

2025 PASCO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH BEEF SHOW & SALE RULES & REGULATIONS

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Important Dates: **Indicates changes*

Steer Entry Deadline – September 1, 2024

Mandatory Steer Exhibitor/Advisors Seminar – Wednesday, September 4, 2024 (7:00 p.m.) see pg. 6, #8 Educational Seminar

Steer Weigh-In–Saturday, September 7, 2024 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

Breeding Cattle Entry & Breeder Certificate Deadline – December 1, 2024

Mandatory Breeding Cattle Exhibitor/Advisors Seminar- Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (7:00 p.m.) see pg. 16, #8 Educational Seminar

Hoof Trimming – Saturday, January 11, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

Mandatory Beef Exhibitor Workday/Ethics Deadline – Monday, January 20, 2025 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00)

Steer and Breeding Cattle Record Books Due – Sunday, February 9, 2025 (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Clayton Hall)

Breeding Cattle Check-In–Sunday, February 16, 2025 (12:00p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Breeding Cattle Awards/Show– Monday, February 17, 2025 (5:45 p.m.- Awards, 6:00 p.m.- Show)

Steer Weigh-In – Tuesday, February 18, 2025 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

Steer Show – Tuesday, February 18, 2025 (6:00 p.m.)

Steer Showmanship – Wednesday, February 19, 2025 (6:00 p.m.)

Buyer’s Dinner – Thursday, February 20, 2025 (5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Steer/Awards – Thursday, February 20, 2025 (6:30 p.m.)

Steer Sale – Thursday, February 20, 2025 (7:00 p.m.)

Thank You Letters Due (box at the exhibitor’s gate)–Sunday, February 23, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Payout – sometime after April 15, 2025 – time and place to be announced

All events occur at the Albert A. Barthle Livestock Arena on the Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City, FL unless otherwise noted.

General Rules:

- 1. The Pasco County Youth Beef Committee reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Shows.**
2. The Pasco County Fair Association, Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, sex, disability, religion or national origin.
3. Pasco County Fair Association Herdsman Respect Policy:

The Beef Committee will treat exhibitors, parents, fellow volunteers and members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return. The Beef Committee will not conduct business with those who use obscenities or otherwise speak in a demanding, loud, insulting or threatening manner. Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words will not be tolerated, and individuals who engage in these activities may face penalties up to, and including, criminal prosecution. This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all committee members, exhibitors and parents. It is intended to maintain, to the extent that is possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free show & sale for exhibitors, families and volunteers, that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening or aggressive behaviors.

Health Rules:

All animals must be in compliance with the rules of the State of Florida for exhibition animals:

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied

by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days, except that, for equine imported into Florida using a current Equine Interstate

Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entered in market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

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

(a) The required official individual identification of the animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice,

ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(5) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA accredited veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.

(6) Forms. Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800. History–New 6-21-06.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.

(b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis.

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

test.

2. Imported dairy cattle may be entered for exhibition provided they have a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition; except that, dairy cattle from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds originating in Tuberculosis-Free States, are exempt from this test requirement.

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

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers; and

b. Cattle or bison originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or a Brucellosis Class Free State or Area which when certified, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test; and

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

History—Last Amended 6-21-06.

Steer Show & Sale Rules

Exhibitor Eligibility:

1. Exhibitors may show and sell only one market animal (steer or hog) per year at the Pasco County Fair.
2. Steer exhibitors must be 10 years of age or older as of September 1, 2024.
3. **For age verification, 1st year exhibitors must present a copy of birth certificate or government issued ID at the September weigh-in.**
4. **An eligible exhibitor must be a member in good standing with a Pasco County FFA or 4-H Club. They must also either be a Pasco County Resident or attend a Pasco County School.** If an exhibitor was eligible to show in the 2023 fair, but would not be eligible under the new rule, they will be grandfathered in. The “grandfather rule” will be in place as long as the exhibitor is a continuous exhibitor. Exhibitors must register and tag project to be eligible each year (adopted June 1, 2020).

5. Exhibitor must declare on the entry form which club/ organization they will represent. Once entered, the club/ organization will not be changed.
6. The Pasco County Fair Youth Beef Committee shall determine eligibility of exhibitors. All exhibitors, by submitting their registration agree to abide by the Committee's decision regarding eligibility and all rules of the show.
7. Exhibitors must maintain proper conduct while exhibiting and showing their animals during fair week and while on fairgrounds property. Observed infractions will be dealt with by the Committee.
8. ***An unweighted cumulative 2.0 grade point average as stated on the school issued 2024-2025 report card for the first semester or better is required for eligibility to show.*** Proof of grade point average must be submitted on the Academic Satisfaction Form available on the fair web page and attached to the record book at time of record book check-in. The form must be embossed with the school seal or signed and stamped with school stamp (if available). A copy of the most recent report card must also be included in ALL record books.
9. **Mandatory Beef Exhibitor Workday-** All exhibitors are required to attend the **Mandatory** workday held at the Pasco County Fair Grounds, January 20, 2025, from 9 am-11 am. **Exhibitors who do not attend will not be allowed to exhibit their steer unless prior arrangements are made.**
10. ***Mandatory Ethics Certification** – All exhibitors must have ethics certification to show at the Pasco County Fair. **Ethics class must be completed prior to January 20, 2025.** Certification trainings are listed at the Florida State Fair website <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/pdf/files/live-ethicsformpub.pdf>. Any workshop listed on the site will work for certification. Pre-registration is required. The last workshop available for exhibitors showing at the Pasco County Fair is **January 20, 2025.**
11. **Age Categories** – Exhibitors are placed in one of the following categories based on their age as of September 1, 2024: FFA and 4H Junior (10-12 years), FFA and 4H

