



2025 St. Lucie County Livestock Premium Book

60th Annual St. Lucie County Fair

Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 09, 2025

The St. Lucie County Fair is chartered under Florida State Statute, 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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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Welcome to the St. Lucie County Fair!

Each year, approximately 5 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 the agricultural industry.

Events like the St. Lucie County Fair are an excellent platform for 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 also count on your support of this program - just look for items with the "Fresh from Florida" label. Together, we can help our state's agricultural industry thrive.

While you are visiting the St. Lucie County 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,

COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

St Lucie County Fair Association
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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 60th Annual St. Lucie County Fair, Friday, February 28, through Sunday, March 09, 2025.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brett Adams, DVM

President

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2025 ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Livestock Coordinator.....	Jason Rivas
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Assistant	CJ Crouch
Secretary.....	Lee Ann Black
Swine Chairperson.....	Jason Rivas
Assistant	Christ Russakis
Secretary.....	Natasha Rivas
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Assistant	Erin Rosskopf
Goat Chairperson	Maria Cerrone
Assistant	TBA
Horse Chairpersons	Mary Beth Becton & Ann Green
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Show Barn Chair.....	Brady Bond, Ethan Brooks, Eric Macon, & Dalton Hamrick
Livestock Announcer.....	Audra Macon

Committee Members

Amber McSwain

Joe Payne

Bill Crawford

Dana Ward

Dru Thompson

Zach Permann

Bernadine Russakis

Johnathan Sheeler

Lainie Rivas

2025 ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

Friday, September 6, 2024	Market Steer ONLINE Registration and Ear Tag Deadline.... 11:59 pm
Monday, September 09, 2024	Small Animal Leaders Only Meeting (4H Classroom) 6:30 pm
Friday, November 01, 2024	Small Animal ONLINE registration deadline 11:59 pm
Friday November 01, 2024	Small Animal sponsorships are due in the 4-H office..... 4:00 pm
Friday, November 01, 2024	Market Swine ONLINE Registration and Ear Tag Deadline 11:59 pm
Monday, December 15, 2024	Horse ONLINE registration Deadline 11:59pm
Monday, December 15, 2024	Beef Breeding ONLINE Registration Deadline 11:59pm
Monday, December 15, 2024	Goat ONLINE registration due 11:59pm
Tuesday, January 07, 2025	Horse Barn Mandatory Meeting (Building A)..... 7:00 pm
Monday, February 10, 2025	Small Animal Record Books & Cage Signs due @4-H ext. office 4:00 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 27, 2025	Rabbits, Cavies, & Reptiles Enter..... 4:00 -5:30 pm
	Beef Breeding Enters..... 6:00 pm
Friday, February 28, 2025	Swine Enter 7:00 - 9:00 am
	Swine record books due show arena 10:00 am
	Beef Breeding Show..... 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 01, 2025	Small Animal Show (Rabbits, Cavy, & Reptiles)..... 8am-12 pm
	Junior Beef Breeding Show..... 12:30 pm
	Swine Show..... 5:00 pm
	Beef Breeding load out..... 9:00 pm
Sunday, March 02, 2025	Steers Enter 7:00 - 9:00 am
	Steer record books due show arena 10:00 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 03, 2025	Swine Showmanship & Grooming 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 04, 2025	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 05, 2025	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 06, 2025	Goats Enter..... 7 – 9:00 am
	Steer Showmanship & Grooming..... 6:30 pm
Friday, March 07, 2025	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
Saturday, March 08, 2025	Small Animal Show (Chicken & Poultry)..... 9:00 am
	Pee Wee Pig Show 1:00pm
	Goat Show..... 4:00pm
Sunday, March 09, 2025	Horse & Goat Exhibitor Awards 12:00 pm
	Small Animal Awards 3:00 pm
	Poultry & Reptile load out 7:00 pm
	Goat load out..... 11am

2024-2025 ST LUCIE COUNTY FAIR SCALE SCHEDULE

8:00am until 9:00am

Open scale dates have been 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 YOUR Barn Chair by 2pm on the Thursday before by the scheduled scale date to ensure a Livestock Committee Member will be at the scales.

