complete, it will be rubber stamped as approved, and the exhibitor's hand will be stamped for entry into the scale house, arena or barns.
  - g. **Optional Record Book Contest:** Refer to Contests and Other Events Rules.
36. **Showmanship Contests – General Rules:**
- a. There will be Primary, Junior, and Senior divisions.
  - b. **Showmanship Entries – Participants. MUST register at check-in area. Other showmanship entry times are NOT ALLOWED.**
  - c. Refer to show division for specific criteria on participation.
  - d. The exhibitor must show his own animal. No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show and division. Exhibitors of chapter or club animal may compete in the showmanship contest, 1 per club/chapter by designated club leader or chapter advisor.
  - e. Awards may be given to the top three (3) showmen in each show category.

### **ANIMAL INSPECTION RULES & REGULATIONS**

37. All animals shall enter the show grounds through the North gate, unless specified in SRF Division and Show.
38. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean and attractive manner, properly care for (feed and water) animal exhibits, for the duration of the Fair. Inspections will be performed by the Board.
39. **Proper Care:** If your animal is reported for lack of care and the grievance is found to be valid, the pen will be tagged with a date and time. Once your pen is tagged you must immediately report to the office/show superintendent. If the problem or concern is not corrected you will be withdrawn from the show.
40. State Veterinarian, USDA representative, SRF Grievance Committee or their representative reserve the right not to accept animals if they appear to be unhealthy, infected with external parasites (such as lice, mites & fleas), malnourished, or not in the best interest of the fair.
41. There will be no medicating of animals, unless approved by SRF Grievance Committee or their representative.
42. If illness appears during the course of the Fair, the SRF Grievance Committee or their representative reserve the right to remove animals from the barn that day.
43. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor until released from Fair.
44. All health rules as outlined by the Suwannee River Fair and the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry must be adhered to. State inspectors will be on the grounds to verify health papers and check in all animals. No animals will be unloaded without the inspector's approval. The State Inspector has the right to test any animal on the facility without prior notice under **Florida Statutes 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
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# CATTLE DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

## CATTLE GENERAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Health Requirements:
  - a. 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.
  - b. 5C-4.002 Cattle (Beef & Dairy): **OCVI Required.** (a) Florida-origin cattle moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition. (Health Certificate)
  - c. All Market and Non-Market Cattle must have an **Official Individual Animal ID.**
3. Cattle must be polled or dehorned at the time of the initial entry, limited at the discretion of the board.
4. Nose rings are not allowed in any cattle. Except Nose rings are required in Bulls age 6-30 months. [Age is at time of Show entry in March.](#)
5. Cattle must be halter broken in March. A screening committee appointed by the board of directors may sift out any animal that becomes unruly and dangerous at any time during the show and sale. Sifted cattle will not be sold by the Association and must be removed from the grounds.
6. Cattle (bull, heifer and/or steer) Exhibitor is required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the directors that they are able to handle their animal safely. This will include an unassisted walk by the exhibitor. If any animal is deemed "green, unbroke, or unsafe" the exhibitor will be excused from the show and sale, regardless of division. There will be two opportunities to do this. At the March weigh-in and a time to be announced prior to the Show. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the show and sale.
7. No reserving spots or setting up cages in advance of the weigh-in. All spots will be selected in the order of weigh-in. No cages will be setup until all animals are weighed and have selected their spots.
8. Cattle must be shown with show halters only. Animals requiring a rope halter will be tied if unruly, but must enter the showing in a show halter.
9. No altering of cattle: including but not limited to improper injections.