Intermediate (13-15 years), FFA and 4H Senior (16-18 years).
Note: If there are fewer than 3 exhibitors in either of the junior categories, we will combine the Junior division into one group for RECORD BOOK judging only.

Entry:

1. Effective July 1, 2014, all entries shall be submitted electronically by September 1, 2024. Entry must include \$20 non-refundable registration fee. This fee shall be a processing fee only and shall not be a guarantee of being able to show.
2. Payment shall be by electronic submission during registration.
3. *Ownership of the steer must be vested in the exhibitor no later than September 1, 2024. **Breeder Certificate (hard copy) must be submitted to the committee at the September 4, 2024, weigh-in by 11 a.m.** There will be no exceptions. Age certification will be used unless there is a question by the Committee, then mouthing will take preference to determine if the steer is less than 18 months of age at show time. ***Ageing of 18 months will be determined by the widely accepted medical standard of identifying the eruption of the first central incisor at the age of 18 months (also known as Mouthing).***
4. All steers must be castrated or emasculated, with no evidence of being a stag animal.
5. *** At the initial weigh-in on September 7, 2024, all calves must weigh at least 500lbs to be qualified for show.**
6. ***It is strongly suggested by the committee that steers do not exceed 950 pounds at the initial September weigh-in. This may become a mandatory rule in the future.**
7. Exhibitor must be responsible for the majority of the care and feeding of his or her animal throughout the project.
8. Exhibitor **must** show and sell their own animal. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis. No animal will be substituted for showmanship.
9. **Initial Weigh-In** – Steer exhibitor and their steer must be present on Saturday, September 7, 2024, between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the livestock barn at the Pasco County

Fairgrounds. It is strongly recommended that a parent attend. This will be the official weigh-in for each steer. **If a steer is not present at this time, the steer will not be entered.** If an exhibitor is unable to attend prior arrangements must be made.

10. **Educational Seminar** – All steer exhibitors are required to attend an educational seminar to be held **Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** First year exhibitors' parents **must** attend this seminar unless prior arrangements are made. **Exhibitors who do not attend will not be allowed to exhibit their steer unless prior arrangements are made.**

Barn Rules:

1. All steers must be double tied with both halter lead and neck rope when in the barn.
2. Exhibitor must furnish care and feed for his/her animal during the fair.
3. **Cleaning should be completed throughout the day.** The Committee encourages all exhibitors to maintain good school attendance during fair week. The Committee shall monitor the stall cleanliness with enforcement of a possible \$25.00 fine if areas are neglected.
4. At no time are rakes and pitchforks permitted in the tie areas or aisles unless they are in the hands of individual exhibitors.
5. No feed boxes or hay net are allowed, feed pans, hay bags and buckets only. Pans and buckets must be removed after feeding and watering.
6. Service areas, stalls, pens, animals and public walkways are to be kept clean and orderly at all times.
7. Show boxes must be kept in designated show box areas.
8. Animals may be led into the show ring for practice from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but no animal is to be tied in the ring at any time. **Exhibitor must clean up after their animal when leaving the show ring.**
9. Nylon, rope, or show halters are the only halters permitted in the barn, no performance enhancing/behavior correction halters (ex. Be Nice halters, Cruise Control Cable halters, etc.)

10. There will be NO overnight stays in the barn – NO exceptions.
11. No clipping or trimming of animals will be allowed in the barn or wash area.
12. **No washing is allowed where the grooming chutes are located.**
13. **No grooming chutes allowed into the barn until all animals have checked in.**
14. **Any person handling OR tending to an animal must wear boots. NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, 'CROCS', OR ANY SLIP-ON SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BARN WHILE HANDLING ANIMAL.** At any time during the fair, if an exhibitor is found in the barn tending to their animal without boots on, the following actions will take place:
 - 1st Offense-** a warning will be given, the exhibitors will sign their name on the clip board located in the office, and be asked to leave the barn to change into boots
 - 2nd Offense-** the exhibitor will initial a second time next to their name on the clip board located in the office, they will be charged a \$50 fine (to be assessed at check pick up) and be asked to leave the barn to change into boots

***If the behavior continues, the exhibitor will continue to be fined an additional \$50 for each offense. ***

Liability for Loss or Theft:

1. Each exhibitor must assume responsibility and liability in the event of loss, death or injury of his/her animals. The Pasco County Fair Beef Committee is not responsible for the health or safety of any animal entered or exhibited.