Saturday, September 21th

Saturday, October 12th
Saturday, October 26st

Saturday, November 9th
Saturday, November 23th

Saturday, December 7nd
Saturday, December 21th

Saturday, January 4th
Saturday, January 18th

Saturday, February 1rd
Saturday, February 15th
Saturday, February 22th

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

For **STEER** appointments call Doug Swartz at 772-216-3177 or LeeAnn Black at 772-216-7042

For **SWINE** appointments call Jason Rivas at 772-519-6082 or Christ Russakis at 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.
 - d. In the event an Exhibitor’s Market animal expires prior to or during the fair, he/she may still participate in the 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Each exhibitor may enter only one market animal. Market Animals must be the property of the exhibitor 7 days prior to online entry deadline.
 - g. Upon immediate notification to the Livestock Committee, if an animal dies within 7 days of online entry, Exhibitor has seven days from date of loss to replace animal.
 - h. 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. 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 substance, 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. The Livestock Committee shall have the authority to request the Fair Veterinarian to draw blood from any animal tagged and entered the fair.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. **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.**
7. 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 allowed on Fair premises. Leaders will be responsible for exhibitors complying with the sign regulations approved in their barn area.
8. 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. Refuse matter will be disposed of as directed by the barn chairpersons.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The buyer(s) plaques must be delivered to each buyer by April 30, 2025. Proof of delivery must be shown prior to receiving the sale money. Failure to deliver buyer plaques and/or proof of forged buyer signature are grounds for exclusion from future shows.
12. 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, and proof of delivery of buyer(s) plaque.
13. 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 22, 2025. Any unclaimed premiums will go into the SLC Fair Youth Scholarship Fund.**
14. 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 16-18, **Senior I**, ages 13-15, **Junior**, ages 8-12. (Beef Barn)
 - **Senior II**, ages 16-18, **Senior I**, ages 13-15 **Junior II** ages 10-12, **Junior I**, ages 8-9, (Swine Barn)
15. 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.

16. 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 \$250 and will not be permitted to show the following year.
17. ****INFORMATION REGARDING FAIR PASS TICKETS AND PARKING PASSES WILL BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE****
18. 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.
19. Neither the local interest participation 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 guest and their animals.
20. 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.
21. 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. Insurance might apply.
22. **No alcoholic beverages, mind-altering drugs or weapons of any kind are permitted on the premises. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY BARN!**
23. Protests must be done in writing. See page (45-46)
24. **Fines:** Any non-compliance of any rules may result in fines of \$50.00 per occurrence.
25. **Check with Barn Chairs for any barn rules that may apply to individual barns.**
26. **Each Exhibitor must have a valid Code of Ethics Certificate.**
27. **4H or FFA may not lend a spot to any other club unless approved by the Livestock Committee.**
28. **The fair issued exhibitor number must be visibly displayed on the back of the exhibitor.**

St. Lucie County Fair Association reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time

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.

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 anytime.
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. You must call Audra Macon to reserve your space at 772-216-0986 or email acelgreen@gmail.com
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 done no later than **NOVEMBER 29th**. Please email acelgreen@gmail.com 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

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5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Accredited Veterinarian. A veterinarian licensed in the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative-state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations 9 CFR §161.1 (JAN 2018), which is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10035>.

(2) Animal(s). This term shall include: be as defined in Section 585.01(10), F.S., which provides that the term “animal” shall include wild or game animals whenever necessary to effectively control or eradicate dangerous transmissible diseases or pets which threaten the agricultural interests of the state.

(3) 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.

(4) Commercial Production Swine. Swine that have been subjected to and found negative on their most recent annual brucellosis and pseudorabies tests and have been continuously managed with adequate facilities and practices to prevent exposure to any transitional or feral swine and so recognized by state animal health officials.

(5) “Domestic animal” shall include any equine or bovine animal, goat, sheep, swine, domestic cat, dog, poultry, ostrich, emu, rhea, or other domesticated beast or bird.

(6) Exhibition. Any premises displaying or presenting livestock to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show at an event sponsored by the state or county.

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

(8) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra or other equidae.

(9) 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.

(10) “Livestock” means grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, other hoofed animals, ostriches, emus, and rheas which are raised for private use or commercial purposes.

(11) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed Animals that are isolated and housed separately from all Animals not designated for slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

(12) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form from the state of origin or from the USDA, or a Department-approved electronic format, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the state of origin for the purpose of certifying the Official Individual Identification, test requirements, and health status of specific Animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.

(13) Official Individual Identification. An individual Animal identification that uniquely identifies the

Animal, the owner, the premises where the Animal was identified and the state in which the Official Individual Identification was applied and:

(a) For Cattle:

1. Is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with 9 C.F.R. §86.4(a)(1) (2013), as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.; or

2. Is submitted to and verified by the Department as meeting the requirements for Official Individual Identification such that state officials can determine the herd in which the Animal was officially identified.

(b) For Livestock Other than Cattle:

1. Tattoos and registered brands such as ear, tail-web or flank tattoos, breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers; or an official breed registration brand when accompanied by a brand registration certificate;

2. Official leg or wing bands for poultry;

3. Color digital images or notarized color photographs of the Animal, signed by an Accredited Veterinarian; or

4. Implanted electronic chips with a unique number that is recorded in a single, central database.

(14) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and Animal species.

