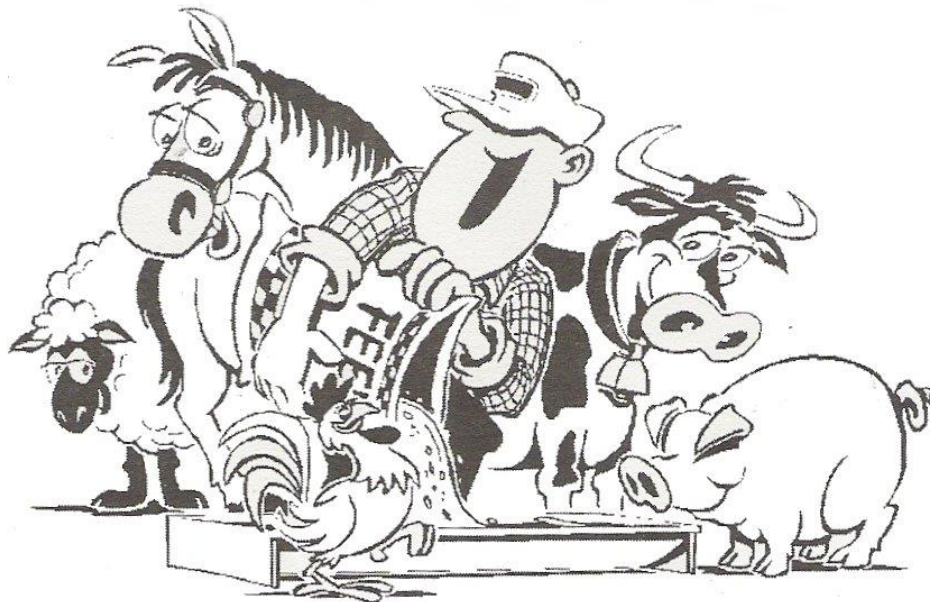


# **HARDEE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES**



**MARKET STEERS  
MARKET SWINE  
DAIRY ANIMALS  
HEIFERS  
BREEDING ANIMALS  
RABBITS    POULTRY**

**Revised August 2021**

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## GENERAL RULES

### ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY DEADLINES

1. The show is open to exhibitors of Hardee County Clubs and Chapters who are **bonafide** 4-H and FFA members and are currently enrolled in school, public or private, or home school, first through twelfth grades. The exhibitor must be a resident of and in school **in** Hardee County unless approved by the Livestock Committee and Fair Board a month prior to registration.
2. Record Books are based on 4H and FFA requirements.
3. All Livestock Exhibitors must meet all the following requirements for eligibility to participate in the show and sale. All livestock exhibitors must meet all the requirements and deadlines set by the Livestock Committee and the Hardee County Fair Inc. **In addition to these requirements all exhibitors must meet the guidelines specified by either the local 4-H program or FFA chapter as to what is considered a bonafide member per their by-laws.**
4. **All debts from previous year must be paid by June 1st to be eligible to weigh in an animal or register an animal. This includes all feed bills, animal and vet expenses. These will be checked and enforced.**
5. Protests of any ruling or incident arising about the Livestock Show will be considered ONLY if submitted in writing within six hours of the occurrence. PROTESTS OF ANY JUDGES DECISION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Fair Committee accompanied by a \$50.00 certified check made payable to the Hardee County Fair Inc. There will be no discussion of this protest in front of any exhibitor and the protestor will pay all expenses. A ruling on the matter will be made by a quorum vote of the Fair Committee within 24 hours of the filing of the protest. If the ruling goes in favor of the protester, the \$50.00 will be returned; otherwise, the protester forfeits the \$50. Upon ruling on each incident, the matter will be considered closed, and the Fair Committee will consider no further action.
6. **An exhibitor may enter ONLY ONE market animal (steer, swine, heifer or dairy) for show to sell. If you show a steer or swine, it must sell. An exhibitor may enter ONLY ONE market animal at the first weigh-in or registration. The only exception is the Hardee FFA and 4-H Foundation, since this money goes to support the clubs.**
7. All animals (steers, swine and heifers that will be sold) will be tattooed and/or tagged for identification at entry weigh-in or registration time. If breeding animals carry a ranch brand or breed tattoo number in their ear, this will be their identification tattoo. All steers will have a premise ID inserted if the given animal does not have one at initial weigh-in.
8. For beef breeding, commercial heifers and dairy animals. Entry forms and proof of ownership must be turned in between 4-6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of November. Exhibitor must have ownership of animal by Registration date.
9. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE OFFICIAL ENTRY DEADLINES, AND ENTRY MAY BE DISQUALIFIED AT ANY TIME IF THE EXHIBITOR OR ENTRY DO NOT MEET ANY OR ALL RULES PERTAINING TO THEM AS SET DOWN IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HARDEE COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW, NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON CONCERNING ENTRY DEADLINES.