Steer Qualifications:

1. Each exhibitor may enter only one steer in the Pasco County Youth Steer Show.
2. Steers must be of beef type and conformation.
3. *Steers must be under 18 months of age at time of show.
Steers must have a birthdate on or AFTER August 15, 2023. Aging of 18 months will be determined by the widely accepted medical standard of identifying the eruption of the first central incisor at the age of 18 months (also known as Mouthing). Any costs the committee

incurs as a result of a steer being over aged, will be passed along to the exhibitor. If an animal does not meet the age requirements, they will not be permitted to show and must leave the barn. **This rule is in place to help the exhibitors get top buy-back prices and maintain the quality of steers purchased at our fair.*

4. **Any costs the committee incurs as a result of a foreign substance being found in an animal, will be passed along to the exhibitor.**
5. All steers must be **bred and born in Pasco County** and must be **purchased directly from the breeder.** If the breeder has continuous property in an adjoining county (county line runs through property) animals will be eligible.
6. No animal shall be purchased from a sale barn, auction or broker.
7. **A breeder's certificate is required for all steers.** The form can be downloaded from the Pasco County Fair Beef web page. The original (signed by the breeder) shall be presented to the committee at the September 7, 2024, weigh in by 11:00 am. **Any breeder found to have provided false birthdate and or breeding information, shall face a suspension of period of one year per offense. During this suspension period the breeder will not be permitted to sell or provide any animals for participation in the Pasco County Fair Youth Beef Show.**
8. All steers must be castrated or emasculated, with no evidence of being a stag animal at first weigh-in.
9. All animals should be dehorned before entering the September 7, 2024, weigh-in. Animals with horns will be dehorned at that time.
10. **At the initial weigh-in on September 7, 2024, all calves must weigh at least 500lbs to be qualified for show.**
11. ***It is strongly suggested by the committee that steers do not exceed 950 pounds at the initial September weigh-in. This may become a mandatory rule in the future.**
12. Official weights will be taken on September 7, 2024, between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Committee will place tags and tattoos in each steer's ear. Photos may be taken at this time for educational purposes.

13. The exhibitor must show their ability to handle the animal safely. No animal may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led in the show ring safely. **Exhibitor may be asked to lead their animal before the sifting committee at any time during the fair.** Nylon, rope, or show halters are the only halters permitted in the barn, no performance enhancing/behavior correction halters (ex. Be Nice halters, Cruise Control Cable halters, etc.).
14. Tampering with any animal, such as filling with a foreign substance is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on animals at the fair will be construed as a form of tampering.
15. The committee recommends not purchasing a steer for more than \$1500. If you have any questions regarding purchase price, please reach out to a committee member (names and telephone numbers are located on the last page).

Arrival/Weigh-In:

1. Steers will be received on February 18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. only.
2. All animals must be clean upon arrival to the weigh-in.
3. Steers will be weighed and ultra-sounded at weigh-in.
4. Steers will be placed in classes according to weight.
5. Steers must have gained a minimum of 2.00 lbs./day (328 pounds) since the September weigh-in and must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds.
6. Steers will only be allowed to enter the scale once at final weigh-in.
7. Steers not meeting weight requirements will not be allowed in the barn and shall be removed from the fairgrounds.
8. **For Record Book Purposes** use 164 days when figuring average daily gain.
9. **Any exhibitor not present at final weigh in, must go before the sifting committee before they will be permitted to show.**

Show Ring Preparations:

1. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be prepared to enter the ring when called.
2. No clipping of steers will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

3. Grooming of steers at the show will be done by the **exhibitor**, with assistance from a parent, guardian, advisor or fellow exhibitor. If a member of the Beef Committee observes an infraction in the barn area, exhibitor will not be allowed to show in the steer show. The Committee must approve exceptions to this rule.
4. **No grooming material is allowed on the animal.** All animals must be washed clean and dried without the use of ANY grooming material/aids. This is a BLOW & GO show. The use of a brush and/or scotch comb is encouraged.
5. Animals shall be checked in the staging area. Animals that fail the check will be refused entry into the ring.
6. Lead rope/straps shall be **between 36-48 inches in length measured from the chain** during showmanship and the show. No behavior correction/performance enhancing halters will be allowed in the show ring (ex: Be Nice, Cruise Control Cable, etc.).