(15) Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites (limited to ostriches, emus and rheas) and waterfowl that are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes.

(16) Segregated. To maintain a Group of Animals separate from another Group of Animals in such a manner as to prevent physical contact between Animals of the two Groups.

Rulemaking Authority 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.

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

(1) USDA. Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (MARCH 2014). An official USDA, APHIS, VS form required for submitting samples and reporting results of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests. Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (MARCH 2014) is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10036>.

(2) Division.

(a) Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). These certificates are provided only to Florida-licensed Accredited Veterinarians and may be obtained as provided in subparagraph 5C-4.0016(2)(a)1., F.A.C. Depending on species and purpose (sale or movement), the following are Florida-recognized OCVI:

1. 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.

2. 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.

(b) Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09207 Rev. 08/18 is incorporated by reference in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C., is an official card provided by the Department to the Horse owner, which certifies the existence of an official negative EIA test within the previous 12 months and a valid Florida Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for interstate movement for exhibition purposes in states which accept the card. The document is valid for six (6) months provided the conditions in paragraphs 5C-3.003(5)(a)-(f), F.A.C., are met. The Equine Interstate Passport Card is not acceptable for change of ownership purposes. It may be applied for by submitting an Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09219 Rev. 12/09, to the Division with the associated fee of \$15.00 for the first equine and \$5.00 for each additional equine on the same application. Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09219 Rev. 12/09 is incorporated by reference in paragraph 5C-3.003(5)(e), F.A.C.

(c) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, is an official document provided by the Department to the Horse 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>.

(d) Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09051 Rev. 03/06, an official document provided by the Department to the Horse owner, which certifies the existence of an official negative EIA test within the previous 12 months and a valid Florida Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09051 Rev. 03/06 is incorporated by reference in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C. The document is valid for six (6) months provided the conditions in paragraphs 5C-3.003(5)(a)-(f), F.A.C., are met. It may be applied for by submitting the Application for Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09078 Rev. 09/17, to the Division as referred to in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C., with the associated fee of \$10.00 for the first equine and \$5.00 for each additional equine on the application: Application for Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09078 Rev. 09/17, is hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph 5C-3.003(5)(e), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 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.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and 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, except that, for an equine imported into Florida using a current Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, or equivalent from the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for Animals originating in Florida and entered in Market Classes provided that Animals are Segregated from other Animals and the pens are occupied only by the Animals in a Market Class. Pens used for Market Classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected 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.

(5) 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 by a Florida-licensed Accredited Veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the Animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.

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 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18.

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) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis.

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

2. Imported dairy cattle may be entered for exhibition provided they have a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition; except that, dairy cattle from an Accredited Herd as defined in Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication, APHIS 91-45-011 (Jan. 2005) and originating in Tuberculosis-Free States, are exempt from this test requirement. Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication, APHIS 91-45-011 (Jan. 2005) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10086>.

3. Imported beef cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test provided they originate from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States or Herds. Otherwise, they must meet the requirements in subparagraph 5C-4.002(2)(a)2., F.A.C.

(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 a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2018), which is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10040>, or a Brucellosis Class Free State or Area which when certified, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test; and

c. Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A State or Area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

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—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.

5C-4.003 Swine.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Swine for exhibition 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.

(2) Tests or Certification Required for Breeding Swine.

(a) Brucellosis.

1. Swine imported for exhibition must comply with the importation requirements set forth in Rule

5C-3.007, F.A.C., Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 90 days prior to exhibition, or

2. Originate from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Swine herd as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2018), which is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-4.002, F.A.C., or

3. Originate from a Commercial Production Swine Herd as defined in subsection 5C-4.0015(4), F.A.C.

(b) Pseudorabies. Swine imported for exhibition must comply with the importation requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.007, F.A.C. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must be negative to an Official Test for pseudorabies within 90 days prior to exhibition, or

1. Originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd as defined in 9 CFR §85.1 (JAN 2018), which is incorporated by reference and available online at

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10043>, or

2. Originate from an Approved Commercial Production Swine Herd as defined in Rule 5C-21.018, F.A.C.

(3) Exemptions. Swine for exhibition as Market Class swine are exempt from the OCVI and test requirements provided that all swine in the class go directly to slaughter following the exhibition.

(4) Isolation. Breeding swine returning to the farm from exhibitions must be Isolated from other swine for at least 30 days before being returned to the herd. Breeding swine for exhibition must be maintained in Isolation between exhibitions or move directly between exhibitions.

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 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.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for Poultry, Domestic fowl or Ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However, Poultry, Domestic fowl or Ratites presented for exhibition without an OCVI, must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(4), 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 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 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.