10. To show an animal in the Youth Livestock show you must attend/virtual the Exhibitor/Parent-Guardian Mandatory meeting and Ethics Class in August/September. If you are unable to attend due to a school related activity, you must bring a letter with the reason, signed by the coach/leader of the activity to the Extension Office prior to the meeting. You must also bring a parent/guardian to sign the Mandatory meeting registration form. The only excuse is a school related activity.

The Exhibitor/Parent-Guardian Mandatory meeting on the first Saturday of the fair, you are only excused if you are involved in another Fair activity. You must bring a letter to the chair of the livestock committee prior to the meeting.

11. If you have any medical issues that impair your ability to show that may cause harm to you or others, it must be discussed with Livestock Committee a week prior to the fair.

12. ALL animals must be in show quality condition to enter. This means properly fed with good flesh covering, good condition according to animal and breed and able to handle and control animal. Remember your animal not only reflects you, but the industry also.

#### **SHOW ORIENTATION AND ADMISSION TO SHOW**

12. All Swine will be admitted on Saturday before the Fair week from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be in time slots set by the committee. All Rabbit and Poultry entries will be admitted from 4-6 p.m. Friday before the Fair week. All cattle entries will be admitted on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Animals will be admitted only at these times and they must be in show condition and meet all general and specific requirements for the category in which entered. Animals will be released at a set time on Thursday of the fair.

13. A mandatory parent/exhibitor meeting maybe in September to go over the rules. A mandatory show orientation meeting for all exhibitors will be held on Saturday afternoon before the Fair begins. All entrants and at least one parent must attend appropriate meetings. **Failure to attend this meeting will result in disqualification.**

14. Animals will be allowed to weigh one time only at the Fair Sifting and Weigh-in. In case an animal weighs out, exhibitor may request the scales be zeroed and re-weigh immediately. The request must be made before the animal leaves the scales and the animal cannot be removed from the scale area before being re-weighed.

15. The scales at the arena are the scales that will determine the final weight at weigh-in. These scales are certified by FDACS.

#### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

16. Trucks or trailers hauling livestock must meet state requirements. NO ANIMALS MAY BE UNLOADED UNTIL approved by the state inspector.

17. All beef, dairy, and steers for exhibit in Florida must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian. This includes a health certificate, which meets the stated requirements.

18. All beef, dairy and steers must have health papers within ninety (90) days prior to fair.

19. All beef & dairy over 18 months, steers over 18 months and all swine must have Premise of Origin Tag from the breeder to enter the fair. If your animal loses tag it must be replaced by Breeder.

20. The Livestock Committee recommends that all beef, dairy animals, and heifers, including steers, be given preventative vaccinations for blackleg, malignant edema, and pneumonia type diseases (IBR, BVD, P13, HEMORHAGIC DEPTICEMIA). No warts on cattle or veterinarian signed that it's been vaccinated in correct time frame.

21. No shots or vaccinations will be administered to any animals on the Fairgrounds without the approval of a member of the Livestock Committee and/or a Veterinarian.

22. Any animal that becomes ill or contracts what may be contagious illness or diseases after entering the Fairgrounds may be asked to leave the grounds and be disqualified from the show upon examination and advice of a veterinarian of the committee's choice.

23. All rabbit entries must be clean and free of insects and infectious diseases prior to admission to Fairgrounds.

24. All poultry entries will be bled and must have a negative test before entering the barn. The livestock committee will provide the state inspector.

25. Exhibitors will be liable in case of injury or death of animals. Every effort will be made to provide a safe environment, but neither, the Hardee County Fair Inc, the Cattlemen's Association, nor the committee members will be liable in case of accidents.

26. ALL animals must be in show quality condition to enter. This means properly fed with good flesh covering, good condition according to animal and breed and able to handle and control animal. Remember your animal not only reflects you, but the industry also. The state has the final say on animal health.

#### **BARN AND CONDUCT RULES**

27. All exhibitors, leaders, and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, orderly, professional, positive, and sportsman like manner always, or they may be dismissed from the Fair and may be banned from participating in future fairs.

