

# 2025 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR MARKET STEER SHOW AND SALE



<b>LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:</b>	Scott Brauman, Chairman Jackson Tilton, Co-Chairman
<b>STEER DIRECTOR:</b>	Scott Tilton
<b>FIRST OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN:</b>	Tuesday, <b>November 5, 2024</b> , 4-6 pm
<b>FAIR ARRIVAL &amp; WEIGH-IN:</b>	Saturday, <b>March 22, 2025</b> from 8 – 10 am Putnam County Fairgrounds Arena Use Main Entrance at 118 Fairgrounds Rd-follow signs in parking lot
<b>RECORD BOOK:</b>	Due <b>Saturday, March 22, 2025</b> (weigh-in day), 6:30 – 7p *see rule 37 for important info
<b>CATTLE INFORMATIONAL MEETING:</b>	<b>Saturday, March 22, 2025</b> (weigh-in day) @ 6:00 pm
<b>STEER SHOW:</b>	Wednesday, <b>March 26, 2025</b> @ 6:00 pm
<b>STEER SALE:</b>	Friday, <b>March 28, 2025</b> @ 7:00 pm
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	\$20.00 Entry Fee (Non Refundable)

## STEER RULES & REGULATIONS

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all qualified Putnam County 4-H and FFA members (age, 8, as of **September 1, 2024**, through high school senior). They must show as 4-H or FFA members, but not in both divisions. If showing 4-H you must be a registered 4-H member by **October 30, 2024**. Additionally, each 4-H club or FFA chapter may enter group owned animals. All entry forms must be signed and approved by either a Ag teacher or 4-H Agent. **Age Divisions:** Junior = 8-10, Intermediate = 11-13, and Senior = 14- high school senior as **September 1, 2024**.

**All Steer MUST be treated for LICE 10 days prior to Fair Arrival & Weigh-In on March 22, 2025**

1. Steers must be owned and in the hands of the exhibitor no later than the first official weigh-in. At the first official weigh-in the steers will be given an official starting weight for figuring daily gain and will be marked by the management for identification. Any steer not brought to the weigh-in will be ineligible for the show and sale at the Putnam County Fair.
2. All exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will contribute to the best interest of the Putnam County Livestock Shows & Sale. This includes conduct at school, not just 4-H, and FFA functions. The Fair Authority reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor who has 3 or more referrals in the current school year or any exhibitor who has been arrested.
3. The completed entry form, entry fee, notarized hold harmless agreement, and if Homegrown, the Homegrown Verification form must be turned in at the first official steer weigh-in. All steers must be weighed in at the Putnam County Fairgrounds, East Palatka. At this time, record books will be provided for all entries. Each exhibitor can show only one steer but each exhibitor is allowed to weigh-in two steers at the first official weigh-in. Exhibitors living in the same household may co-tag their 2<sup>nd</sup> steer. Each exhibitor/owner must assume all liability in case of death or injury. The Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc., assumes no liability.
4. All steers must be dehorned and castrated before the first official weigh-in day. Any visible horns may be grounds for disqualification from the show as determined by livestock committee. Steers must weigh a minimum of 650 pounds at the first official weigh-in. Steers may be mouthed if deemed necessary by livestock committee at the first official weigh-in and steers older than 17 months will not be eligible for the contest.
5. **AGE – 24 months or younger at Fair weigh-in.** All teeth are temporary and set rather loosely in the jaw, especially the two center incisors. The teeth appear longer and narrower. The teeth may or may not be touching in the upper corners. There is often a yellow or off-white discoloration of the teeth near the base at the gum line.
6. Steers for the show and sale must be delivered to the Putnam County Fairgrounds on Saturday, official weigh-in day, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. No steer will be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Steers weighing less than 950 pounds will be

ineligible for the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds. ALL steers will be scanned at weigh in for a carcass comp. Results will be released, Thursday before Heifer Show.

