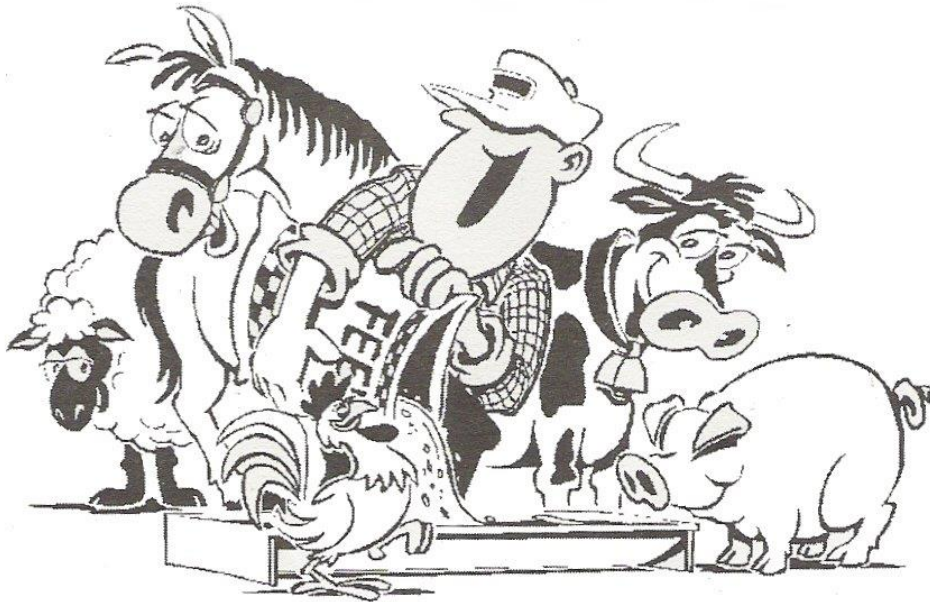


# **HARDEE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES**



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

**Revised June 2023**

# HARDEE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES

## 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 May 10th 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 protestor, the \$50.00 will be returned; otherwise, the protestor 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. 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**

13. 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.

14. 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.**

15. 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.

16. 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**

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

18. 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.

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

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

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

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

25. All poultry entries will be bled and must have a negative test before entering the barn. Waterfowl do not need to be bled. The livestock committee will provide the state inspector.

26. 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 Association Inc, nor the committee members will be liable in case of accidents.

27. 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**

**28. 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 livestock areas and may be banned from participating in future livestock shows. Exhibitors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct of the FFA and 4H and it will be enforced during the entire week.**

29. Barn assignments will be made by Livestock Committee.

30. No exhibitor or anybody will be allowed to sleep in the barn.

31. 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 beef, dairy, steers, and swine will be prior to 6 p.m. or non-fair hours. Animals can be feed throughout the day if you are attentive and with the animal during that period and pan is removed immediately upon finishing.

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.**

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

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

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

35. 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.

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

### **SHOW RULES**

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

38. 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.

39. 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.

**40. 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.**

41. 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.

42. 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**

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

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

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

46. 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

47. 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.

48. 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.

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

50. 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.

51. 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.

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 to the buyer of their animal in an unsealed addressed envelope with a stamp to a designated location within two weeks of the 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 TOBBACO, 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. Steers will go through a handling shifting process Monday morning at 9 a.m. Exhibitor will have to show that they can handle their animal for everyone's safety
9. 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 place and of the Premise of Origin button in place must accompany registration form. The tag needs to be clean where it can be read. If your hog loses the Premise of Origin tag, it must be replaced with a new tag from the breeder or according to State Guidelines.
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, when choosing your swine, know that it must weigh minimum of 235 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds to get into the fair.
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 235 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 that attaches to their hogs pen.
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. Clipping can only be done on show day with cordless clippers. You can place a temporary flooring (rubber mat, flooring, ect) in your pen on show day however it must be removed from the pen at the end of show night.

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 swine pen area or show 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, 2023 – Sept 10, 2023
Senior Heifer Calf	Born March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023
Winter Yearling	Born Dec 1, 2023 – Feb 28, 2023
Summer Yearling	Born Sept 1, 2022 – Nov 30, 2022
Junior Yearling	Born June 1, 2022 – Aug 31, 2022
Senior Yearling	Born March 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022
Junior Two-Year-Old*	Born Sept 1, 2021 – Feb 28, 2022
Senior Two-Year-Old*	Born March 1, 2022 – Aug 31, 2022

\*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.**

13. Dairy exhibitors must attend Mandatory meeting on the opening Saturday at 3 p.m. of the fair.

**BEEF BREEDING RULES AND REGULATIONS (Registered)**

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.
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 and not exceeding 36 months to show. Classes by age will be determined after all entries are in.

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 HEIFER 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.

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. Turkey, geese, ducks and feather legged are exempt. This must be done to qualify to show.

12. Poultry and Rabbit Exhibitors must provide a picture of exhibitor holding their animal attached to registration form. If you are showing more than one animal, then you must provide separate pictures for each entry.

BUYERS THANK YOU LETTERS, PLAQUES and BANQUET:

- 1) Exhibitor must have a thank you letter to the buyer of their animal in an unsealed addressed envelope with a stamp to a designated location within two weeks of the 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 RESPONSIBLY.

**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.**

REVISED: June 2023

# 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 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 2023-2024 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 9-01-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 by September 1, 2023.