28. Barn assignments will be made by Livestock Committee.

29. No entrants will be allowed to sleep in the barn.

30. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing for the care and feeding including feed and water containers and provide clean quarters for their animals. If the barn attendant must care for any animal due to neglect of an exhibitor, **the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00 for each occurrence, which will be deducted from their check.** Feeding times will be prior to 6 p.m. or non-fair hours. No feed pans, hay bags or water buckets can be left during the night with animal.

**Taking care of your animals in the morning does not excuse you from being tardy to school. Adjust your time and use it wisely.**

31. Exhibitors should be on fair grounds during school hours only with permission of a 4-H leader or FFA Advisor and/or parent.

32. All steers, beef breeding, dairy animals and heifers must be DOUBLE TIED while in barn. Barn halters must be clean and in good condition.

33. Only sand will be provided for the cattle and swine. No hay or straw bedding will be allowed.

34. Tampering with any market animal entered, such as filling with a foreign substance, etc. is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers will be construed as a form of tampering and can result in the animal being disqualified.

35. Exhibitors should care for and fit animals while at the fair with minimal assistance. REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR PROJECT!

#### **SHOW RULES**

36. The Livestock Show Categories are: Commercial Heifer; Brahman Influence Heifer; Dairy Heifer; Market Steers; Market Swine; Purebred Beef; Rabbits and Poultry.

37. Entry by exhibitor expressly implies their willingness to accept decision of all judges. The utmost care will be taken by the Livestock Committee to select qualified judges.

38. A Modified Danish System of judging will be used. THE DECISION OF ALL JUDGES WILL BE FINAL. Awards (ribbons, rosettes, trophies) will be given by on an individual exhibits merit.

**39. Exhibitor must show animal to be able to sell animal and be with animal ready to go into the ring when class starts or be disqualified and will have to sell animal at "Buy Back" price. The only excuse is if the exhibitor is participating in another Fair activity or ill. You must contact the livestock committee in writing in advance two weeks prior to the fair on another fair activity or immediately when ill.**

40. Exhibitors are required to wear the following on show night: Clean dark slacks or jeans, clean white shirts with collar and tucked into slacks or jeans and hard shoes. 4-H or FFA attire is encouraged. ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO, NO HATS or CELL PHONES.

41. If injury, illness, or other emergency prevents an entrant from showing their animal, an alternate individual may show for the entrant, provided they meet the qualifications of rules 1-3 and the matter must have the approval of the Livestock Committee prior to the beginning of the show or sale. If the alternate registered an animal of like breed but did not make it in, then they are eligible to participate in showmanship.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

42. All exhibitors should always be doing their best in showing their animal.

43. SHOWMANSHIP RULES WILL BE AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION.

44. The top 3 individuals in showmanship contests will be placed in Jr. (8-10), Inter. (11-13) and Sr. (14 & up) Divisions.

45. Additional awards for Champion and Reserve Champion, Showmanship, Fitting and Grooming will be offered in most categories sponsored by businesses, organizations, and individuals.

## LIVESTOCK SALE

46. The Livestock Sale will begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday evening of the Fair and Order of Sale will be Steers, Dairy, Heifers and then Swine. Order of Sale for each category will be determined by placing of animal in show.

47. The Fair Board will serve as the agent for the exhibitor and buyer in selling the animal. A maximum of 5% will be deducted from the sale price of all animals to cover show and sale expenses.

48. An exhibitor may sell only one animal in the Livestock Auction.

49. All animals must be returned to their designated space and secured after being sold. This will facilitate delivery of the animal to the buyer. Each steer or dairy animal must be left securely tied following the sale. A \$25.00 deduction will be made from the sale price of any animal found loose after the sale. All exhibitors will be expected to lead their animals to be loaded.

50. Neither the Hardee County Cattlemen's Association nor the Livestock Committee nor the Hardee County Fair Inc. will be responsible for guaranteeing buyers or prices for the Livestock Sale.

51. Maximum Sale Weight for market steers will be 1350 POUNDS  
Animals exceeding these weights will only be sold at these maximums.

52. ALL SALE ANIMALS AND EXHIBITORS MUST MEET ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOW AND SALE THAT APPLY TO THEM IN THIS BOOK.

53. THERE WILL BE NO "NO SALES"

54. To insure continued good relationships with Buyers and their participation in the Livestock Sale, all exhibitors who sell an animal in the Livestock Sale **must have a thank you letter and an addressed, stamped envelope to the buyer of their animal to a designated location within two weeks of sale.** Any exhibitor not complying will forfeit any and all prize money won, a \$50 dollar fine deducted from their check and the sale money will be held until the letter is written.