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 presentation, 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 be accompanied by an OCVI completed within 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have an Official Individual Identification in accordance with the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-079, June 1, 2005, except lambs or kids under three months of age with official identification as defined in paragraph 5C-4.0015(13)(b), F.A.C., or accompanied by their dam. Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-079, June 1, 2005, is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10161>.

(3) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd as defined in 9 CFR §77.5 (Jan. 2018), or

have had a negative caudal fold tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds, the OCVI must show, the accredited herd number and the date of the last herd accreditation test.

(b) Brucellosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (Jan. 2018), or have had a negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from a Certified Brucellosis-free herd, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test. Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication, APHIS 91-45-011 (JAN 2005) is hereby incorporated by reference in subparagraph 5C-4.002(2)(a)2., F.A.C.

(c) Exemption From Test Requirements. There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats or Florida-origin dairy goats.

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 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 1-3-19.

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 Horses. (1) OCVI Required. An OCVI or an Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, or equivalent of the state of origin, signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, is required for Horses for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All Horses 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) An original owner's copy of a VS Form 10-11 (March 2014);
- (b) A laboratory certified copy of a VS Form 10-11 (March 2014);
- (c) A legible photocopy of a VS Form 10-11 (March 2014);

(d) An Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official; which may be applied for by submitting the Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09219 Rev. 12/09;

(e) A Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 07/05, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official; which may be applied for by submitting the Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05, or

- (f) A Department-approved electronic EIA form containing clear, color digital images.

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

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(3), 585.145 FS. History—New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 10-17-18.

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.*

Visit [5C-4 : ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION - Florida Administrative Rules, Law, Code, Register - FAC, FAR, eRulemaking \(flrules.org\)](#) for any further rules.

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 responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event 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 of 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.

1. The Market Steer Entry Fee is \$130.00. This entry fee will cover:
Health Certificate
4 Bundles of Shavings

*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 online entry deadline
3. All steers must be ear tagged by **September 6th, 2024**. All club leaders will be furnished with ear tags & applicators.
4. Deadline to Upload following documents for online entry is Sept 6th: (www.StLucieCountyFair.org)
 - Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form (page 47)
 - Acknowledgement Form (page 48)
 - Official Bill of Sale
 - Headshot Photo of Exhibitor
 - Full Body Photo of Animal with SLCF Ear Tag Prominently Visible
5. Upon immediate notification to the Livestock Committee, if an animal dies within seven days of online entry, exhibitor has seven days from date of loss to replace animal.
6. 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. Additional fans used at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
7. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at final weigh-in. Steers must have milk teeth.
8. Balloons are prohibited in the steer barn.
9. Each exhibitor must be able to handle their steer by themselves in the ring or the animal will be disqualified. This will be enforced by the Livestock Committee. 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.
10. Each steer must be tied securely during the fair with a halter, lead, and neck rope.
11. At any time prior to fair opening, parents or designated persons 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.

12. 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.

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

14. **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.**

15. Final weigh-in on Sunday, **March 02, 2025**, will determine eligibility and sale weights. Steers shall be divided into classes according to final weight upon entry to The Fair. Weight classes will be computer generated.

16. **Final weigh-in day, Sunday, March 02, 2025**, please bring the following documents:

1. Livestock Owners Certificate (page 43)

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

18. Complete record books are due by 10:00 AM on Sunday, **March 02, 2025**, at the announcer's table in the Show Arena.

19. 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 7th by 4:00pm in the Show Arena.

- Non-compliance will result in a \$50.00 fine. **NO WARNING ISSUED.**

MARKET SWINE

Order of Market Animal Sale:

Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, First in Class, High Weight to Low Weight in class placement order.

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. All swine must be ear tagged by **November 01, 2024**. Ear tags and applicators will be given to All club leaders.

5. Deadline to upload the following documents online is **November 01, 2024**.

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- Exhibitor & Parent Agreement for Market Animal Slot Form (page 47)
- Acknowledgement Form (page 48)
- Official Bill of Sale
- Headshot Photo of Exhibitor
- Full Body Photo of Animal with SLCF Ear Tag Prominently Visible
- Photo of Official Premise ID Tag

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

7. Final weigh-in day, **Friday February 28, 2025**, please bring the following documents:

1. Livestock Owners Certificate (page 43)

8. Friday, **February 28, 2025**, will determine eligibility and sale weight. Market swine must weigh at least 190 lbs. and no more than 300 lbs.

9. Market swine will be sold by weight class as indicated and determined at final weigh-in.

10. **ALL exhibitors are required to be on Barn Duty: Friday 2/28, Saturday 3/01, Sunday 3/02, Monday 3/03 and Tuesday 3/04. Barn Duty is from Fair Opening until 9 pm, when the swine barn closes. Exceptions can be made with authorization from Swine Barn Chair.**

11. **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 any issues.