Steer Showmanship:

1. Showmanship will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Showmanship is optional.
3. Exhibitors will compete in one of three categories: junior, intermediate, and senior.
4. Exhibitors showing club/chapter animals are eligible to compete in showmanship.
5. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
6. No substitutions accepted without committee approval.
7. Any exhibitor that loses control of their animal during the show (as determined by the sifting committee) will be removed from the ring and placed at the bottom of the class.
Judges will be notified prior to the show.
8. 30 minutes prior to show times the barn will be cleared and only the exhibitors, one volunteer (per exhibitor), and advisors will be permitted to remain in the barn throughout the show. Exhibitor volunteers will receive nightly color-coded paper arm bands which must be worn in order to remain in the barn during shows.

Steer Show:

1. The steer show will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Steers will be judged under the Modified Danish System (blue, red, white).
3. Light Weight, Middle Weight, and Heavy Weight Divisions. Divisions will be chosen by weight ranges upon the February weigh in date. The winners of the three divisions will compete for grand and reserve champion.
4. A grand champion and reserve grand champion steer will be selected and presented awards.
5. Only blue-ribbon steers will be eligible to compete for championships.
6. Any exhibitor that loses control of their animal during the show (as determined by the sifting committee) will be removed from the ring and placed at the bottom of the class.
Judges will be notified prior to the show.
7. 30 minutes prior to show times the barn will be cleared and only the exhibitors, one volunteer (per exhibitor), and advisors will be permitted to remain in the barn throughout the show. Exhibitor volunteers will receive nightly color-coded paper arm bands which must be worn in order to remain in the barn during shows.

Carcass Contest:

1. All steers will be examined (using ultra-sound) upon entry into the fair.
2. The results from the ultra-sound will determine and rank each qualifying steer according to backfat, ribeye area, marbling, and final value according to USDA grading.
3. Top three placing carcasses will receive awards.
4. Carcass data will be available after the sale.

Steer Sale:

1. The sale will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting, by letter (handwritten), at least four (4) bidders to bid on their steer. A copy of each of the four (4) handwritten letters **must** be

included in the record book, *at least one letter to a new buyer (one that is NOT on the previous year buyer sheet)*. **If these are not present by the 5:00 turn in deadline, the record book will NOT be accepted, and the exhibitor will not be permitted to show their animal.**

3. The Committee suggests exhibitors attend the buyer's dinner to interact with potential buyers.
4. Only steers that show in the Pasco County Fair Steer Show will be considered for the sale.
5. Steer maximum selling weight is 1,300 pounds. Buyers will only pay for 1,300 pounds on steers weighing more than 1,300 pounds.
6. Prior to the start of the sale, a packer resale price will be established for resale value of the steers. This price is the wholesale price for the option of the buyer to resell the steer to the packer. This price is determined by the results of an auction conducted by the Committee. The winning wholesale packer has the right to add a shrinkage deduction to the show weight for the calculation determination of the 'packer resale' price. The shrinkage deduction is applied to all steers prior to the start of the sale.
7. **Sale Order – Exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Champion, Carcass Winner, Division Winners, Class Winners, First Place Showmanship Winners, First Place Record Book Winners, Average Daily Gain Winner, Overall Exhibitor, and Rookie of the Year will lead the selling order (even years FFA go first, odd years 4H go first). The remaining steers will sell in random order, to be determined by a computer scramble.**
8. No steer may sell for as high a price as the Grand Champion. The Reserve Champion must sell for at least \$0.01 (1 cent) per pound less than the Grand Champion. All other steers must sell for at least \$0.01 (1 cent) per pound less than the Reserve Champion.
9. A 5% commission charge will be deducted from the sale of each steer for Committee expenses (advertising, promotion, awards and other expenses).

10. A 5% commission handling fee will be deducted from all add-ons that come through the Committee. We encourage add-ons be given directly to the exhibitor.
11. **Buyer's Gift** - It is customary for exhibitors to have a "thank you" gift to be presented to the buyer on the night of the sale. These gifts can be in many fashions (baskets/gift bags with beef related food and recipes). The value of the gift is your decision. However, the committee encourages you to consider a minimum budget of \$40 - \$50.00. **Per the new Ag Committee rule, NO ALCOHOL will be permitted in any buyer basket presented at the sale.**
12. **Thank You Letters** – **The original thank you letters for the steer buyer and ALL add-ons MUST be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, 2025. The letters must be in an envelope, addressed with the exhibitor's name and return address in the upper left corner. They should be stamped and ready to mail.** There will be a \$25.00 fine if thank you letters are not turned in by 5:00 p.m. plus an additional \$25.00 for each week thereafter until the thank you letters are received by the Committee. A box will be located at the exhibitor's gate to drop off the thank you letters.
13. The Committee will assess \$1.00 from each exhibitor for the Beef Check-Off.
14. **The ownership of the steer transfers at the time Buyer and/or Buyers authorized agent (contact person) signs the sale invoice.** The Buyer and/or Buyers authorized agent who signs the sale invoice is the only person approved to make decisions regarding the purchased steer, but not limited to, decisions related to the sell back and/or meat processing.
15. **Payout** – Payment to exhibitors will be made as funds allow, but **not before April 15, 2025.** The time and location will be announced via email.