## BEEF CATTLE SHOW RULES

1. **Beef Cattle Homegrown Champions:** Homegrown means the mother of the show animal was owned by your family's (parents, grandparents or legal guardian) farm. Top 5 Homegrown animals will be awarded.
2. Beef Cattle Awards will be given to the top 5 overall steers and heifers. [Required all shows to have a minimum of 15 entries to have top 5 awards, if not then go to reserve and grand only.](#)
3. [Participants will have the same back number for all beef breeding animals.](#)
2. **American Division:**
  - a. All American entries for heifers and bulls must send photo and/or purebred registration with number.
  - b. American fat and feeders will have a photo taken at weigh-in.
  - c. All American entries will also be checked as they exit weigh in on fair entry in March and confirmed for the correct division. If at any time they do not qualify as American, the committee will move them to AOB.
  - d. American Classes: (1) American, (2) Commercial & AOB Registered (3) Homegrown. Exhibitors must indicate which divisions they are entering on their entry form and select between (1) American and (2) Commercial & AOB registered animals. Beef Cattle will not be allowed entry in both of these divisions; however they are encouraged to enter the homegrown show if they are eligible. The judge will select a top 5 from each division; American, Commercial & AOB Registered, and Homegrown.
  - e. **American Beef Cattle** will be recognized as cattle that exhibit and maintain prominent Bos Indicus breed characteristics or have registration papers that indicate a Brahman Cross breed of 50% or more – Braford, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Brahman Fl, etc.
    - Prominent Bos Indicus breed characteristics are considered as follows: ¼ clip or slick coat, dewlap that extends to the underside of the neck, angular ear, hump or crest, and extended naval. The committee will confirm on show entry in March whether they maintain the American characteristics necessary to compete in that division. If they do not meet the characteristics outlined, they will be reclassified into the commercial and AOB registered division. If you are unsure of which division to enter, please contact the heifer show committee and we can confirm via photo before your entry is classed.

## BULL SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: **Lint Jerrels**  
Show Committee: Dalton Long, Gary McKenzie, Huston McKenzie, Wendy Bird, Jaime NesSmith  
Entry Fee: **\$30.00 per Bull**

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
2. Bulls must be 0-30 months of age. [Age is at time of Show entry in March.](#)
3. Participants can show up to 3 bulls.
4. Bulls will be classed by weight. No more than 8 bulls to a class.

## HEIFER SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Lint Jerrels

Show Committee: Dalton Long, Gary McKenzie, Huston McKenzie, Wendy Bird

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per Heifer

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
2. Heifers must be 6 months to 30 months of age. Age is at time of Show entry in March.
3. Participants can show up to 5 heifers or 4 heifers and a cow/calf pair. Any females with a calf at side will show in their age class (American) or weight, combined weight of female and calf (AOB) with their calf at side and be eligible for all awards including grand and reserve.
4. **Heifer Show:** Heifers will be classed by weight for each division except for the American. No more than 8 heifers will be assigned to a class. All heifers will be weighed at check in.
5. **Show Divisions:** (1) American Heifers (2) Commercial & AOB Registered Heifers (3) Homegrown Heifers. Exhibitors must indicate which divisions they are entering on their entry form and select between (1) American and (2) Commercial & AOB registered heifers. Heifers will not be allowed entry in both of these divisions; however they are encouraged to enter the homegrown heifer show if they are eligible. The judge will select a top 5 from each division; American, Commercial & AOB Registered, and Homegrown.  
**American Division:** Heifers within the American division will be classed by age: 6-10 months, 11-15 months, 16-22 months, 23-30 months but will still be required to weigh in upon arrival.

## STEER SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Lint Jerrels

Show Committee: Dalton Long, Gary McKenzie, Huston McKenzie, Wendy Bird

Entry Fee: \$35.00

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to all shows and contests.
2. Cattle determined by the committee to be structurally unsound and therefore unmarketable may be rejected from the show & sale.
3. Steer will be weighed only once. The exhibitor, at this time, may request the animal be removed from the scales, the scales rebalanced and the animal re-weighed. Any request for re-weighing must be at the time of the initial weighing. Animal must not leave scale area. No animal will be weighed more than twice.
4. The top steer from each class will compete for Grand Champion. In the class from which the champion comes from, the 2<sup>d</sup> place animal can compete for Reserve Grand Champion.
5. If any rules are found to be violated, exhibitors will only receive resale value.
6. Exhibitors must deliver steers to the holding pen and sign delivery list after the conclusion of the sale.
7. **American fat class(es) will be added for feeders and fats, no more than 8 animals same as other beef shows. Same criteria as American division females for prominent Bos indicus breeding. The top American entry will be awarded a banner, the class winner(s) will also go in for the grand drive for fat/feeder.**