12. **Day of Swine Show - Saturday- March 01** - 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.*
13. **Swine Sale - Sunday, March 02**- 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.*
14. **Showmanship & Grooming - Monday, March 03** 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 arena at any time.*
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Each club must have their own wheelbarrow, brooms, and shovel, marked with names.
18. Clubs must arrange for the morning feed. ALL swine must be fed by 9am.
19. 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.
20. Any changes or additions to the swine pens must be approved by the Livestock Committee.
21. Aisles must remain clear all times during fair hours. (Extension cords, grooming boxes, fans, etc.)
22. 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.**

23. 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.
24. Swine will be taken out as authorized by the Livestock Committee at any time following the sale.
25. Mandatory Clean-up for all Swine Exhibitors will be Wednesday, **March 05, 2025**. The barn will be open at 8:00 am. All Clean-up must be completed by 12:00 pm.
26. Complete record books are due by **10:00 am**, Friday, **February 28, 2025**, in the main Show Barn at the announcer's table.
27. 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.
Market Swine: Tuesday, **March 04, 2025**, by 5:00 pm at announcers table, Show Arena.
Non-compliance will result in a \$50.00 fine. **NO WARNINGS WILL BE ISSUED**
28. Barn Rules will be posted, including but not limited to, changes and additional rules and information regarding the Swine Barn. Please be advised The Livestock Committee reserves the right to make changes as deemed necessary.

BEEF BREEDING SHOW

Mandatory Beef Breeding email will be sent. Everyone who intends on showing a Beef Breeding animal for the current Fair year, MUST respond back to email stating read and received. No late entries. Please upload the following COMPLETED documents. All exhibitors must attend a mandatory workday with their animals

Entry Form (**MUST Register online** at www.StLucieCountyFair.org.) No late entries will be accepted.

- The \$20 entry fee and \$20 shavings fee. Make checks out to SLC FAIR.
- Ear Tag and Official ID
- Acknowledgements Page (If you show a Market Swine or Market Steer and have already signed this form, you do not need to sign it again.)

1. Eligibility requirements:
2. This is an "Open Show" for Exhibitors who reside 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. This exhibit is required to have a companion handler registered with the SLCF. All rules and regulations that apply to the exhibitor must apply to the companion handler and must be approved by the livestock committee.
 - c. If an exhibitor has two 1st place class winners and is in need of an additional handlers, **ONLY** another registered beef breeding exhibitor can be used and must be approved by livestock committee.
 - d. 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 disqualification.
 - e. Beef Breeding exhibitors are only permitted to show the animal registered to the exhibitor for Showmanship & Grooming.
2. Exhibitors showing in the SLC Fair Open Show must have all Record Books signed by a livestock representative, club leader or advisor.
 3. Online registration thru the SLC Fair website at www.StLucieCountyFair.org is mandatory. Registration must be completed by **December 15, 2024**.
 4. Beef breeding animals must be the property of a qualified exhibitor as of **December 15, 2024**, or since birth, prior to entering the Fair.
 5. Animals must be properly fitted, clean, and free of parasites.
 6. Animals must be exhibited and shown in their respective classes and exhibitors are required to complete a record book for each exhibit.

7. All animals entered may be sifted by members of the Livestock Committee approximately one month prior to the Fair.
8. Each exhibitor may show up to two project entries providing there is space available in the barn and it has been approved by the Livestock Committee. Each entry must be shown in a separate class and a complete record book for each exhibit is due Monday, **February 10th, 2025**, in the Fair Office, **NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM**.
9. Exhibitors not owning animals entered are responsible for care and feeding of animals from **December 15th** of current fair year, until the fair show to be eligible to participate and must complete verification forms.
10. Beef Breeding exhibits: heifers, cows, & bulls may be shown **up to 36 months old as of December 15, 2024**. All Beef Breeding Animals will be placed in a respective exhibit class. All classes will be determined by the Livestock Committee. 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**
 - **Exhibitors may only exhibit ONE animal per class.**
11. 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.
12. All steer barn rules apply for feeding and care of beef breeding livestock.
13. Steer Grooming and Showmanship Award Rules will apply for all shows.
14. Upon entry to the Fair on Thursday, **February 27, 2025**, all animals must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation. Tattoo, metal ear clips, and other methods of identification must correspond with the OCVI. All Beef Breeding exhibits 18 months and older **MUST** have an Official ID number & tagged upon entry to fair.
15. Beef breeding animals will begin to load out at 9:00 pm on Saturday, **March 01, 2025**, once the barn closes.
16. 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 up to 2 Beef Breeding exhibits and may have one of the following, one show box, or one stand up grooming box. Additional fans used at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
17. Balloons are prohibited in Beef Breeding Barn.

