

# YOUTH GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS



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**Youth Activities:** Duval County Extension

**OCTOBER 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES**

**ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check your completed application to be sure that you have included your social security number, the required paperwork for your contest, and the name of your parent, (adviser or leader, if applicable) on the entry application form along with your payment. These are all necessary for a completed form and your being registered into the contest of your choice.

**WHY DO WE REQUIRE PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Why do we require personal information and social security numbers? We understand your concerns, and we want you to know why this info is needed. Many of our 4-H and FFA youth take part in various contests and events-rabbits, poultry, dog show, horse show, and other open and youth shows. It is possible our kids can earn multiple premiums and accumulate a sum of money that requires us to report their earnings to the IRS. It would be difficult to contact parents after the fair to get the information needed and still get checks written and to the winners in a timely manner. We want you to know their information is guarded and entry forms are shredded when they are no longer needed.

**ETHICS COURSE: Completion of the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care workshop is required for all youth (except Cloverbuds).**

Ethics courses can be found here:

[2024/2025 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP - Google Docs](#)

**FDACS Cattle Movement Requirements:**

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Livestock/Animal-Movement/Cattle-Movement-Requirements-Including-Bison>

**FDACS Poultry Movement Requirements:**

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Livestock/Animal-Movement/Poultry-Movement-Requirements>

## ELIGIBILITY

**4-H Eligibility:**

1. All 4-H participants must be members in good standing with their county 4-H program.
2. Participants must have been 4-H members for at least 30 days prior to any contest.
3. A 4-H member must be 8 years of age at the beginning of the current 4-H program year (September 1, 2024) to be eligible to enroll in a large animal 4-H project, own a large animal, exhibit or show a large animal.
4. Children under 8 years of age on September 1st of the current 4-H year are ineligible to participate in competitive large animal activities at any level (Club, County, District, State, National or International).  
**Note:** They may, however, participate in the judging contests for practice, but should not pre-register their names or addresses since they will not be on a team and their award will be a participation ribbon.

**Senior Division:** A 4-H club member 14-18 years old, as of Sept.1st, 2024-They are eligible for peer competition.

**Intermediate Division:** A 4-H club member, 11-13 years old, as of Sept.1st, 2024-They are eligible for peer competition.

**Junior Division:** A 4-H club member, 8-10 years old, as of Sept. 1st, 2024-They are eligible for peer competition.

**FFA Eligibility:**

Any active, in-school FFA member who is enrolled in agribusiness education or who has taken all the agribusiness education courses offered in her/his school is eligible. An FFA member must be at least 14 years old or scheduled to turn 14 before the date of the current year's National Land, Pasture & Range Judging Contest, to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in April or May of the current year.

**FFA Senior Division:** Will be comprised of Senior High Students

**FFA Junior Division:** Will be comprised of Middle / Junior High Students.

**Photography Release**

Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair.

If anyone has an objection to the use of their child's image please send a request to [jackie@jacksonvillefair.com](mailto:jackie@jacksonvillefair.com).

**NOTICE:** In the case of papers pending, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide the fair with a letter from the breed association stating that the papers on the animal have been applied for, but have not yet been processed. Papers pending will not be accepted without this letter from the association.

**ENTRY FEES:**

- Youth Horse Show.....\$10.00 Per Class ( Not per animal)
- Youth Beef Show.....\$10.00 Per Application (Not per animal)
- Youth Dairy Show.....\$10.00 Per Application (Not per animal)
- Youth Dog Show.....\$5.00 Per Dog
- Youth Poultry.....\$1.00 Per Bird
- Youth Rabbit Show....\$1.00 Per Rabbit \$2.00 Per Rabbit Fur Class

**SHOWMANSHIP:** If you wish to compete for Showmanship, you must indicate this on your registration form.

**Showmanship Ages Are As Follows:**

Senior Showmanship.....14 - 18 years of age as of September 1, 2024 (High School Student)  
Intermediate Showmanship.....11 - 13 years of age as of September 1, 2024  
Junior Showmanship.....8 - 10 years of age as of September 1, 2024

**Showmanship Awards:**

**Youth Dairy Showmanship:** Division winners will each receive a belt buckle.

2nd & 3rd Place: Winners will receive an award.

