

**2023 Sarasota County Fair
Buyer's Guide**

Steer Show

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
6:30 pm Show Arena

Steer Sale Auction

Friday, March 24, 2023
7:30 pm Show Arena

Swine Show

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:30 pm Show Arena

Swine Sale Auction

Saturday, March 25, 2023
7:00 pm Show Arena

Plant Show and Sale

Saturday, March 25, 2023
1:00 pm Plant Tent

Small Animals (Cavy, Rabbits & Poultry)

Sold during Fair Hours at the Small Animal Tent.
Cash or Check only

The Sarasota County Fair Association and the exhibitors of Sarasota County greatly appreciate the support and generosity of past and present buyers. THANK YOU for making these projects successful!

By purchasing animals or plants at the auction sales during the fair, you will be contributing to Sarasota County youth's educational future. Portions of your purchase may be tax deductible. Please check with your tax advisor for all possible deductions

ADD-ON DONATIONS

To contribute to any Steer, Swine, Plant, or Small Animal exhibitor project in lieu of purchasing, or in addition to buying an animal or plant, you can apply a donation towards an exhibitor's project. This can be done by filling out an add-on sheet. Forms are available online, the fair office, and at the buyer registration table during the sales. Payment must accompany the form. ALL ADD-ONS MUST BE RECEIVED (with payment) BY THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 BY 5:00 P.M. in the fair office. After that date, please send any add-ons directly to the exhibitor and payable to the exhibitor, not the fairgrounds.

Plant Show & Sale

The Plant Tent is sponsored by the Sarasota County Fair and The Manasota Chapter of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. It is located in the Kiddie Land area of the fairgrounds across from the Houser Show Arena.

Beautiful plants, trees, and arrangements can be purchased from Sarasota County 4-H and FFA Chapter members. Portions of your purchase may be tax deductible. Please check with your tax advisor for all possible deductions.

Buyer Registration:

You must register and pick up a bidder card to purchase. Only adults, 18 and over, can register. Registration will start ONE hour before auction. You may register at any time during the auction, but you must register before bidding as only bids from those with auction numbers will be taken. The sale is conducted in Sale order ranked by the exhibitor's results in judging in the fair's competition. Overall Best of Show is first.

Payment:

The duration of the auction is approximately 4 hours depending upon number of plants to be auctioned. You may cash out your purchase at any time during the auction and up to ½ hour after completion. Payment is required at time of Auction. We accept, cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

Pick up:

When you've purchased all of the items that you wish to buy, please proceed to the buyer registration table and pay for your purchase(s). You will receive a "paid" receipt at this time. Please keep your receipt to show to plant loader as this is how your plant purchase is identified.

If buying more than one plant, it is easier to load directly to your vehicle. **If you leave the fair gates to retrieve your vehicle and wish to re-enter, please get stamped by the gate attendant on your way out.** Drive to Gate 5 (across from the baseball fields on Pompano Ave. (the first shell road on your right) and you will see where the plants are being grouped for pick up. There will be exhibitors to assist in loading your purchases.

Steer and Swine Sale Auctions

At the Steer or Swine Sale: Please register to participate as a buyer and obtain an auction number / bidding card at the registration table. You may register at any time during the sale but only adults over 18 can register. **Only bids from those with auction numbers will be taken.** Only adults 18 and over can register and participate as a buyer.

When Registering: The person representing yourself, family or company will need to know the FULL name, address and phone number the sale is to be listed under as this information must be accurate on the registration card.

If you are buying under more than just one entity: (i.e. If you wish to buy one animal under your family name and another under your business name), please fill out separate bidder registration cards and obtain and use separate numbers. **Payment is due on auction night.** Buyers will be asked to sign a contract agreeing to pay for the purchase prior to designated meat pick up date.

After the Sale

ALL STEER & SWINE that are not designated to be picked up by the buyer will be taken to the assigned processing facility. Cut/Wrap Form must be completed at time of sale.

The purchase will be cut & wrapped per your instructions and returned to the **Fairgrounds.** You will be notified of pick up.

STEER Processing Facility: F1 Meat Company, Frostproof, Florida

SWINE Processing Facility: F1 Meat Company, Frostproof, Florida

*****Option***** Buyers are allowed to take animals home or to the facility of their choice.

Animals must be picked up at the fairgrounds during designated time or the animal will be taken to the above facility and charged accordingly. ALSO - **You may “re-sell”** your purchase to the processing facility. Market Price will be determined on the day of the auction.

Processing Charges **not covered** by auction sale bid: (to be paid at meat pick up time)

Steer: \$ 1.25 per pound Hanging Weight
 \$150.00 slaughter fee

Please note: Hides are available for a \$150.00 Handling Fee – they will be salted for 14 days than sent to Sebring Tannery

Swine: \$ 1.25 per pound Hanging Weight
 \$135.00 slaughter fee
 \$ 1.50 Smoked Meat

All meat - Steer and Swine - will be Vacuum Sealed and Labeled

As freezer storage is not available, all efforts must be made to insure meat is picked up at that time. **Cut & wrap charges must be paid at time of pick-up and are separate from the auction sale price. Cut & Wrap charges are payable to the Sarasota County Fair.**

For Your Information: The 2022 Sale average price per pound for STEERS was \$4.78 and the average sale weight was 1,097lbs. The average price per pound for SWINE was \$6.52 and the average sale weight was 253 lbs.