## MARKET FEEDER STEER SHOW RULES

1. Maximum weight at first weigh-in is 550 lbs.
2. Calves must gain a minimum of 1.5 pound per day during the feeding period.
3. Weight in March will be a minimum of 600 and maximum of 850. The objective is to grow the calf, not to fatten the calf, producing a healthy growing steer.
4. After all steer are entered, they will be classed by ending weight.
5. A 10% sales commission, plus a \$1.00 Beef Check-off Fee as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds. The exhibitor is paid on a 3% shrunk weight (97% of the ending weight).

## MARKET FAT STEER SHOW RULES

1. Maximum weight at first weigh-in is 950 lbs.
2. Steers entered in the show and sale must have gained a minimum of 1 pound per day during the feeding period and weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at the March weigh-in.
3. After all the steers are entered, they will be classed by weight starting at 1000 pounds with no more than 8 animals in a class.
4. A 8% sales commission, plus a \$1.00 Beef Check off fee as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds. The exhibitor is paid on a 3% shrunk weight(97% of the ending weight).
5. **Gain In Weight Contest:** Designed to measure the exhibitor's ability as a herdsman to select and feed an animal for economical gain. Steer committee will be responsible for weighing and certifying these weights to the sponsor. Any certified steer entry in the SRF, which meets contest rules, will be eligible to compete. Each steer must be identified at the time of weigh-in with an ear tag and EID provided by the association. The show classification weight will be used at the end of the feeding period weight. Awards will be given for top 3 places.



## MARKET STEER FITTING CONTEST RULES

Entry Fee:	None
Sign-Up:	Sunday of Market Week
Contest:	Monday at 1pm- Outside by wash rack
Contest Time:	40 minutes

1. Teams consist of 3 members. One must be a Senior with Intermediate and Junior participants.
  2. Teams must provide:
    - a. Clean, Dry Calf
    - b. Grooming Chute
    - c. Power
    - d. Any other supplies necessary to present calf
    - e. Teams will have 40 minutes to fit their animal. No help from parents, any others is allowed during contest.
    - f. Teams will then choose 1 team member to present their animal to judges; the whole team should be available to answer questions.
    - g. Judges will announce results immediately following.
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## RECORD BOOK CONTEST

Contest Superintendents: Jessica Cooper & Wendy Bird

Contest Chair: Ashley Cook

Entry Fee: None

Entry Dates: Record Books **MUST** be turned in at the fair grounds and are due the first Wednesday in March between 4:00p-8:00p unless show occurs before this date. Then record books are due at time of show.

1. Exhibitors who complete a record book for an animal do not have to also complete a project summary sheet for the same animal.
  2. Record books not turned in on time may still be used to enter animal into the fair, but **WILL NOT** be judged.
  3. Individual Contest. Primary, Junior, and Senior age divisions.
  4. Age Divisions for the contest will be grouped as follows:
    - a. **Primary** division (ages 8-10)
    - b. **Junior** division (ages 11-13)
    - c. **Senior** division (ages 14+)
    - d. **4-H Cloverbuds** are Not eligible to participate in Record Book Contest
  5. Record Book Divisions for the contest will be grouped as follows:
    - a. **Market Animals** (Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine, Wether)
    - b. **Non-Market Animals** (Beef Bull, Beef Heifer, Dairy Cow, Dairy Doe, Dog, Horse, Meat Doe, Poultry, Rabbit)
  6. Exhibitors may enter 1 record book per show they are participating in.
  7. Record book committee will appoint qualified judges, who are not immediate relatives.
  8. Rubrics will be provided in the back of each record book template for all participants. These rubrics will then be used to score individual books.
  9. Ribbon Awards: Blue 90-100 points; Red 80-89 points; White 70-79 points; Green 69 points & below.
  10. Awards: First, second and third place may be awarded.
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