Record Books:

1. Pasco County Fair Steer record books are available on the Fair's website – www.pascocountyfair.com.

2. **Record book must be the original handwritten work by the exhibitor.** A typed record book will **NOT** be accepted.
3. Completed record book must be turned in on Sunday, February 9, 2025, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fairgrounds.
4. Record books will not be judged by any member of the beef committee.
5. **Record book must be in ½” white binder.**
6. Record book cover labels will be available online.
7. A fine of \$25.00 will be imposed for each page not completed or missing pages. (Not Applicable (N/A) is not considered complete without an explanation.)
8. **Exhibitors are required to have four (4) hand-written buyer letters.** *Exhibitors are required to send and include in the record book, at least one letter to a new buyer.* **If these are not present by the 5:00 turn in deadline, the record book will NOT be accepted, and the exhibitor will not be permitted to show their animal.**
9. ALL record books are required to have a copy of the most recent (1st semester) report card. **If a copy is not present by the 5:00 turn in deadline, the record book will NOT be accepted, and the exhibitor will not be permitted to show their animal.**
10. **Each exhibitor must pick up and sign for his/her own Record Book after the conclusion of the show. No exhibitor will be allowed to pick up another exhibitor’s Record Book.**

Exhibitor Attire:

1. For showmanship, show, and sale all exhibitors will be required to be dressed in proper FFA/4-H attire. Proper FFA/4-H show attire includes boots, black jeans (**no bell bottoms**) or slacks, with a solid white collared shirt. FFA/4-H accessories (jacket, tie, patch, club logo, etc.) are recommended.
2. No caps or hats.
3. **Any person handling OR tending to an animal must wear boots. NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, ‘CROCS’, OR ANY SLIP-ON SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BARN WHILE**

HANDLING ANIMAL. At any time during the fair, if an exhibitor is found in the barn tending to their animal without boots on, the following actions will take place:

1st Offense- a warning will be given, the exhibitors will sign their name on the clip board located in the office, and be asked to leave the barn to change into boots

2nd Offense- the exhibitor will initial a second time next to their name on the clip board located in the office, they will be charged a \$50 fine (to be assessed at check pick up) and be asked to leave the barn to change into boots

***If the behavior continues, the exhibitor will continue to be fined an additional \$50 for each offense. ***

Awards:

1. The awards program will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
2. The following awards will be presented: Steer Record Books (4H & FFA), Carcass Placements, Skill-A-Thon Placements, Albert Barthle Herdsman Award, Brittany Barthle Sportsmanship, Award, Rookie Exhibitor (1st year exhibitors only), Overall Exhibitor, as well as additional scholarships.
3. Rookie Exhibitor and Overall Exhibitor will be awarded based on the following basis: animal class placing, record books, written beef knowledge test, and showmanship placing. This will be done by a point system. In case of a tie, record book scores will be used to break the tie.
4. **Points System for Rookie and Overall Exhibitor: Animal Class Placement (1st-50, 2nd-45, 3rd-40, 4th-35, 5th-30). Showmanship, Record Book, Beef Knowledge Test, and Carcass (1st-50, 2nd-40, 3rd-30). Grand Champion-20 additional points. Reserve Champion-10 additional points.**

Written Beef Knowledge Test:

The Pasco County Fair Beef Committee offers a non-mandatory beef knowledge test to assess your knowledge of the beef industry. The test's purpose is to reinforce the important role education plays in this project. Tests will be created according to the pre-determined age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).

To prepare for the test, the Florida State Fair Beef "Skill-a-thon" theme will be used, as well as information you should acquire by completing the project record book. Information on showmanship will be included with the State Fair theme as well. You may access the information on the Florida State Fair website: www.floridastatefair.com/pdf/files/liveskillathonbeef.pdf

The Beef Committee will reward the top three passing grades in each division with a monetary reward.

Load Out/Release:

- 1. Steer care remains the responsibility of the exhibitor until load out on Thursday, February 20, 2025.**
2. Steers shall remain on exhibit until loaded out on Thursday night after the sale except by written permission of the Committee.
- 3. All exhibitors and volunteers will be asked to leave the barn during steer load out. The barn will reopen for cleaning once all steers have been loaded.**
4. Tie areas are to be cleaned after the steer is loaded.
5. Buyer/add-on printout and carcass report **MUST** be picked up during steer load-out.
- 6. Each exhibitor must pick up and sign for his/her own Record Book after the conclusion of the show. No exhibitor will be allowed to pick up another exhibitor's Record Book**

Breeding Show Rules

Exhibitor Eligibility:

- 1. Exhibitors must be 8 years of age or older as of September 1, 2024, to show in the breeding show. For age verification, 1st year exhibitors must present a copy of birth certificate or government issued ID.**
- 2. An eligible exhibitor must be a member in good standing with a Pasco County FFA or 4-H Club. They must also either be a Pasco County Resident or attend a Pasco County School.** If an exhibitor was eligible to show in the 2023 fair, but would not be eligible under the new rule, they

will be grandfathered in. The “grandfather rule” will be in place as long as the exhibitor is a continuous exhibitor. Exhibitors must register and tag project to be eligible each year (adopted June 1, 2020).