55. Each exhibitor is encouraged to personally contact a minimum of five buyers.

56. Exhibitors are required to wear the following on Sale night: Clean dark slacks or jeans, a clean white shirt with collar and tucked into slacks or jeans and hard shoes. 4-H or FFA attire is encouraged; remember you are getting your picture with the buyer. ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO, NO HATS or CELL PHONES.

57. An exhibitor of beef breeding and dairy not being sold may be excused on Thursday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. or stay until after the sale. Exhibitors must follow this schedule or will automatically forfeit all prizes and premiums and may be banned from next years' fair. Exceptions to this must be approved in writing and submitted to the Hardee County Fair Association. **Animal area must be clean and presentable when you leave the fairgrounds.**

58. There will be only one animal sold and it is only the animal that was shown during week. There will be no "two for one" or any other combination. If this occurs, you will forfeit your right to sell your animal.

## **MARKET STEER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Steers must be owned by exhibitors, be under exhibitor's management and on feed before initial identification and weigh-in.
2. All steers must be dehorned and healed by initial weigh in. All steers must not exceed 24 months of age at Fair time. Any questionable steers will be mouthed by a qualified veterinarian. No bulls or stags will be permitted. Steers must weigh a minimum 1000 pounds at final weigh-in and have gained at least 300 pounds.
3. All steers must be of a brood cow bred and conceived through natural or artificial insemination in Hardee County, born, and raised on ranches based in Hardee County. If the steer is an embryo calf, the donor cow must be conceived, flushed and embryo placed in recipient cow in Hardee County. A breeder's affidavit form will be turned in at registration.
4. All steer entries are automatically entered in the weight-gain contest from the initial weigh-in. Steers will be weighed in at the designated place on the date set in the Calendar of Events. Steers will be weighed into the Fair on Sunday of Fair Week as set in the Calendar of Events to determine show and sale weights. Committee members will be present at weigh-ins to keep certified weights.
5. Steers will be assigned to show classes by weight upon arrival at the Fair. There will be no separation made by breed for competition.
6. Official judging of the Market Steer Show will be on Wednesday of Fair Week with Showmanship Contest held immediately following selection of the Grand Champion Steer.
7. All steers will be tagged and tattooed at the initial weigh-in. If the tag should come out, the—Livestock Committee must be contacted within twenty-four (24) hours.
8. Steer exhibitors must attend Mandatory meeting on the opening Saturday at 3 p.m. of the fair.

## **MARKET HOG RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Market hogs must be owned by exhibitor and under their management prior to being ear tagged and registered. A color picture of the hog with the ear tag in her right ear must accompany registration form and a picture of the Premise of Origin tag. The tag needs to be clean where it can be read. If your hog loses the Premise of Origin tag, it must be replaced by the breeder.
2. Ear tags must be done by a livestock committee member or designated representative and the owner waive the right for the committee to check the animal periodically. If the market hog does not have a tag at the time of inspection or the exhibitor and/or parent denies access to the premises, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show. If the tag should come out, the Livestock Committee must be contacted within twenty-four (24) hours.
3. There will not be an initial (first) weigh in for the hogs. However, It is recommended that your pig weigh between 40 and 80 pounds by the initial registration date. You can weigh on bathroom scales to get an idea of the weight. The state has gone to this method to help reduce health problems in your animal.
4. Market hogs will be assigned to show classes by weight upon arrival at the fair. There will be no separation made by breed for competition.

5. Market hogs must be recognized as a purebred breed or crossbred of recognized purebred breeds.
6. All market hogs will be housed on sand at the fairgrounds, and animals should be conditioned to this environment prior to the fair.
7. Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 250 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds. Your hog must be of show quality and controllable by exhibitor at time of admission or the fair.
8. An exhibitor may register ONLY one market hog at the initial check in.
9. Exhibitor must supply their own waterer. (pipe (5" pvc pipe with cap). You will also need two (2) 8" metal hose clamps to secure your water pipe to the pens or hanging water).
10. All market hogs and the ear tag will be clean at the weigh in. This means no mud, dirt or any other substance on the animal or tag. If the committee determines that any substance has been added to the animal to try and increase the weight of the animal, it will not be allowed to be weighed in and will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
11. Exhibitor is expected to unload swine at final weigh in and then walk it to the designated pen by committee member. Committee will then move if necessary, to group by weights.
12. There will be NO clipping of market hogs once they enter the fairgrounds. If this takes place you and your animal will be asked to leave immediately. The animal needs to keep 1/4-inch hair on body when clipping.
13. **THIS WILL BE AN ALL-BARROW SHOW.** If the animal has not been castrated or castrated correctly it will be disqualified at final weigh-in.
14. Swine will not be permitted to leave the pen area or arena once weighed in. A time schedule will be set up for the FFA and different 4-H Clubs to exercise their animals in the ARENA ONLY. The FFA and 4 H Clubs will be responsible for providing adults to work the show area to keep swine separated and to supervise the exhibitors. Swine Boards will be provided.