**Youth Beef Showmanship:** Division winners will each receive a belt buckle.

2nd & 3rd Place: Winners will receive an award.

*Belt buckles are sponsored by The Duval County Cattlemen's Association and the Duval County Farm Bureau*

**OFFICIAL DRESS REQUIRED:** For showmanship and show, all youth exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and dressed according to the standards of the youth organization they are representing. FFA- black jeans, white collared shirt, FFA jacket and tie. 4-H- Black/dark jeans, white collared shirt. 4-H vest, jacket, and/or tie is strongly recommended. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. **Exhibitors not conforming to the Dress Code will not be allowed to enter the Show Ring.**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. A youth member may enter no more than five animals per show (beef or dairy). Registration papers on registered animals and proof of ownership for non-registered animals must be available at check in.
2. All animals must have been owned and cared for by the 4-H/ FFA members at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the fair.
3. There shall be separate classes for each of the major beef breeds provided there are 10 head/3 exhibitors per breed.
4. Concerning bulls, only those that are registered may be shown.
5. A minimum of 10 head or 3 exhibitors must be entered to have a show.
6. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used.

7. Current health certificates must be available on all animals (including nurse cows) and checked on site by a fair appointed livestock inspector before livestock can enter the barn. These certificates must comply with the regulations as outlined in the "Health Regulations" in the Beef and Dairy Sections. Every animal must carry positive identification such as ear tags, ear tattoos, or brands. Individual animal identification numbers must correspond with their particular numbers on the Official Health Certificate: There will be no exceptions.
8. Any animal found to have its physical features altered or tampered with by surgery for the purpose of improving their conformation or appearance will be disqualified from the show.
9. Animals may not be sold or ownership transferred during The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair. Transfer of ownership must occur at the conclusion of the fair.
10. **Due to School Tours, we request cattle be in the barn and exhibits cleaned by 9:00 a.m.** The fair request exhibitors hold their stock in the barn until the flow of spectators ceases; also, that exhibitors not tie out before 9:30 p.m.
11. Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barn, food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas, and exhibitors should wash their hands after handling animals.
12. Feed, care, and management of animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. Shavings for bedding will be provided by the fair. No water troughs are permitted in the barn.
14. Failure to maintain animals and exhibits to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with fair officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the fairgrounds.
15. Pets, including dogs, are not allowed in the barns or on the fairgrounds, with the exception of service dogs.
16. Open and loud use of profane and abusive language will not be tolerated. Sounds should be maintained at a normal level.
17. Overnight camping is not allowed unless authorized by the fair office. No one is permitted to stay in the barns overnight.
18. Smoking or consuming outside alcoholic beverages is not allowed in or around the barn areas.
19. Unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Chairman, only approved 4-H Club or FFA signs are allowed to be displayed.
20. Exhibitors participating in the Open and Youth Cattle Shows will be given parking passes for the Exhibitor Lot . Parking Lot # 2 is reserved for 11-day exhibitors, admission control, Fair Board Members, staff, security, Jacksonville Sheriff Officers, and for Fire and Rescue Trucks that may be needed for any emergency that may arise during the Fair. **This lot will be monitored to assure that it is not used by anyone except those previously listed and who have a Lot #2 parking pass hanging on the rearview mirror with the correct name. This will be strictly enforced.**

**PASSES:** Gate passes will be issued on the following basis. 1-6 animals, six (6) daily admission tickets and three one day Exhibitor Lot parking passes (one per day), 7-12 animals, nine (9) daily admission tickets and six one day Exhibitor Lot parking passes (two per day), 13 and over animals, twelve (12) daily admission tickets and six one day Exhibitor Lot parking passes (two per day). No additional parking or admission passes will be given if showing in the Youth Show as well.