SMALL ANIMAL BARN

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

Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, and Reptiles

***Beginning in the 2024 Fair season, the only acceptable animals will be in the above categories (rabbit, cavy, poultry, and reptiles).**

1. Must be a current member of St. Lucie County 4-H or FFA to exhibit in the Small Animal Barn.
2. Exhibitors must have been responsible for care and feeding of their small animal exhibits by **November 01, 2024**, and are responsible for the animal throughout the fair to be eligible to participate.
3. Monday, **September 09, 2024**, at 6:30 pm, fairgrounds. Mandatory meeting for **4H club leaders ONLY**
4. Exhibitors must complete entry form electronically on the St. Lucie County Fair website by **November 01, 2024**. 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.
5. 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 01, 2024**, as all sponsorships are due in the 4-H office by **November 01, 2024**, before 4:00 pm. Thank you letter or card should be written to all sponsors and turned in with sponsorship, address and stamped.
6. 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.
7. All animals must have a check-in physical exam by the fair veterinarian and must be parasite free.
8. Rabbits, cavies, and reptiles will be accepted for entry on Thursday, **February 27, 2025**, from 4:00-5:30 pm.
9. Rabbit & cavy pick-up will be Tuesday, **March 04, 2025**, at 9:00 pm as soon as the small animal barn closes to the public.
10. Reptile exhibits need to bring cage and all supplies necessary.
11. All poultry will be accepted on Wednesday, **March 05, 2025**, from 12:00-2:00 pm.
12. 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. Date for testing- TBA.
13. Poultry & Reptile pick-up will be Sunday, **March 09, 2025**, at 7:00 pm as soon as the small animal barn is closed to the public.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of animals checked into the fair.
15. Only 6 exhibits per exhibitor can be shown and judged. This is subject to change.
16. No medications are to be given unless under the direction of a veterinarian.
17. 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.
18. Early removal of an exhibit without the direction of barn chair or veterinarian will forfeit premium monies and/or awards.
19. No does with litters will be accepted and no rabbits under 12 weeks old will be accepted.
20. No chicks under the age of 12 weeks old will be accepted.
21. Eggs should not be removed from any cage that is not your own.
22. Reptile entries need to be approved through your leader and barn chairs before registration and are limited to exhibitors who have shown reptiles in 2022.

23. No hamsters, goats, sheep, pigs or any other small livestock animals may be shown in the small animal barn.
24. No wildlife, family pets, skunks, or possums are permitted on the fairgrounds by any exhibitor.
25. 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.
26. The Livestock Committee nor the St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc. is responsible for any losses.
27. 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 5, 2025**. Late record books will not be accepted, and exhibitor will not be allowed to show in the small animal barn.
28. 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).
29. 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.
30. Parent/Guardian must accompany child/exhibitor in the small animal barn at all times.
31. Exhibitor must have control of animals while out of the cage. Smaller children are allowed help from an adult or older exhibitors.
32. 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.
33. The Small Animal Rabbit, Cavy, and Reptile show will be held on Saturday, **March 01, 2025**, from 8:00 am until finished.
34. The Small Animal Poultry Show and Showmanship will be held on Saturday, **March 08, 2025**, from 8:00 am until finished.
35. Small Animal Barn Awards will be held on Sunday, **March 09, 2025**, at 3:00 pm.
36. All or any state rules, regulations, and recommendations may change at any point during the year.

SLCFA HORSE BARN & SHOW RULES

Horse Show: 9:00 AM – Sunday, **March 02, 2025** - Judged and Speed Events (Outside and Covered Arenas will be used simultaneously)

1. Online Registration **deadline is December 15, 2024**
2. A mandatory Horse Exhibitor meeting will be held Tuesday, **January 07, 2025**, 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.
3. Record books will be turned in by club leaders to barn leader on date TBA. 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.
4. 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.
5. Halter and lead ropes are to be left on stall door all the time – no tack left in the stall.
6. 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.
7. One adult per exhibitor must be present in barn during fair hours and to oversee the exercising of horses.
8. Stall assignments will be designated upon entry into the fair.
9. *To show at the fair, you must be a St. Lucie County 4-H or FFA member. See youth livestock rules page 8, rule #1.
10. Each exhibitor putting a horse in the barn will be supplied with an exhibitor board to display required information: name of exhibitor and club; name, age, and breed of horse. Other information and pictures may be added.
11. There will be a \$20.00 stall fee due from each stall exhibitor for shavings. If additional shavings are needed, exhibitor will provide.
12. State 4-H Horse Show Rules will be enforced. Age as of **September 01, 2024**, 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.
13. 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.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

*****HORSE SHOW SPECTATOR ENTRY*****

The Horse Show does begin prior to the fair opening. If the exhibitor, parents, or anyone attending the horse show leaves after the fair opens, they must have an entrance pass and proper parking pass to re-enter the fairgrounds.