#### **DAIRY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Dairy animals must be owned by exhibitors, be under exhibitor's management, weaned, and at least 8 weeks old on/before the second Tuesday of November. Entry forms and proof of ownership must be turned in between 4-6 PM on that date.
2. Any animal over the age of 20 months must have been owned and shown by the exhibitor the previous year and must not have freshened. Any exhibitor may enter more than one animal, but only one may be sold during the auction.
3. All dairy heifers must be dehorned and completely healed, halter broken and properly trained for exhibition.
4. Dairy heifers may be either registered or purebred but must be of good type conformation and show predominant characteristics of the dairy breed for which they are classified.
5. All dairy heifers must be of sound health for the breed they represent, and the Dairy Committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any animals that do not meet these standards.



6. NO BULLS WILL BE ALLOWED.
7. No lactating cows or cows with calf will be allowed.
8. Dairy heifers will be sold by bids of per animal price. Heifers do not have to be sold during the auction.
9. An entry fee of \$5.00 per head will be paid to the Hardee County Fair Association at time of registration on the second Tuesday of November between 4-6p.m. If the animal is sold there will be a 5% commission paid to the Fair Inc.
10. Dairy exhibitors must attend the following mandatory meetings:
  - Animal Registration: Second Tuesday of November 4-6 PM
  - Animal Inspection & Clinic 1: Exhibitor & heifer(s) (Dec. Date & Time TBA)
  - Animal Inspection & Clinic 2: Exhibitor & heifer(s) (Feb. Date & Time TBA)
  - Exhibitor Meeting: Opening Saturday of the Fair at 3 PM
11. Dairy Breeds that will be shown Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, Holstein, and Jersey.
12. Classes will be divided by age and breed as follows:

CLASSES:

Intermediate Heifer Calf	Born June 1, 2021 - Sept 10, 2021
Senior Heifer Calf	Born March 1, 2021 - May 31, 2021
Winter Yearling	Born Dec 1, 2021 - Feb 28, 2021
Summer Yearling	Born Sept 1, 2020 - Nov 30, 2020
Junior Yearling	Born June 1, 2020 - Aug 31, 2020
Senior Yearling	Born March 1, 2020 - May 31, 2020
Junior Two-Year-Old*	Born Sept 1, 2019 - Feb 28, 2020
Senior Two-Year-Old*	Born March 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2019

\*Two-year-old must have been owned and shown by the exhibitor the previous year and must not have freshened.

**The Dairy Heifer Show Committee reserves the right to combine or eliminate classes at their discretion based on entry numbers.**

**BEEF BREEDING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All Purebred Breeding Beef Cattle must be owned by, and registered on the books of an official Breed Association in the name of the exhibitor by Second Tuesday of November of registration between 4-6p.m. Animals must be identified at the initial entry date with a breed association accepted ear tattoo or branded.
2. All Breeding Beef Animals must be halter broken, properly trained, and in show condition at Fair time. No breeding animal over 36 months of age as of January 1, of the current year will be eligible to show.
3. Upon arrival at fairgrounds, breeding beef animals must have health papers, registration papers, have identification checked, and of conformation, size, and condition for age.
4. There will be no predetermined breeding beef classes. Bulls and heifers must be at least 4 months old to show and age classes will be determined after all entries are in. Max 3 years' age limit.
5. Only Junior exhibitors will be allowed to use show (nose) tongs to exhibit their heifers, but they will be disqualified from showmanship.

6. Breeding bulls must be exhibited with show tongs or nose ring.
7. An entry fee of \$5.00 per head will be paid to Hardee County Fair Association at time of registration on the second Tuesday of November between 4-6p.m.
8. Breeding exhibitors must attend Mandatory meeting on the opening Saturday at 3 p.m. of the fair.