**NOTE:** An admission ticket will be for a single day. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the fair. There will be no additional tickets issued. If additional tickets are required, you may purchase them for half price (\$5.00) from the Livestock Office or the Administration Office. Additional tickets may also be bought online for half price before the fair opens.

**RECEIVING:** Youth Cattle will be received with their respective breed. All animals entered in the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair MUST have current health certificates. Animals must be in acceptable condition and trained to be handled and led. Exhibitors must be present to show their animals. Specific dates are listed in the rules and regulations in the separate divisions of this Premium Book. Please refer to the breed you wish to enter for more information. Arrangements to receive cattle at times other than those outlined in the stated rules must be made through the Fair Livestock Department. Cattle arriving for unloading and movement into the barn other than at the scheduled times must be approved by the Livestock Coordinator and will be subject to veterinary charges for health certifications.

**NOTE:** **Animals removed from the fairgrounds before the designated time must have prior approval of the Livestock Chairman.** Early removal of animals should be for emergencies only! In an emergency, a written request, (if possible), must be made to the Livestock Chairman. Exceptions will be granted on a case by case basis with emergencies being the first consideration. Any animal removed from the fair prior to the published release time without the expressed consent of the Livestock Chairman will forfeit all awards and premiums.

**RELEASE:** Exhibitors will be released by zones. The zone map and release schedule for staggered release will be posted on the Livestock Office Bulletin Board. Consideration will first be given to exhibitors living farthest away within and outside of the State of Florida. (See the map at the end of this section.) No exhibitor will be released without first having their barn and tack areas cleaned, checked, and cleared by the Barn Superintendents who shall issue an all clear notice. Trailers will not be allowed to enter the fairgrounds until an official release has been given. Exhibitors must comply with the release rules to receive and retain all awards and premiums. At the conclusion of the fair, cattle staying overnight should be moved to tie-outs. Cattle staying must be removed no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 18th.

**SHOW ORDER:** The order of shows for each breed will be posted at the Livestock Office the day of the show. Animals must be ready at the start of the show. A class will not be delayed because an exhibitor is not ready. **All changes and corrections must be made no later than two hours before the beginning of the show.**

### **YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW DATES & TIMES**

Youth Horse Show (Speed).....No Horse Show 2024  
Youth Horse Show (Other Classes).....No Horse Show 2024  
Rabbit Judging.....Wednesday, November 7th, 2:00 p.m.  
Youth Brangus Showmanship.....Thursday, November 7th, 3:00 p.m.  
Youth Brangus Show.....Thursday, November 7th, 3:00 p.m. (following showmanship - black, ultra, red)  
Poultry Judging.....Thursday, November 7th, 12:00 p.m.  
Youth Dairy Showmanship.....Sunday, November 10th, 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Dairy Show.....Sunday, November 10th, 11:00 a.m. (following showmanship)



Youth Limousin, Angus, Commercial, AOB & Santa Gertrudis Showmanship.....Wednesday, November 13th, 2:00 p.m.

Youth Limousin Show.....Wednesday, November 13th, 2:00 p.m. (following showmanship)

Youth Angus Show.....Wednesday, November 13th, 3:00 p.m.

Youth Beef Commercial Show.....Wednesday, November 13th, 4:00 p.m.

Youth AOB Show.....Wednesday, November 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Santa Gertrudis Show.....Wednesday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Dog Show.....Saturday, November 16th, 10:00 a.m.

Youth Brahman Showmanship.....Saturday, November 16th, 4:00 p.m.

