

# 2023 Clay County Agricultural Fair 4-H/FFA YOUTH HEIFER/COW SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

**SUPERINTENDENT: Wyatt & Chasitie Andrews**

**Assistant Superintendent: Madelyn Kallam**

**CHANGES HAVE BEEN ADDED**

**Entries will be on-line only and can be found at [www.claycountyfair.org](http://www.claycountyfair.org)**

**Cutoff for entries is March 17, 2023**

**Fair Office Phone: 904-284-1615**

**FAIR ARRIVAL:**

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Location: Clay County Fairgrounds – Livestock Pavilion

**SHOW:** Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023 6:00 P. M.  
Location: Livestock Pavilion

**FAIR DEPARTURE:**

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023

Please contact the fair office @ 904-284-1615 if you have any questions.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM ALL 4-H OR FFA MEMBERS WHO ARE AT LEAST 8 YEARS OLD. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
2. Each Applicant accepted will be allowed 2 Heifers or 2 Cows with or without calf at side.
3. Exhibitors must reside in Clay County or attend a Clay County School. Exhibitors must be in good standing in school. Exhibitors not in good standing will not be allowed to participate.
4. Exhibitors must be a bonafide member of a Clay County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and must have met all the requirements of 4-H or FFA and be a member in good standing. Exhibitors not in good standing will not be allowed to participate.

**GENERAL RULES:**

1. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor must assume all liability in case of injury or damage to, or caused by exhibitor's animal, relieving Clay County Fair Association, Inc. from all liability.
2. All breeds will show against each other.

3. All animals must be cared for by the exhibitor and in show condition.
4. All heifers and cows will be identified by brand, tattoo, or tag. All breed animals must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCV) issued within 90 days of the Clay County Fair starting date.
5. Due to the high cost of animals, the practice of leasing animals for the show is permitted, but it must be under the exhibitor's direct care for at least 30 days prior to the opening of the Fair. No "borrowing from another breeder will be allowed.
6. This show is open to any beef heifer or cow except those containing more than 50% dairy breeding.
7. Judging will be done on the Modified Danish System.
8. Only blue-ribbon animals will be eligible to compete for championship.
9. Each exhibitor must show their own animal unless the Show Superintendent and the Show Director approve another showman. If another showman is selected, both the exhibitor and the showman selected will be eliminated from any showmanship class.
10. No adornment will be allowed on the animal during the show, including ear tags showing the animals farm or name.
11. Seniors will groom their own animals with no assistance. Juniors can have one person give advice, but seldom touch the animal. The exhibitor **MUST** be the one doing the majority of the grooming. If seniors receive assistance, or juniors have more than one-person help, he/she will not compete in the Fitting and Grooming competition.
12. No animals will be moved during fair hours except on show night. The aisle will be closed during show night to allow for safe movement.
13. All animals must remain on exhibit for the fair from Thursday through Sunday.
14. An optional show practice will be the night before the show. It is not mandatory!
15. All participants will be expected to keep their animal's bed clean during fair hours. There will be anonymous judges who will be watching.
16. FFA and 4H clubs will have an assigned tack area. Heifer show participants in these clubs will be responsible for decorating and cleaning their area. **NO individual participant tack area.**

**Herdsmen contest is as follows:**

Five places will be recognized. Awards will be special show equipment and will be presented to the winners when the premium money is disbursed on Sunday, April 2, 2023.

**Showmanship contests are as follows:**

Junior Showmanship:	8 – 10 years of age
Intermediate Showmanship:	11-13 years of age
Senior Showmanship:	14 – 18 years of age

Junior: First Place-\$40.00, Second Place-\$30.00, Third Place-\$20.00, Fourth Place \$10.00

First Place-\$50, Second Place-\$40.00, Third Place-\$30.00, Fourth Place-\$20.00

**Classes/Awards are as follows:**

Junior Class: 6 months to less than 9 months  
9 months to less than 12 months  
12 months to less than 15 months

Junior Champion Female - \$50.00 and Rosette  
Junior Reserve Champion Female - \$40.00 and Rosette

Senior Class: 15 months to less than 18 months  
18 months to less than 21 months  
21 months to less than 24 months

Senior Champion Female - \$50.00 and Rosette  
Senior Reserve Champion Female - \$40.00 and Rosette

Cow Class: 24 months to 30 months (with or without calf)  
If with calf, to compete in this class, the calf must  
be under 6 months of age.

30 months to 36 months (with or without calf)  
If with calf, to compete in this class, the calf must  
be under 6 months of age.

Cow Champion: \$50.00 and Rosette  
Reserve Cow Champion: \$40.00 and Rosette

Blue Ribbon Class: Grand Champion: \$75.00 and Belt Buckle  
Reserve Grand Champion: \$50.00 and Belt Buckle

\*\*\*\*\*

Danish System: Blue Ribbon - \$30.00 Red Ribbon - \$20.00

Class Awards: First place \$30.00, Second place \$20.00, Third Place \$10.00,  
Fourth Place \$5.00  
All other awards – Ribbons only

**All premium award money will be forfeited if not collected by the end of the Fair.**

**LIABILITY:** The exhibitor assumes all liability in the case of death, or injury to his/her animal until the close of the Fair. No show official or member of the Clay County Fair Association, Inc. may be held liable for the loss of any animal or damage caused by exhibitor's animal.