#### **COMMERCIAL HEIFER AND BRAHMAN INFLUENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All Beef Heifers must be of a brood cow bred and conceived through natural or artificial insemination in Hardee County, born, and raised on ranches based in Hardee County. If the heifer is an embryo calf, the donor cow must be conceived, flushed and embryo placed in recipient cow in Hardee County. A breeder's affidavit form must be turned in at registration. **Heifers that are for show only do not have to come from Hardee County.**
2. Heifers must be owned and in owner's care by second Tuesday of November at registration.
3. Heifers must be polled or dehorned and healed, halter broken, properly trained, have good beef conformation, of proper size, and condition for age, and in show condition upon admission.
4. Heifers must be at least 4 months old and not over 3 years of age maximum.
5. An entry fee of \$5.00 per head will be paid to the Hardee County Fair Association at time of registration on the second Tuesday of November between 4-6p.m. If the heifer is sold a 5% commission will be paid to the Fair Association.
6. To sell heifers they must be weighed in at the initial steer weigh in and will be tattooed and ear tagged at this time, they must weigh 750 pounds or more at Fair time, if you plan to sell your animal, it must be verified by a veterinarian as safe with calf.
7. Remember, these heifers need to be raised where they can be turned backed into the pasture and maintain themselves on a daily basis.
8. There will be two divisions of Heifers;
  - . 1) Commercial- Brahman Influence - MUST show Brahman characteristic & sifting committee will approve
  - . 2) Commercial- All Other Breed Influence
9. These classes will be by weight.
10. Heifer exhibitors must attend Mandatory meeting on the opening Saturday at 3 p.m. of the fair.

**SMALL ANIMAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (RABBIT, POULTRY.)**

1. All rabbits and poultry should be purebred of a recognized breed.
2. All animals exhibited must be owned by the entrant.
3. Entries are exhibited per cage unless otherwise stated.
4. Cages and ground material will be provided. The exhibitor must provide the feed the animal is accustomed to eating daily, along with your own water bottle. To qualify for the Outstanding Exhibitors Award, the exhibitors must do it themselves.
5. Poultry and Rabbit pens MUST be cleaned daily, or exhibitor will be fined. This defines the shavings in the poultry pens must be changed daily and the rabbit pens must be cleaned daily. The area around your pen must also be clean and presentable
6. Poultry and Rabbit Exhibitors must have an animal in the show to participate in showmanship.
7. Exhibitor is limited to only three animals (poultry or rabbits).
8. All Exhibitors must be able to handle their animal themselves.
9. An entry fee of \$1.00 per animal will be paid to the Hardee County Fair Association at time of registration on the second Tuesday of November between 4-6p.m. A check must be turned in with entry form for it to be accepted.
10. Poultry and Rabbits will be excused from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. on Wednesday. All animals must be out by 7 p.m. All pen areas must be clean when you leave - this means shavings cleaned up and disposed of area clean and all trash hauled off or may be subject to a \$50.00 fine deducted from check.
11. Poultry Exhibitors must bring animal to registration to have leg bands placed on your animal. This must be done to qualify to show.
12. Rabbit Exhibitors must provide a picture of exhibitor holding the rabbit attached to registration form. If you are showing more than one rabbit, then you must provide separate pictures for each entry.

**BUYERS THANK YOU LETTERS, PLAQUES and BANQUET:**

- 1) Exhibitor must have a thank you letter and an addressed, stamped envelope to the buyer of their animal to a designated location within two weeks of sale. Any exhibitor not complying will forfeit all prize money won and fined \$50 deducted from their check and the sale money will be held until the letter is written.
- 2) Exhibitor must deliver Buyers Plaque to Buyer within two weeks of the Livestock Banquet. Any Exhibitor not complying will be fined \$100.00 and forfeit the right to show the following year. This is a very small token for the one that rewarded well above market value for your project.
- 3) Only the Exhibitor can receive the check the night of the banquet. If they are not there, then the check and plaque can be picked up by the exhibitor only at a designated location set by the Hardee County Fair Inc.
- 4) IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OR THE DUTY OF THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE, HARDEE COUNTY FAIR INC. or the EXTENSION OFFICE TO PROVIDE NAMES OR ADDRESSES FOR BUYERS LETTERS OR THANK YOU LETTERS. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

**Passes and Parking will be determined by the Hardee County Fair Inc. Board of Directors.**

**Passes:**

- 1) Non-Driver Exhibitors
    - a) One Exhibitor Pass
    - b) One Parent/Adult Pass
    - c) One Parking Pass\*\*
  - 2) Driving Exhibitors
    - a) One Exhibitor Pass
    - b) One Parking Pass\*\*
- \*\* Parking Pass are not gate admission**

**The Hardee County Youth Livestock Committee will determine the final ruling along with Hardee County Fair Inc.**

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### **STEER GROOMING CONTEST**

The teams will be made up of exhibitors that have shown before with an exhibitor that is not as experienced. The purpose is to give you both hands on experience.