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

VETERINARIAN: ALL CREATURES ANIMAL HOSPITAL/DR. ALVATER

HARDEE ANIMAL CLINIC/DR. LOVETT

FLORIDA VET SERVICES/DR. SHIVER

DR. LIZ STEELE

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

**REGISTRATION AND BREEDER CERTIFICATE DUE AT FIRST WEIGH IN**

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

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



## 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 9-01-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DRIVE THRU REGISTRATION AT ARENA SECOND TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER 4-6pm**

**ALONG WITH PICTURES OF (READABLE) EAR TAG IN SWINES RIGHT EAR, PREMISE TAG IN LEFT EAR.**

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL SIGNATURES REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\*  
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\_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIME SHOWING SWINE..





# Poultry Registration

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

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

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

YOUTH DIVISION: 4-H Mini \_\_\_\_\_ (5-7)  
4-H JR. \_\_\_\_\_ (8-10) Inter. \_\_\_\_\_ (11-13) SR. \_\_\_\_\_ (14 & up)  
FFA JR. \_\_\_\_\_ FFA SR. \_\_\_\_\_

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

I CERTIFY THAT THE EXHIBITOR IS A BONAFIDE 4-H/FFA MEMBER by September 1, 2023.

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

### Definitions:

Cock: Male 1 year or older  
Cockrel: Male less than 1 year  
Hen: Female 1 year or older  
Pullet: Female less than 1 year  
**Poultry must be 6 months old by fair check in to show**

Entry & Variety (color) Please designate	Cock, Hen, Cockerel Drake or Pullet	Bantam or Standard
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**DRIVE THRU REGISTRATION AT ARENA SECOND TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER 4-6pm**

**\$1 per entry must be with registration to make valid**

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# Rabbit Registration

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

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

NAME OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR AGE AS OF 9-01-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

YOUTH DIVISION: 4-H Mini \_\_\_\_\_ (5-7)  
4-H JR. \_\_\_\_\_ (8-10) Inter. \_\_\_\_\_ (11-13) SR. \_\_\_\_\_ (14 & up)  
FFA JR. \_\_\_\_\_ FFA SR. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**DRIVE THRU REGISTRATION AT ARENA SECOND TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER 4-6pm**

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**\*\*\*\*\*ALL SIGNATURES REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\*  
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<b>Breed</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Color</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 2023-2024 Livestock Mandatory Meeting and Ethics will be virtual

Saturday	September 9, 2023:	Steer & Heifer (sale only) Weigh-in	7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	November 7, 2023:	Swine Registration	4-6 p.m. Arena Drive Thru
Tuesday	November 7, 2023:	Rabbit and Poultry Registration	4-6 p.m. Arena Drive Thru
Tuesday	November 7, 2023:	Breeding Animals, Heifer and Dairy Registration	4-6 p.m. Arena Drive Thru
Friday	February 16, 2024:	Rabbit & Poultry	4 - 6 p.m.
Saturday	February 17, 2024:	Hog Weigh-in	Swine workers 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Exhibitors 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### **SATURDAY**

#### **MANDATORY MEETING**

**3:00 p.m.**

Sunday	February 18, 2024:	Steer Weigh-in	2 - 3:00 p.m.
		Breeding, Heifers & Dairy	2 - 3:00 p.m.
		Poultry Show Results & Showmanship	3:00 p.m.
Monday	February 19, 2024:	Steer Screening (All must attend)	9:00 a.m.
		Rabbit Showmanship	9-11:00 a.m.
		Rabbit Show	1:00 p.m.
		Swine Show	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 20, 2024:	Swine Showmanship	5:00 p.m.
		Breeding & Heifer Show	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 21, 2024:	Dairy Show	4:30 p.m.
		Market Steer Show	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 22, 2024:	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.**

Friday	February 23, 2024:	Barn tear down will be morning at	8 a.m.
TBA	2024:	Youth Livestock Awards Banquet	6:00 p.m.

**Hardee County Youth Livestock  
and  
Hardee County Fair Association Inc.**

**Youth Code of Conduct**

As a member of the Hardee County Youth Livestock Shows and Hardee County Fair Association, I agree to the following:

- a) I believe my participation should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skills as a feeder, fitter & caretaker of my animal(s)
- b) I understand the need to be responsible for developing the skills necessary to take my animal(s) from the farm to the show ring or judging area.
- c) I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations of the HC Youth Livestock Rules
- d) I will follow the competition rules and will not use abusive, questionable, or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting, and showing of my animal(s)
- e) I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when preparing my animal(s) for the show ring or judging area.
- f) I will not allow my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to break the rules on my behalf.
- g) I want my animal(s) project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.

I realize that I am responsible for:

- 1) The proper care and humane treatment of my animal(s)
- 2) The production of wholesome food if my animal project is designed for market.
- 3) The care and grooming of my animal(s) while at the Hardee County Fair and Youth Livestock Shows.
- 4) Conducting myself with honesty and good sportsmanship.
- 5) Conducting myself to reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of Agriculture education. The fair grounds are a drug and alcohol-free environment.

**THERE IS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR NEGATIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POST OR COMMENTS**

I understand and agree that when I, my parents/guardians, leader of any other adult or minor connected with my project or animal(s) break the rules, I agree to live by the final decision of the Hardee County Youth Livestock Committee and/or Hardee County Fair Association Inc. authority regarding disqualification of myself and/or my animal(s), loss of premium awards, auction proceeds and my loss of future eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Exhibitors Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Father / Guardian**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Mother / Guardian

Date

**RECOMMENDATIONS for MARKET ANIMALS**

- 1) Your project starts the day you get your animal. You need to feed your animal according to the weight you must meet. You know this at day of registration.**
- 2) Work with your animal on a regular basis so you are prepared at show times**
- 3) It is highly recommended that you invest in a set of scales and start weighing your animal on a weekly schedule on the same day and same time so you can track your animal's progress.**
- 4) A month before the fair is too late to start worrying about making weight!!!!**