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 15, 2024**. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
3. There is a \$25 per goat entry fee which includes one bag of shavings with a maximum of two goats per Exhibitor but must be in a separate class.
4. A complete record book for each goat exhibit is required and due on Monday, **February 10, 2025**, at the Fair Office by 5pm. No Book – No Show!
5. Each exhibitor is required to have a sponsor for the barn with a minimum of \$50. This sponsor payment will be required at the time of online entry **December 15, 2024**.
6. 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 5 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.
7. All exhibitors must have record books signed by the Goat Barn chairperson, Club leader or livestock committee representative.
 8. Upon entry to the fair, all Wethers will be taken to the scales to be weighed for class placement purposes.
 9. Minor clipping will be permitted in designated areas during designated times. Body clipping is to be completed before entering the fair.
 10. Parents and non-exhibitors are prohibited from assisting exhibitors with blowing, clipping, and grooming of any sort. A parent may assist exhibitors with washing. 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.
 11. Upon entry to the Fair on Thursday, **March 06, 2025**, 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.
 12. 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.
 13. All aisles must remain clear during Fair hours (extension cords, grooming boxes, fans, chairs, etc.)
 14. 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.
 15. 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.
 16. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE GOAT BARN!
 17. Exhibitors must be present in the barn while it is open to interact with the public. The public may

have questions regarding your animal.

18. Goats will remain in the barn until Saturday, **March 08, 2025**, and may leave after 9pm. Stalls must be completely cleaned before departure by **11:00am** Sunday, **March 09**.
19. All exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their pen and storage area is completely clean when their goat leaves the fair. Failure to clean area will forfeit future opportunities to show in the St. Lucie County Fair.
20. NO companion goats allowed unless approved by livestock committee.
21. One parent or guardian of each exhibitor must be in the barn while it is open.

GOAT AWARDS

Goats will be judged according to breed/industry standard. The Judge's decision is final.

Dairy, Meat, and Wether
Grand Champion – Belt Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion – Belt Buckle & Banner
Overall Best in Show – Award
First In Class - Award

Showmanship

Caprine “Kid” Ages 5-7 years
Junior I: Ages 8-12 years
Senior I: Ages 13-18 years

First Place Belt Buckle
2nd place award
3rd place award

Record Book Awards- Age Division

- Caprine “Kid” Ages 5-7 years
- Junior I: Ages 8-12 years
- Senior I: Ages 13-18 years

First Place Belt Buckle
2nd place award

CLASS AWARDS

SLCFA Market Steer Classes

Age determination for Junior and Senior Show awards shall be based on age as of: **September 1st of current Fair Year.**

Junior, ages 8-12, Senior I, ages 13-15 & Senior II, ages 16-18.

Market Steer

Grand Champion..... Belt Buckle & Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Belt Buckle & Banner
First in Class Award

Market Swine

Age determination for Junior and Senior Show awards shall be based on age as of:
September 1st of current Fair Year.

Junior I, ages 8-9, Junior II, ages 10-12
Senior I, ages 13-15 & Senior II, ages 16-18.

Market Swine

Grand Champion..... Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Belt Buckle and Banner
First in Class Award

SLCFA Beef Breeding

Age determination for the St. Lucie County Fair Beef Breeding Junior & Senior show awards shall be based on age as of September 1st of current Fair Year.

Junior, ages 8-12, Senior I, ages 13-15 & Senior II, ages 16-18.

Beef Breeding

Grand Champion Bull Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Bull Belt Buckle and Banner
Grand Champion Heifer Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Heifer Belt Buckle and Banner
Grand Champion Cow/Calf Belt Buckle and Banner
Reserve Cow/Calf Belt Buckle and Banner
First in Class Award

GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS **STEER & BEEF BREEDING**

Junior, Senior I, Senior II

1st Place..... Belt Buckle
2nd Place..... Award
3rd Place..... Award

GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS **SWINE**

Junior I, Junior II, Senior I, Senior II

1st Place..... Belt Buckle
2nd Place..... Award
3rd Place..... Award

SLCEA Showmanship Award 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 AWARD RULES

Market Steer • Market Swine • Beef Breeding

1. Steer 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
- 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 04, 2025, @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 06, 2025 @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 28,2025 @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 03, 2025 @ 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.

St Lucie County Fair Association & Livestock Committee reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time.

SLCFA HERDSMAN AWARD

Herdsmen 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.