There will be a clinic for first time exhibitors and those that choose to attend. Following the presentation of the winners, there will be a mock show in the ring to show what is expected on the night of the show.

There will be no parent or outside help. This will only be the exhibitor grooming the animal.

There will be a cash prize for first, second and third placing, that will be awarded at the fair banquet with your check. Every placing will be paid a premium

**\*\*Livestock Committee reserves the right to re-classify depending on the exhibitor's ability and knowledge. The purpose of this is for teaching and hands on experience to help improve the exhibitor.**

**THERE WILL BE NO OTHER CLIPPING OR GROOMING OF OTHER ANIMALS EXCEPT THOSE IN THE CONTESTS**

## **AWARDS**

### **ALL AROUND EXHIBITORS:**

(Beef Breeding, Dairy, Poultry, Rabbit, Steer, Swine)

This award is given to preferably a junior or senior exhibitor who has participated in the Hardee County Youth Livestock program for several years. **The recipient will have participated in all events involved with their animal during the week of the fair and their placing in these events will be a major factor as well as having helped prior to each show and assisted in maintaining the barn during fair week.** The recipient will indicate a willingness to help others and demonstrate good character and sportsmanship during the week of the fair. A score card system will be used to determine the winner.

### **DEAN CULLINS AWARD:**

(Steer & Swine)

This award will usually be a senior. This will be based on an exhibitor that has a positive attitude and good character. This is an exhibitor that goes that extra mile and always willing to help others.

### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:**

(Steer & Swine)

This award is given to a first-time steer exhibitor and is someone usually from the junior division. This is an exhibitor who participates in all the activities during the fair week. The recipient helps in maintaining the barn, preparing for the shows, and is willing to help others.

### **HELPING HAND:**

(Poultry and Rabbit)

This will be chosen by a committee. They will be for the senior division, the intermediate division, and the junior division at the committee's discretion. This is based on the exhibitor's willingness to help others in the barn during fair week.

### **Norman & Phyllis Nickerson Dairy Excellence Award:**

(Dairy)

This award will be given to an exhibitor who demonstrates excellent character and showmanship during the fair. The recipient will have given excellent care not only to their animal but helped other dairy exhibitors with their animals as well. The recipient will encourage others and maintain a positive attitude throughout the fair.

## STEER REGISTRATION

**\*PLEASE PRINT\***

WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE 2021-2022 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE HARDEE COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW COMMITTEE. WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND EACH OF THESE RULES AND **ARE WILLING TO ABIDE BY THEM.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-21 \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE EXHIBITOR MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE Florida ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GAURDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

BREED OF ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING

DATE ANIMAL PURCHASED \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH DIVISION: 4-H JR. \_\_\_\_\_ (8-10) Inter. \_\_\_\_\_ (11-13) SR. \_\_\_\_\_ (14 & up)  
FFA JR. \_\_\_\_\_ FFA SR. \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT THE EXHIBITOR IS A BONAFIDE 4-H/FFA MEMBER.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF LEADER/ADVISOR

VETERINARIAN: ALL CREATURES ANIMAL HOSPITAL/DR. ALTVATER

HARDEE ANIMAL CLINIC/DR. LOVETT

FLORIDA VET SERVICES/DR. SHIVER

DR. LIZ STEELE

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU TO WEIGH-IN OR REGISTRATION ON SATURDAY AT THE HARDEE COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ARENA.

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL SIGNATURES REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\***

**MUST BE COMPLETE OR WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

BEGINNING WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

ENDING WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

**BREEDER'S CERTIFICATION**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PRODUCER OF THIS ANIMAL OR THAT I AM THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRODUCER, AND THAT THIS ANIMAL WAS BRED, CONCEIVED, BORN AND HOUSED IN HARDEE COUNTY ON \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE: MONTH, YEAR)**

**AT \_\_\_\_\_ IN HARDEE COUNTY. (LOCATION, NAME OF RANCH & TOWN)**

**BREEDER'S PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**BREEDER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**BREEDER'S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**BREEDER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY & ZIP CODE)**