Youth Brahman Show.....Saturday, November 16th, 4:00 p.m. (following showmanship)

**YOUTH JUDGING CONTESTS DATES & TIMES**

Livestock Judging.....Saturday, November 9th, 8:00 a.m. (check-in), 8:30 a.m. (contest) - Livestock Arena

Poultry Judging.....Saturday, November 9th, 10:30 a.m. (check-in), 11:00 a.m. (contest) - Livestock Arena

Consumer Choices Judging.....Saturday, November 9th, 12:30 p.m. (check-in), 1:00 p.m. (contest) - Livestock Arena

Horticulture Judging.....Saturday, November 9th, 2:00 p.m. (check-in), 2:30 p.m. (contest) - Livestock Arena

Forest Ecology Judging.....Saturday, November 9th, 2:30 p.m. (check-in), 4:00 p.m. (contest) - Livestock Arena

(Times and locations may be subject to change.)

**Registration for 4-H/FFA Judging Contests will be through the Duval County Extension Office. Call or email with the number of youth and ages participating (904-255-7450) and ask for Gaye Schmidt or email [duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:duval4h@ifas.ufl.edu)**

At the conclusion of each contest, the **contest supervisor** will verify the winners' names and addresses. This helps us to have the correct awards for winning teams so that awards can be distributed.

**RELEASE:** Exhibitors will be released by zones. Consideration will first be given to exhibitors living farthest away within and outside of the State of Florida. No exhibitor will be released without first having their barn and tack areas cleaned, checked, and cleared by the Barn Superintendents who shall issue an all-clear notice.

# Zone Map for Releases

- Zone 4**  
 Bay  
 Calhoun  
 Escambia  
 Franklin  
 Gadsden  
 Gulf  
 Holmes  
 Jackson  
 Leon  
 Liberty  
 Okaloosa  
 Santa Rosa  
 Wakulla  
 Walton

- Zone 3**  
 Baker  
 Columbia  
 Jefferson  
 Nassau  
 Suwannee  
 Bradford  
 Duval  
 Lafayette  
 Putnam  
 Taylor  
 Clay  
 Hamilton  
 Madison  
 St. Johns  
 Union

- Zone 2**  
 Alachua  
 Brevard  
 Charlotte  
 Dixie  
 Flagler  
 Gilchrist  
 Glades  
 Hendry  
 Indian River  
 Lake  
 Lee  
 Levy  
 Marion  
 Martin  
 Okeechobee  
 Orange  
 St. Lucie  
 Seminole  
 Volusia



1. Escambia
2. Santa Rosa
3. Okaloosa
4. Walton
5. Holmes
6. Washington
7. Jackson
8. Calhoun
9. Bay
10. Gulf
11. Gadsden
12. Liberty
13. Leon
14. Wakulla
15. Franklin
16. Jefferson
17. Madison
18. Taylor
19. Hamilton
20. Suwannee
21. Lafayette
22. Dixie
23. Columbia
24. Gilchrist
25. Baker
26. Union
27. Bradford
28. Alachua
29. Levy
30. Nassau

31. Duval
32. Clay
33. St. Johns
34. Putnam
35. Flagler
36. Marion
37. Volusia
38. Citrus
39. Hernando
40. Sumter
41. Lake
42. Seminole
43. Orange
44. Brevard
45. Osceola
46. Polk
47. Pasco
48. Pinellas
49. Hillsborough
50. Manatee
51. Sarasota
52. Hardee
53. DeSoto
54. Highlands
55. Okeechobee

56. Indian River
57. St. Lucie
58. Martin
59. Glades
60. Charlotte
61. Lee
62. Hendry
63. Palm Beach
64. Broward
65. Collier
66. Monroe
67. Miami-Dade

- Zone 1**  
 Citrus  
 De Soto  
 Hardee  
 Hernando  
 Hillsborough  
 Highlands  
 Manatee  
 Osceola  
 Pasco  
 Pinellas  
 Polk  
 Sarasota  
 Sumter

- Zone 5**  
 Broward  
 Collier  
 Dade  
 Monroe  
 Palm Beach