7. Steer weights at the official weigh-in will be entered on the entry form. This weight will be the weight used for the gain-in weight contest and the livestock sale.
8. All animals entered and accepted in the steer show must be consigned to the auction sale.
9. Animals will be examined and any animal portraying undesirable traits will be disqualified from participation. Steers must grade US Select or above at fair weigh-in to be shown.
10. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his steer until sold, at which time the steer becomes the liability of the purchaser. The Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc. assumes no liability.
11. Steers must have a health certificate to enter the fairgrounds for weigh-in on Saturday. Per USDA, ALL steer registering must be tagged with an **ELECTRONIC ID** tag from the breeder (including HOMEGROWN). **The full premises ID number & a legible photo of the tag MUST be included for each steer registered or it will not be accepted.** \*View acceptable examples on our website, PutnamFairandExpo.com/swine-and-heifer-entry-photos. IF tag is unreadable, it will be your responsibility to pay the on-site vet for a new tag.
12. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for caring for his or her steer until the steer has been placed on the truck to the slaughtering plant.
13. Steers shall be halter broken and gentle so that they may be paraded and exhibited at any time while at the Market Steer Show and Sale. No tranquilizers, nose tongs or other restraining devices will be allowed at the show. The judge or superintendent may eliminate any unruly steer at any time.
14. Each exhibitor will furnish feed and care for his/her steer. Steers must be cared for from the time of arrival until steers are removed. **A red-tag system will be used as follows:** upon checking stalls, if barn supervisor determines housekeeping is below standards a red tag will be issued. Upon receipt of the third red tag, a \$25 fine will be assessed and deducted from exhibitors sale check. Exhibitors, or those caring for the steer, **MUST** sign in each morning signifying the animal has been cared for by 9:00 AM and each afternoon by fair closing daily. *Students will not be provided an excused absence by the livestock committee.*
15. For **public safety** concerns, animals must be tied in the barn from Fair opening time until 10:30 p.m. daily except for show and sale preparation purposes on Wednesday and Friday night. Steers must also be in barn on Wednesday morning by 10:00 a.m. for Senior Citizen Day. All beef are to remain in the barn on Wed night tied to assigned space for livestock judging on Thursday morning. All signs and decorations are to remain up until 5:00pm on Saturday. Failure to follow these rules will subject exhibitor to forfeit premium money.
16. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times.
17. Projects must be shown in BOTH the show and the sale by the exhibitor.
18. **SHOES! Closed toed, leather boots shall be worn at all times. No Crocs or Hey Dudes!**
19. Exhibitors will be required to wear ONLY appropriate, neat 4-H or FFA attire while in the steer and sale. The following is the dress code for the show & sale.

<b>4-H</b>	<b>FFA</b>
a. Black pants/jeans or skirt.	a. Black pants/jeans or skirt.
b. White dress shirt or blouse with collar	b. White dress shirt or blouse with collar
c. Tie or 4-H patch	c. Tie (FFA colors)
d. 4-H jacket optional	d. FFA jacket
e. Closed toe shoe or boot	e. Closed toe shoe or boot

Pants must be worn on the outside of your shoes or boots.  
No hats, gum or tobacco products
20. In order to be eligible for any awards, each steer or exhibitor must:
  - Be halter broken to lead and tie.
  - Steers must be led into the show ring to be judged.
  - Record books must be completed in exhibitor's own handwriting (no typing) and turned in to the Putnam County Fair livestock office at the fairgrounds by the announced deadline. If record books are not completed and turned in on time, exhibitor will not receive any awards or premium money and will be ineligible to show or sell in the fair the following year.
21. Steers will be divided into classes. All class divisions will be determined by weight. Age will not be considered.
22. The top five places will be determined in each class.
23. The sale order will be Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Homegrown Champion, Carcass Contest Winner and 1st Place in each class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in each class, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in each class, 4<sup>th</sup> Place in each class, 5<sup>th</sup> Place in each class. All others will be randomly determined. The Fair Authority reserves the right to limit the number of animals exhibited and auctioned.
24. Five (5%) percent of each exhibitor's sale price, including add-ons, will be deducted by the Fair Authority for livestock show and sale expenses.

25. **“Add-on” money** will be accepted by the Putnam County Fair Authority. All add-ons must be received by close of the livestock sale.
26. The Putnam County Fair Authority assumes no liability whatsoever.
27. Use the official Putnam County Fair Record book. Do not deface, change the page sequence, remove any pages, or cut and paste sections of the book. Additional pages to expand on sections are NOT acceptable.
28. The exhibitor of any animal determined to have used unethical treatment or administered illegal drugs to achieve better appearance or performance in the show, forfeits rights to the sale price and prize money associated with the animal. The exhibitor also exonerates the Putnam County Fair Authority from any liability associated with unethical or unlawful practices. Participation in future livestock events may be denied.
29. **Record books** (see#39) are required and must be turned in on time on weigh-in day as listed prior to the show rules. Record books MUST BE in the student’s own handwriting – NO TYPING. Record books not meeting the minimum requirements described in the record book will be eliminated from the record book contest and shall be considered incomplete. ALL prize money will be forfeited and the exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in the youth livestock show or sale in the Fair the following year.
30. Exhibitors showing multiple species (Swine, Steer & Heifer) are only required to complete ONE record book. Exhibitors can choose which species for which they will complete a record book.  
\* Keep in mind that choosing NOT to complete a record book could hurt your chances of winning the overall award.  
**Cattle exhibitors choosing to turn in a swine record book and not their beef book MUST bring it on Saturday to be able to get gate passes.**
31. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to send thank you letters to their buyer(s).
32. There will be a \$5.00 replacement cost for record books payable to the Putnam County Fair.
33. STEERS MUST BE SLICK SHAVED ¼” OR LESS WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE FAIR. TOUCH UP CLIPPING ONLY AT THE FAIR and MUST be treated for LICE, 10 days prior to arrival day at fair.
34. **Exhibitors are required to attend any ONE of the THREE mandatory meetings** to be eligible to show at the Fair. Exhibitor failing to attend any ONE of the THREE mandatory meetings will be ineligible to show at the Fair. \*See FIRST page in your RECORD BOOK for meeting dates.
35. **Exhibitors are required to participate in Field Day. Failure to attend Field Day** will result in a \$100.00 fine per species missed and will be deducted from exhibitor’s sale check. \* See the FIRST page in the record book for date and details.
36. Any and all rules, regulations and/or requirements are subject to change due to any federal, state and local government mandates. If such changes occur, a notification (or notifications) will be issued to agents, instructors, advisors and registered participants via the official registered contact information on file.
37. **Cattle Screening** – All cattle will be screened Saturday as they come in. Exhibitor will be required to bring the steer/heifer into the show ring for the screening. Cattle will be screened for the required body condition, clipping and disposition. Exhibitor must show they can lead and handle their animal to the satisfaction of the screening committee. A reasonable length of time will be given to the exhibitor of any animal deemed unruly to demonstrate that the animal can be calmed and safely exhibited. Any steer or heifer that is disqualified must be immediately removed from the fairgrounds. The screening committee will consist of 5 people the livestock committee has chosen.
38. **Cattle Exhibitor Weigh-in Day Informational Meeting** – Saturday (of weigh-in), 7:00pm in the Tilton arena. Record books are to be turned in and passes will be given out starting at 6:30 just before the meeting. Exhibitor will be required to attend this short rule meeting. A \$100.00 fine will be deducted from sale check for any exhibitor that doesn’t attend.
39. **Club/Chapter and Personal Animal** – Exhibitor and Backup Exhibitor MUST both be assigned to show this animal by REGISTRATION. Both exhibitors’ information (name/age) must be listed on the Registration Form. **Both the exhibitor and the backup MUST attend the Mandatory Meeting.**
40. If you are showing a Chapter animal and a Personal animal, a Record Book must be kept for each animal.
41. Exhibitor must wear the Fair issued armband with the assigned number to the animal being exhibited. **No harnesses may be worn.** Any exhibitor wearing a harness will be disqualified.