**ANIMAL COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DISTINGUISHING MARKS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**BREED (S) OF ANIMAL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TAG AND/OR TATTOO # IF AVAILABLE:**

**TAG \_\_\_\_\_ TATTOO \_\_\_\_\_**



## SWINE REGISTRATION

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-21 \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE EXHIBITOR MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE Florida ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GAURDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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Swine Ear Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT THE EXHIBITOR IS A BONAFIDE 4-H/FFA MEMBER.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF LEADER/ADVISOR

**DUE IN CIVIC CENTER ON second Tuesday of November between  
4-6 p.m. ALONG WITH PICTURE OF (READABLE) EAR TAG IN SWINES RIGHT EAR.**

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL SIGNATURES REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\*  
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**BEEF BREEDING AND DAIRY REGISTRATION**

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SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-21 \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE EXHIBITOR MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE Florida ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GAURDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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FFA JR. \_\_\_\_\_ FFA SR. \_\_\_\_\_

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VETERINARIAN: ALL CREATURES ANIMAL HOSPITAL/DR. ALTVATER  
HARDEE ANIMAL CLINIC/DR. LOVETT  
FLORIDA VET SERVICES/DR. SHIVER  
DR. LIZ STEELE  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BEEF BREEDING AND DAIRY

Cash or check for \$5.00 per head must accompany  
this form for it to be valid

Please indicate:

\_\_\_ Beef Breeding

\_\_\_ Commercial Heifer

\_\_\_ Dairy Heifer

Entry Fee:

\_\_\_ Beef @ \$5 head \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Heifer @ \$5 head \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Dairy @ \$5 head \_\_\_\_\_

BREED	SEX	NAME of ANIMAL	DATE of BIRTH
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A COPY OF THE ANIMALS REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM

# Poultry Registration

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

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SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-21 \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE EXHIBITOR MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE Florida ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GAURDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF LEADER/ADVISOR

VETERINARIAN: ALL CREATURES ANIMAL HOSPITAL/DR. ALTVATER  
HARDEE ANIMAL CLINIC/DR. LOVETT  
FLORIDA VET SERVICES/DR. SHIVER  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUE IN CIVIC CENTER ON second Tuesday of November between  
4-6 p.m.**

**Cash for \$1 per entry must be with registration to make valid NO  
CASH will be accepted**

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL SIGNATURES REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\*  
MUST BE COMPLETE OR WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**Entry & Variety  
Please designate**

**Cock, Hen, Cockerel  
Drake or Pullet**

**Bantam or  
Standard**

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# Rabbit Registration

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

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SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-21 \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE EXHIBITOR MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE Florida ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GAURDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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HARDEE ANIMAL CLINIC/DR. LOVETT

FLORIDA VET SERVICES/DR. SHIVER

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*\*\*ALL SIGNATURES REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\*  
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<b>Breed</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Color</b>
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 2021-2022 Livestock Mandatory Meeting and Ethics will be virtual

September 11, 2021: Steer & Heifer (sale only) Weigh-in 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

November 9, 2021: Swine Registration 4-6 p.m. Arena Drive Thru

November 9, 2021: Rabbit and Poultry Registration  
4-6 p.m. Arena Drive Thru

November 9, 2021: Breeding Animals, Heifer and Dairy Registration  
4-6 p.m. Arena Drive Thru

February 18, 2022: Rabbit & Poultry 4 - 6 p.m.

February 19, 2022: Hog Weigh-in Swine workers 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.  
Exhibitors 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### MANDATORY MEETING

**3:00 p.m.**

February 20, 2022: Steer Weigh-in 2 - 3:00 p.m.  
Breeding, Heifers & Dairy 2 - 3:00 p.m.  
Poultry Show Results & Showmanship 3:00 p.m.

February 21, 2022: Grooming Contest 11:00 a.m.  
Rabbit Showmanship 9-11:00 a.m.  
Rabbit Show 1:00 p.m.  
Swine Show 6:00 p.m.

February 22, 2022: Swine Showmanship 5:00 p.m.  
Breeding & Heifer Show 7:00 p.m.

February 23, 2022: **Dairy Show 4:30 p.m.**  
Market Steer Show 6:00 p.m.

February 24, 2022: Buyers Dinner 4:30 p.m.  
Sponsor: TBA

Livestock Sale 6:00 p.m.

**BE SURE TO CLEAN UP ALL YOUR MESS AND PICK UP YOUR EQUIPMENT.**

ALSO Barn tear down will be Friday morning at 8 a.m.

TBA 2022: Youth Livestock Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m.