Swine Awards

First Place

Lug Tomlinson Award & \$20

Second Place

Award and \$15

Beef Breeding and Steer

First Place

Mutt Sapp Award & \$20

Second Place

Award & \$15

Goat

First Place

Award & \$20

Second Place

Award & \$15

SLCFA HORSE AWARDS

Age Divisions: Junior 8-13 Senior 14-18

1 st Place	Rosette, gift certificate, and \$20
2 nd Place	Rosette, gift certificate, and \$15
3 rd Place	Rosette, \$10
4 th Place	Rosette, \$8
5 th Place	Rosette, \$5
6 th Place	Rosette, \$3

Herdsmen Award:

The Herdsman Winner will receive an award decided by the Horse Livestock Chairpersons.

Small Animal Awards

Animals will be judged according to breed standard. The judge's decision is final.

Premiums

Blue Ribbon	\$10
Red Ribbon	\$ 8
White Ribbon	\$ 6

Best of Show & 1st Runner Up for each category are awarded a Buckle, Award, OR Trophy

Categories		Premiums	
Rabbit	Cavies	Best of Show	Belt Buckle
Poultry	Other Small Animal Livestock	Runner-Up	\$15

Best of Breed – Purple Rosette

(No premium awarded)

Showmanship Contest

1st & 2nd Places are awarded an award or trophy for each age group

Age Groups		Premiums
Clover Bud	5-7	Showmanship Champion Belt Buckle
Junior	8-10	Showmanship Runner Up \$15
Intermediate	11-13	
Senior	14-18	

Record Book Awards – Age Groups

Clover Bud	5-7	Senior I	14-16
Junior	8-10	Senior II	17-18
Intermediate	11-13		

All Clover Buds receive a participation certificate. Blue, Red, & White Ribbons are awarded for record book scores. Only 1st & 2nd Place record books in each age group are awarded a premium.

First Place	\$20	Second Place	\$15
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All categories: 1st Runner Up trophy award only if there are 6 or more entries.
Florida raised only – NO OUT OF STATE OR IMPORTS.

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.

First Place—St. Lucie County Fair
\$1,000 cash award and a belt buckle.

Second Place--Sandy Gibson Award
\$500 cash award and a belt buckle.

Cattlemen'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 Cattlemen.

Awards: **First Place** - \$100 **Second Place** - \$50

St. Lucie County Farm Bureau Outstanding Exhibitor Award

The St. Lucie County Farm Bureau is looking for the "Ideal FFA/4-H Member". 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.

St Lucie County Fair Association reserves the right to make any necessary changes at any time.

SLCFA RECORD BOOKS

1. Each exhibitor shall submit a complete and up-to-date Record Book upon entry to the Fair. 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), Junior 2 (Orange Folder), Senior 1 (Purple Folder), Senior 2 (Black Folder), Clover buds small animal (Green Folder), Caprine Goat barn (Green Folder).**
3. 4-H & FFA exhibitor's Record books must be signed by the club leader or advisor.
4. Exhibitors shall submit one complete record book for each entry. Books will be judged separately by age and barn.
5. No exhibitor will be allowed to participate until a record book is completed and submitted for each project. 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.
6. 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.
7. **Judged & Non-Judged Record Book System for Market Animal:**
 - a. The same Record Book will be used for each category, Judged & Non-Judged. On the Front Page, at the Top of the Record Book will be a box for the Exhibitor to check either Judged or Non-Judged.

- b. If the Exhibitor chooses to COMPLETE a Non-Judged Record Book, he/she will find the acknowledgement page towards the back of the Record Book for the Exhibitor to SIGN acknowledging that he/she understands that the book will NOT be a part of the Record Book Competition however, IT MUST still be COMPLETED up to the point of the Acknowledgment Page in order to be able to enter their animal into the SLC Fair. Finally, check the non-Judged box on the front of the Record Book.
 - c. If the Exhibitor chooses to COMPLETE the Judged Record Book to compete in the competition, he/she must continue past the Acknowledgment page to the completion of the book & will check the “Judged” box on the front of the Record Book.
 - d. Award and premium money will be given only to first and second place winners.
8. All beef breeding and goat record books must be completed and submitted by **February 5, 2025**, by 5:00 PM to the fair office. ALL BEEF BREEDING & GOAT RECORD BOOKS will be judged and non-judged.

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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

1. **Fine** _____

2. **Warning** _____

February / March _____, 202_____

Exhibitor Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Dear _____

The St. Lucie County Fair Livestock Committee has advised the Fair Office to deduct _____ from your monies from the sale of your animal.

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

The reason for this **warning** is due to:

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

Livestock Barn Representative

Livestock Coordinator

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.

SLCEA 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 _____

SLCEA 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.

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 13-18, 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 13-18, 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)

Acknowledge reading and understanding the **2025 St. Lucie County Fair Livestock Youth Premium Book.**

I, _____,
(Parent or Guardian Name / Please Print)

Acknowledge reading and understanding the **2025 St. Lucie County Fair Livestock Youth Premium Book.**

Date: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____