

2025 SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION
YOUTH OPEN BREEDING BEEF SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

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PURPOSE:

THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION YOUTH BREEDING BEEF SHOW IS TO PROVIDE A MEANS TO PROMOTE THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY IN FLORIDA. FURTHERMORE, THIS IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT FOR YOUTH IN FLORIDA. THIS SHOW PROVIDES YOUTH WITH A MEANS TO GAIN RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BEEF PROJECT.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. ONLY A BONA-FIDE 4-H OR FFA MEMBER, WHO IS AT LEAST 8 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST AND IS ENROLLED IN A FLORIDA RECOGNIZED SCHOOL ARE ELIGIBLE. YOUTH MUST NOT HAVE COMPLETED THE 12TH GRADE.
2. ANIMALS THAT CANNOT BE HANDLED PROPERLY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
3. CATTLE MUST BE IN SHOW SHAPE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR.
4. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE DEHORNED OR POLLED.

SCHEDULE:

CHECK-IN IS FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 9:30 AM FRIDAY FEBURARY 28, 2025.

THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 AM ON FRIDAY 28, 2025.

ENTRIES:

1. THERE WILL BE NO MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR.
2. \$30.00 ENTRY FEE WITH A \$10.00 ENTRY FEE FOR SHOWMANSHIP.
3. USE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH EXHIBITOR.
4. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED ON ENTRY FORM.
5. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTERED CLASSES AND SHOWMANSHIP. ALL ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER FERUARY 26, 2025 WILL GO INTO COMMERCIAL CLASSES.
6. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 26, 2025, ALONG WITH AN ENTRY FEE.
7. ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN. HOWEVER, A \$50.00 LATE FEE WILL BE APPLIED. LATE FEE IS DUE IN CASH.
8. EACH ANIMAL MAY BE SHOWN IN A SINGLE CLASS AND DIVISION.
9. ANIMALS MUST BE SHOWN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION AND AGE/WEIGHT CLASSES. EXHIBITS THAT HAVE BEEN INCORRECTLY ENTERED MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE, BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR PROPER DIVISION/CLASSES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SHOW.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

1. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE, PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION AND FREE OF EVIDENCE OF DISEASE. THE OFFICIAL USDA SCRAPIE EAR TAG IS REQUIRED AND WILL BE INSPECTED UPON ARRIVAL.
2. THERE WILL BE NO VET CHECK AT THE SHOW.

ETHICAL TREATMENT:

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE TREATED IN AN ETHICAL AND HUMANE MANNER. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE SHOWN IN THEIR NATURAL CONFORMATION AND STRUCTURE WITHOUT ALTERCATION. GROOMING, TREATMENT OF HAIR & TRIMMING OF THE HOOVES ARE ACCEPTED. ANY VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL AND THE EXHIBITOR.

GENERAL:

1. THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND CLEAN-UP OF HIS/HER OWN ANIMALS. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR STALL/TRAILER AREAS CLEAN BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUNDS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY. THE STALLS/TRAILER AREA MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY THE SHOW CHAIRMAN.
2. DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE DEMAND ON THE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, GENERATORS ARE WELCOME TO BE USED OUTSIDE.
3. EXHIBITORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR ANIMAL UPON ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS.
4. ALL ANIMALS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED WITH A HALTER AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR EXHIBITOR BEFORE AND AFTER THE SHOW.
5. THE SPACE FOR GROOMING CHUTES IS VERY LIMITED; THEREFORE, GROOMING CHUTES MUST BE CONFINED TO THE AREA DESIGNATED.
6. THE EXHIBITOR IS REQUIRED TO WEAR PANTS, COLLARED SHIRTS, CLOSED TOED SHOES OR BOOTS.
7. ONLY ONE ENTRY ARMBAND FOR EXHIBITOR. PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WILL NOT RECEIVE A PASS. **PASSES CAN BE PRE-PURCHASED DURING REGISTRATION, ONLINE AT SUMTERFAIR.NET, OR AT THE GATE AT TIME OF CHECK-IN. DAY PASSES FOR ADULTS 12 & UP ARE \$10.00, KIDS 6-11 YEARS, SENIORS & MILITARY ARE \$7.00. WEEKLONG PASSES ARE \$45.00, 5 & UNDER ARE FREE.**
8. SHAVINGS FOR THE STALLS ARE NOT PROVIDED. EXHIBITORS MUST BRING THEIR OWN SHAVINGS.
9. DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITORS AND/OR ANIMALS WILL NOT RECEIVE REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES OR PASSES.
10. EACH EXHIBITOR/OWNER ASSUMES ALL LIABILITY IN CASE OF DEATH OR INJURY TO HIS/HER ANIMAL AND ANY INJURY, DAMAGE OR DEATH INCURRED BY HIS/HER ANIMAL.
11. THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION AND/OR ITS DIRECTORS WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS TO HUMAN, ANIMAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

JUDGING:

1. THERE WILL BE A DIVISION FOR REGISTERED HEIFERS AND COMMERCIAL HEIFERS. ALL BREEDS WILL BE SHOWN TOGETHER.
2. REGISTERED HEIFERS WILL HAVE AN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN DIVISION. THEY WILL BE SHOWN BY AGE AND MUST PROVIDE REGISTRATION PAPERS. THEY CAN BE EMAILED TO LIVESTOCK@SUMTERFAIR.NET.
3. COMMERCIAL HEIFERS WILL BE SHOWN BY WEIGHT DETERMINED DURING CHECK IN.
4. ANY ANIMAL WITH A CALF AT HER SIDE WILL BE SHOWN IN A COW CLASS. ALL COWS WILL BE CLASSIFIED BY THEIR WEIGHT WITHOUT THE CALF.
5. ALL BULLS WILL BE CLASSIFIED BY THEIR WEIGHT. BULLS WEIGHING 800 LBS. AND OVER MUST HAVE A NOSE RING.
6. NO ANIMALS OLDER THAN 36 MONTHS.
7. THE BEST OF SUMTER COUNTY CLASS ARE FOR SUMTER COUNTY EXHIBITORS ONLY. THE HIGHEST PLACING SUMTER COUNTY ANIMAL FROM EACH CLASS WILL COMPETE FOR THIS AWARD.
8. ALL ANIMALS WILL BE JUDGED USING THE DANISH SYSTEM AND WILL RECEIVE PREMIUMS.
9. THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.

SHOWMANSHIP: AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

1. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL. ANY EXHIBITOR FOUND SHOWING ANOTHER EXHIBITORS ANIMAL OR LOANING THEIR ANIMAL FOR SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND THE PLACINGS/PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED.
2. ALL SHOWMANSHIP ANIMALS MUST BE ENTERED IN A JUDGED CLASS.
3. SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (14 & UP)
4. INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP (11-13)
5. JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-10)

SHOW ORDER

1. SHOWMANSHIP
SENIOR
INTERMEDIATE
JUNIOR
2. AMERICAN REGISTERED HEIFERS
BORN ON OR AFTER JULY 1ST 2024.
MAY 1ST- JUNE 30TH 2024.
MARCH 1ST- APRIL 30TH 2024.
JANURARY 1ST – FEBURARY 28TH 2024.
NOVEMBER 1ST- DECEMBER 31ST 2023.
SEPTEMBER 1ST- OCTOBER 31ST 2023.
JUNE 1ST- AUGUST 1ST 2023.
MARCH 1ST- MAY 31ST 2023.
DECEMBER 1, 2022 - FEBURARY 28TH 2023.
HEIFERS BORN JULY 1ST 2021 OR BEFORE WITHOUT A CALF WILL ALL BE SHOWN TOGETHER.
GRAND DRIVE
3. EUROPEAN REGISTERED HEIFERS
BORN ON OR AFTER JULY 1ST 2024.
MAY 1ST- JUNE 30TH 2024.
MARCH 1ST- APRIL 30TH 2024.
JANURARY 1ST – FEBURARY 28TH 2024.
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HEIFERS BORN JULY 1ST 2021 OR BEFORE WITHOUT A CALF WILL ALL BE SHOWN TOGETHER.
GRAND DRIVE
BEST SUMTER COUNTY REGISTERED HEIFER
4. BULLS
GRAND DRIVE
BEST SUMTER COUNTY BULL
5. COMMERCIAL HEIFERS
GRAND DRIVE
BEST SUMTER COUNTY COMMERCIAL HEIFER
6. COW/CALF PAIRS
GRAND DRIVE
BEST SUMTER COUNTY COW

PREMIUM PAYOUTS/AWARDS

THERE WILL BE 100% PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP TO THE TOP 3 EXHIBITORS IN EACH DIVISION.

CLASS PAYOUTS

BLUE RIBBON=\$50.00

RED RIBBON=\$30.00

WHITE RIBBON=\$20.00

GRAND CHAMPION REGISTERED AMERICAN HEIFER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION REGISTERED AMERICAN HEIFER
GRAND CHAMPION REGISTERED EUROPEAN HEIFER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION REGISTERED EUROPEAN HEIFER
BEST SUMTER COUNTY REGISTERED HEIFER
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL
BEST SUMTER COUNTY BULL
GRAND CHAMPION COMMERCIAL HEIFER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COMMERCIAL HEIFER
BEST SUMTER COUNTY COMMERCIAL HEIFER
GRAND CHAMPION COW
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW
BEST SUMTER COUNTY COW

EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ANIMALS AND EXHIBITORS. THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES THAT OCCUR WHILE IN TRANSIT OR WHILE AT THE FAIR OR ANY VENUE BEING USED BY THE FAIR ASSOCIATION FOR A FAIR EVENT. EXHIBITORS OR GUARDIANS AGREE TO HOLD AND INDEMNIFY SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES, AND VOLUNTEERS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF EXHIBITOR'S USE OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING INJURY OR DAMAGE TO EXHIBITOR/ OR ANIMAL OR ANY PARTICIPANT AND PUBLIC. THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PERSONAL ITEMS