3. Exhibitor must declare on the entry form which club/organization they will represent. Once entered, the club/organization will not be changed.
4. Chapter or club animals may be shown by an approved member who has been responsible for care and training of the animal as of the entry date. The name of the exhibitor must be identified on the entry form.
5. The Pasco County Fair Youth Beef Committee shall determine eligibility of exhibitors. All exhibitors, by submitting their registration agree to abide by the Committee’s decision regarding eligibility and all rules of the show.
6. Exhibitors must maintain proper conduct while exhibiting and showing their animals during fair week and while on fairgrounds property. Observed infractions will be dealt with by the Committee.
7. ****An unweighted cumulative 2.0 grade point average as stated on the school issued 2024-2025 report card for the first semester or better is required for eligibility to show.*** Proof of grade point average must be submitted on the Academic Satisfaction Form available on the fair web page and attached to the record book at time of record book check-in. The form must be embossed with the school seal or signed and stamped with school stamp (if available). A copy of the most recent report card must also be included in ALL record books.
8. **Mandatory Beef Exhibitor Workday-** All exhibitors are required to attend the mandatory workday held at the Pasco County Fair Grounds, January 20, 2025, from 9 am-11 am. **Exhibitors who do not attend will not be allowed to exhibit their beef breeding animal unless prior arrangements are made.**
9. **Mandatory Ethics Certification** – All exhibitors must have ethics certification to show at the Pasco County Fair.

Ethics class must be completed prior to January 20, 2025.

Certification trainings are listed at the Florida State Fair website <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/pdffiles/live-ethicsformpub.pdf>. Any workshop listed on the site will work for certification. Pre-registration is required. The last workshop available for exhibitors showing at the Pasco County Fair is **January 20, 2025**.

10. **Age Categories** – Exhibitors are placed in one of the following categories based on their age as of September 1, 2024: Junior (8-12 years), Intermediate (13-15 years), Senior (16-18 years).

Entry:

1. Effective July 1, 2014, all entries shall be submitted electronically by December 1, 2024. Entry must include \$15 non-refundable registration fee per entry. This fee shall be a processing fee only and shall not be a guarantee of being able to show. **Any changes must be made by the mandatory meeting,**
2. Payment shall be by electronic submission during registration.
3. Ownership of the animal must be vested in the exhibitor no later than December 1, 2024.
4. ****Exhibitor must have possession of their animals no later than December 1, 2024. Breeder Certificate or copy of registration papers indicating exhibitor as owner must be completed and emailed to the committee by December 1, 2024, and brought to the Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting. If the Breeder Certificate/Registration Papers have not been submitted by December 1, 2024, they may be submitted for review at the Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting. A \$100 fine will be assessed for each missing document.***
5. Exhibitor must be responsible for the majority of the care and feeding of his or her animal throughout the project.
6. Exhibitor **must** show their own animal unless they have more than one animal in the same class. Another registered exhibitor must show the 2nd animal. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis.

7. The Breeder Certificate/Registration Papers **must be scanned and emailed** to Pasco County Fair Youth Beef Committee, **beef@pascocountyfair.com** no later than **December 1, 2024**. The breeder's certificate can be downloaded from the Pasco County Fair Beef web page. The original (signed by the breeder) shall be emailed to the committee by December 1, 2024. **Any breeder found to have provided false birthdate and or breeding information, shall face a suspension of period of one year per offense. During this suspension period the breeder will not be permitted to sell or provide any animals for participation in the Pasco County Fair Youth Beef Show.**
8. **Educational Seminar for Exhibitors & Advisors** – All breeding cattle exhibitors are required to attend an educational seminar to be held **Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** First year exhibitors' parents **must** attend this seminar unless prior arrangements are made. **Exhibitors who do not attend will not be allowed to exhibit their breeding cattle unless prior arrangements are made.**
9. Substitution of entries must have committee approval.

Barn Rules:

1. All cattle must be double tied with both halter lead and neck rope when in the barn.
2. Exhibitor must furnish care and feed for his/her animal during the fair.
3. Exhibitor must service their animals and area until time of release after the show.
4. **Cleaning should be completed throughout the day. The Committee encourages all exhibitors to maintain good school attendance during fair week. The Committee shall monitor the stall cleanliness with enforcement of a possible \$25.00 fine if areas are neglected.**
5. At no time are rakes and pitchforks permitted in the tie areas or aisles unless they are in the hands of individual exhibitors.
6. No feed boxes or hay nets are allowed, feed pans, hay bags and buckets only. Pans and buckets must be removed after feeding.