**STEER PREMIUM AWARDS:**  
**GRADE AWARDS**

Each entry grading **“US Select”** will receive \$15.00 premium money  
Each entry grading **“US Choice”** or **“Prime”** will receive \$25.00 premium money.

**GAIN-IN WEIGHT AWARDS**

Entries officially weighed at the beginning weight period and again weighed the first day of the fair will be awarded premium money at the rate of .30 cents per pound of gain in excess of an average of two pounds per day. The exhibitor with the steer gaining the MOST will also receive an award.

Example:

Fair Weigh-in weight	March 19, 2024	1,100 lbs.	line1
Original weight (beginning)	Nov. 2, 2023	<u>650 lbs.</u>	line2
Gain-in-weight (line1-line 2)		450 lbs.	line3
Number of days on feed = 137 days			
Average gain per day (line3 div.by number of days on feed)		3.24 lbs.	
EXCESS OF 2 POUNDS		<u>-2.00 lbs.</u>	
= Average gain per day over 2 lbs.		1.24 lbs.	
Gain-in-Weight Award Money: 1.24 lbs. X 137 days X .30 = \$50.96			

**RECORD BOOK AWARDS** - Completed record books are required for premium money to be paid.

(Junior = 8-10, Intermediate = 11-13, Senior = 14 and over) to be awarded in each age division:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$25.00 and award
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$12.50 and rosette
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$10.00 and rosette

**FIELD DAY ESSAY AWARDS**

To be awarded to the top scores in Beef & Swine categories by age division (Jr., Int. and Sr.). Misc. other awards / prizes may be given along with the premium listed below.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$30.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$20.00

**INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL AWARDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$25.00 and award
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$12.50 and rosette
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$10.00 and rosette
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$ 7.50 and rosette
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$ 5.00 and rosette

**HERDSMAN AWARD**

Herdsmen awards are given to exhibitors with the purpose of encouraging exhibitors to present more attractive displays. The livestock committee reserves the right to withhold any or all Herdsman Awards if they are not merited. All livestock exhibitors are eligible to compete for these awards. Exhibits will be judged daily by the Livestock committee on the following basis:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service areas, stalls, pens, animals, and public walkways
2. Promptness in preparation of exhibit and exhibit areas by opening time and maintained until 9 pm daily.
3. Appearance of exhibitor.
4. Cooperation with show officials.
5. Availability to furnish information about their exhibits.
6. General conduct of the exhibitor.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$15.00 and award
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$10.00 and rosette

TO BE AWARDED IN EACH AGE DIVISION.

**Carcass Award** \$20.00 and award

**SHOWMANSHIP AWARD**

Steers must be properly managed and led into the show ring. Both exhibitor and steer will be judged. (Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14 and over)

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$25.00 and Belt Buckle
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$10.00 and rosette
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$5.00 and rosette

TO BE AWARDED IN EACH AGE DIVISION.

**GRAND CHAMPION**

Trophy, rosette, and \$25.00 will be awarded.

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**

Trophy, rosette, and \$20.00 will be awarded

**HOMEGROWN AWARD**

Steer registration must be turned in complete and on time with Homegrown Verification Form. Homegrown means the animal was born and raised in Putnam County, Florida. Award and \$15.00 will be given.

**BEST PROJECT AWARD**

The exhibitor of the entry receiving the largest sum of premium award money will receive an award from the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. In case of a tie, the tied participant with the best Record book will be the winner.