7. Service areas, stalls, pens, animals and public walkways are to be kept clean and orderly at all times.
8. Show boxes must be kept in designated show box areas.
9. Animals may be led into the show ring for practice from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but no animal is to be tied in the ring at any time. **Exhibitor must clean up after their animal when leaving the show ring.**
10. There will be NO overnight stays in the barn – NO exceptions.
11. No clipping or trimming of animals will be allowed in the barn or wash area.
12. No grooming chutes allowed into the barn until all animals have checked in.
13. **Any person handling OR tending to an animal must wear boots. NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, CROCS, OR ANY SLIP-ON SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BARN WHILE HANDLING ANIMAL.** At any time during the fair, if an exhibitor is found in the barn tending to their animal without boots on, the following actions will take place:
 - 1st Offense-** a warning will be given, the exhibitors will sign their name on the clip board located in the office, and be asked to leave the barn to change into boots
 - 2nd Offense-** the exhibitor will initial a second time next to their name on the clip board located in the office, they will be charged a \$50 fine (to be assessed at check pick up) and be asked to leave the barn to change into boots

***If the behavior continues, the exhibitor will continue to be fined an additional \$50 for each offense. ***

Liability for Loss or Theft:

1. Each exhibitor must assume responsibility and liability in the event of loss, death or injury of his/her animals. The Pasco County Fair Beef Committee is not responsible for the health or safety of any animal entered or exhibited.

Animal Qualifications:

1. Open, bred or nursing heifers aged 6 months to 3 years (or until the end of the show season) are eligible to show.
2. Registered and unregistered heifers will be shown separately.

3. Registered bulls aged 6 months to 2 years (or until the end of the show season) are eligible to show. All bulls need nose rings with clips at all times.
4. All registered heifers must have a permanent ID (brand or a tattoo) that matches the registration paperwork provided to the committee at time of entry.
5. All non-registered heifers must be bred and born in Pasco County and must be purchased directly from the breeder. ID numbers or tags will be verified upon check in. If the breeder has continuous property in an adjoining county (county line runs through property) animals will be eligible.
6. Registered cattle may be purchased from outside of Pasco County. **Copy of registration papers indicating exhibitor as owner must be scanned and emailed to beef@pascocountyfair.com by December 1, 2024.**
7. No animal shall be purchased from a sale barn, auction, or broker.
8. All animals must be positively, individually identified as follows:
 - a. Registered Animals – permanent ID (brand or a tattoo)
 - b. Unregistered Animals – by brand, tattoo or ear tag.
9. All breeding cattle must be dehorned before entering the fair. Any breeding cattle entry with horns will be disqualified.
10. The exhibitor must show their ability to handle the animal safely. No animal may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led in the show ring safely. Exhibitor may be asked to lead their animal before the sifting committee at the time of entry into the fair.
11. Tampering with any animal, such as filling with a foreign substance is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on animals at the fair will be construed as a form of tampering.
12. The committee has the right to refuse an animal if it is not deemed to be in acceptable show condition. Animal should have a body condition of 5.

Record Books:

1. Pasco County Fair Breeding record books are available on the Fair's website – www.pascocountyfair.com.

2. Record book must be the original handwritten work by the exhibitor. A typed record book will **NOT** be accepted.
3. Completed record book must be turned in on Sunday, February 9, 2025, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fairgrounds.
4. Record books will not be judged by any member of the beef committee.
5. **Record book must be in ½” white binder.**
6. Record book cover labels will be available online.
7. A fine of \$25.00 will be imposed for each page not completed or missing pages. (“Not Applicable” (N/A) is not considered complete without an explanation.)
8. ALL record books are required to have a copy of the most recent (1st semester) report card. **If a copy is not present by the 5:00 turn in deadline, the record book will NOT be accepted, and the exhibitor will not be permitted to show their animal.**
9. **Each exhibitor must pick up and sign for his/her own Record Book after the conclusion of the show. No exhibitor will be allowed to pick up another exhibitor’s Record Book.**

Arrival/Departure:

1. **Breeding cattle will be received on Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. only.**
2. Health papers/animal ID will be checked before animals are allowed to exit the trailer.
3. All breeding cattle and equipment will be released from the barn at the conclusion of the show on Monday, February 17, 2025. Exceptions must be approved by the committee.
4. Tie area should be left in a neat manner.

Show Ring Preparations:

1. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to be prepared to enter the ring when called.
2. All animals are to be shown in normal breeding condition. This show is designed to encourage proper fitting of animals.
3. No clipping of cattle will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

4. Grooming of cattle at the show will be done by the **exhibitor**, with assistance from a parent, guardian, advisor or fellow exhibitor. If a member of the Beef Committee observes an infraction in the barn area, exhibitor will not be allowed to show. The Committee must approve exceptions to this rule.
5. Use of false tail heads or switches will be prohibited in presenting animals for exhibition.
6. Animals shall be checked in the staging area. Animals that fail the check will be refused entry into the ring.
7. Lead rope/straps shall be **between 36 and 48 inches in length measured from the chain** during showmanship and the show.

Show:

1. Cattle will be judged under the Modified Danish System (blue, red, white).
2. A grand champion and reserve grand champion in each division (registered heifer, unregistered/commercial heifer & registered bull) will be selected and presented awards.
3. Only blue-ribbon animals will be eligible to compete for championships.
4. Any exhibitor that loses control of their animal during the show (as determined by the sifting committee) will be removed from the ring and placed at the bottom of the class.
Judges will be notified prior to the show.
5. 30 minutes prior to show times the barn will be cleared and only the exhibitors, one volunteer (per exhibitor), and advisors will be permitted to remain in the barn throughout the show. Each exhibitor will receive a plastic arm band to wear the entire week. Exhibitor volunteers will receive nightly color-coded paper arm bands which must be worn in order to remain in the barn during shows.

Showmanship:

1. Showmanship will take place on Monday, February 17, 2025, after the breeding cattle show.
2. Showmanship is optional.
3. Exhibitors will compete in one of three categories: junior, intermediate and senior.

4. Exhibitors showing club/chapter animals are eligible to compete in showmanship.
5. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
6. No substitutions accepted without committee approval.
7. Any exhibitor that loses control of their animal during the show (as determined by the sifting committee) will be removed from the ring and placed at the bottom of the class.
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Attire:

1. For showmanship and show all exhibitors will be required to be dressed in proper FFA/4-H attire. Proper FFA/4-H show attire includes boots, black jeans (**no bell bottoms**) or slacks, with a solid white collared shirt. FFA/4-H accessories (jacket, tie, patch, club logo, etc.) are recommended.
2. No caps or hats.
3. **Any person handling OR tending to an animal must where boots. NO SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, 'CROCS', OR ANY SLIP-ON SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BARN WHILE HANDLING ANIMAL.** At any time during the fair, if an exhibitor is found in the barn tending to their animal without boots on, the following actions will take place:
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Awards:

1. The awards program will take place before the show on Monday, February 17, 2025 (5:45 p.m.).
2. The following awards will be presented: Record Books (4-H & FFA) and Skill-A-Thon.

Violation of any of the above regulations will result in forfeiture of premiums.

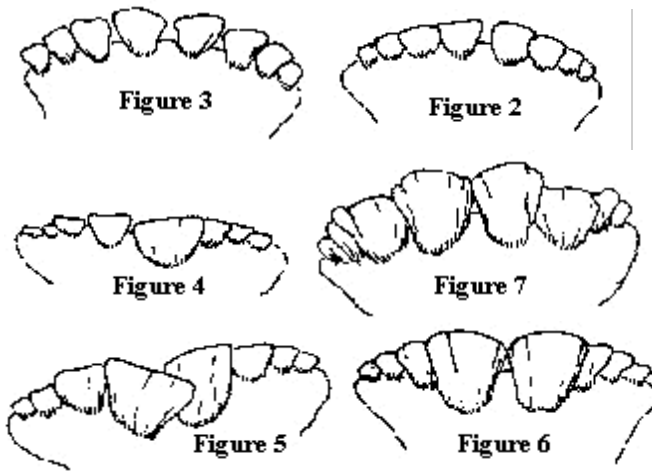
Mouthing Information

For many years, producers, veterinarians, and exhibitors (at cattle shows) have used cattle dentition to make general age determinations. Dentition will vary from herd-to-herd and animal-to-animal, because of the animal’s genetics, their diet, and the varied geographical locations in which they are raised. **Despite individual differences, when the age of an animal is not known, examination of the teeth serves as the best and most practical method of age determination.** This document will serve as FSIS guidance for aging cattle. Average periods of eruption of the permanent teeth in cattle are found in the following table:

Teeth	Age at eruption
First Incisor (I* 1)	18 – 24 months
Second Incisor (I 2)	24 – 30 months
Third Incisor (I 3)	36 months
Fourth Incisor (I 4 or C)	42 – 48 months

* The **definition of eruption** is the emergence/ penetration/ piercing of the tooth/teeth through the gingiva (the gum line).

The eruption of the first central incisor (or incisors) indicates that the animal is in the age range of 18 – 24 months as indicated in Table 2



In **Figure 4**, a permanent central (I 1) incisor has erupted; temporary incisors may or may not be present when the permanent incisor erupts. The permanent incisors usually erupt at an angle (**Figure 5**) and straighten into a definite pattern with growth. In **Figure 5**, both central (I1) incisors have erupted; they may or may not be in a straight line with the inside corners touching. The central incisors, in **Figure 6**, are in place, they have straightened and the inside corners are in line. Animals with eruption of one or more central incisors are considered to be 18 – 24 months of age. When one or both middle (I 2) incisors erupt the animal is considered to be 24 – 30 months of age (**Figure 7**).

*All information gathered from the USDA’s “Using Dentition to Age Cattle” resource available at:
https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-05/Using_Dentition-to-Age-Cattle.pdf

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