2027 SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR BACKYARD/COMMERCIAL OPEN AND YOUTH POULTRY SHOWS

Show Chairperson: Cori McHugh

Arrival/Check-In: Thursday, January 15, 2027 | 3 - 6 p.m.
These times and dates will be strictly adhered to.

****ALL "SHOWMANSHIP ONLY" BIRDS must be entered and checked in during the Poultry arrival and check-in time noted above. Birds will remain in the barn until showmanship is complete. The exhibitor is dismissed directly after showing.****

Show Schedule:

Friday, January 15, 2027
- **Poultry Floor Pen Judging - 6 p.m.**

Thursday, January 21, 2027
- **Open & Youth Shows - 9 a.m.**
- **Youth Showmanship (MANDATORY) - 5 p.m.**

Release Schedule: Sunday, January 31, 2027 | 8 - 9 p.m.
Must be moved out no later than 9 p.m.

ALL POULTRY REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED RELEASE FORM FROM THE POULTRY COMMITTEE

- **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND INSPECTION AND CHECK-IN**
  - You will present all Birds to FDACS for inspection and required blood testing, after that exhibitor will check in with the Poultry Committee.
    - The Poultry Committee may decline any entries they feel should not be shown. BIRDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY ARE IN HEALTHY CONDITION AND WELL MAINTAINED.
    - BIRDS MUST BE FREE OF PARASITES AND ILLNESS.
- **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES POULTRY EXHIBITION RULES**
  - All chickens and turkeys entered for public exhibition shall originate from pullorum-typhoid clean flocks or hatchery or have negative pullorum-typhoid test within one year prior to exhibition or present NPIP certification.

RULES & REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations of the South Florida Fair and IAFE will be observed. Refer to the Rules, Regulations and Health requirements in the 2027 South Florida Fair Official Premium Book, pages 9-35.

1. **ENTRIES:** Online Entries open Thursday, October 1, 2026, and closes at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2026.
   - All entries must be submitted via ShoWorks by the entry deadline; no paper entries will be accepted.
   - Late Entry Period will open at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2026 and will close on Sunday, December 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.
   - Late Entries will be doubled.
   - All entries will be entered via ShoWorks as singles in the following classes:
     - Cock: Male bird, 12 months of age or older
     - Cockerel: Male bird, under 12 months of age
     - Hen: Female bird, 12 months of age or older
     - Pullet: Female bird, under 12 months of age
     - Exotic Fowl: Turkeys, Peacocks, Pheasants, Guineas – all ages
     - Waterfowl: Ducks, Geese – all ages
   - An Exhibitor may enter up to, but not more than thirty (30) birds
   - There is a 750 bird limit.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN NOT BEING ABLE TO SHOW AND/OR EXHIBIT YOUR ANIMAL. PAPER SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

2. **ENTRY FEES:** $ 5.00 per animal (OPEN SHOW ONLY)
3. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions may be made online by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2027. Must be submitted on the Substitution Form found at: https://www.southfloridafair.com/premiumbook
   - Details will include the deleted entries and the substituted animal(s)
   - If appropriate substitution forms are not submitted correctly, they will not be accepted.
4. All birds must be owned by the exhibitor at least ninety (90) days prior to the Fair.
5. Each exhibitor or family member must CHECK-IN AND COOP their own birds in cages as designated by the Poultry Committee. NO DROP OFFS ARE ALLOWED.

6. Exhibits requiring special cages must be arranged with the South Florida Fair at the time online entries are due.
7. Birds may ONLY be removed from cages with PERMISSION Oof the Poultry Committee
8. The Open Poultry show includes all adult exhibitors; the Youth Show includes all youth ages 5-18.
9. Completion of the Ethics Workshop is required for all Youth ages 8-18; see General Rules Section, Page 31, line item #5 for complete information.
10. ONLY SHOW QUALITY OR BEST PRODUCING BIRDS are permitted for entry. The Poultry Committee may decline any entries they determine should not be shown. BIRDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY ARE IN HEALTHY CONDIDITON AND WELL MAINTAINED.
11. The Fair is not responsible for any loss but will give every exhibit careful attention.
12. There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the Fair, the birds will be moved to the quarantine area and the exhibitor is required to remove birds immediately. See the Poultry Committee Chair for designated quarantine area.
13. **Egg sales and giveaways are NOT permitted. All eggs become the property of the South Florida Fair.**
14. **There will be NO animal sales at the South Florida Fair except at the Sell-A-Bration of Champions Youth Livestock Market Auction.**
15. **No instances of un-sportsman-like conduct will be tolerated.**
16. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children. Unacceptable conduct as determined by the South Florida Fair and the Livestock Committee, will result in the expulsion from the grounds, forfeiture of premiums, and/or being barred from future participation in the South Florida Fair
17. Early removal of exhibits will result in loss of ribbons, premiums and future showing privileges.
18. Floor pens **a limited number of FLOOR CAGES are available**
    - To reserve one, submit and request online as part of your entry.
    - Floor pens are singles; NO MORE THAN THREE (3) large ducks in a single floor pen.
    - The exhibitor must maintain and keep floor pen neat, tidy and clean for the duration of the Fair. One floor pen per exhibitor.
    - Animals in floor pens are required to stay for the entire duration of the fair January 14, 2027, arrival through January 31, 2027, departure.
    - If space allows double floor pens may be issued, after all entries are received.
    - **All waterfowl and exotics MUST be housed in floor pens.**
    - ****to exhibit EXOTICS, the exhibitor MUST have proper permits by law**
19. **SHOW/JUDGING**
    - Birds will be judged on the American Modified Judging System
      o First (1st) through Third (3rd) place
    - Each bird is judged on its own merit.
    - Individuals are NOT allowed to show the same bird in the Youth and Open Shows
    - SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS
20. **COMMUNITY PROJECT SHOWMANSHIP**
    - Exhibitors participating in "community project" showmanship only MUST submit their entry through ShoWorks – NO EXCEPTIONS.
    - Community Project birds MUST arrive on Thursday, January 14, 2027, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
    - The birds will remain in the Poultry Barn until the completion of the entire showmanship contest.
    - All Community Project birds are to be moved out immediately upon the conclusion of the showmanship contest, and must be accompanied by a release form signed by the Poultry Committee.

SHOWMANSHIP AGE DIVISIONS

PEE-WEE 5 - 7; JUNIOR 8 -11
INTERMEDIATE 12 - 14
SENIOR 15 - 18
AGE AS OF January 1, 2027
SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY

21. SEE PARKING NOTICE on Page 35 of General Rules

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS
First Place $8.00
Second Place $7.00
Third Place $6.00

SHOWMANSHIP
Grand Champion: Belt Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion: Award

PREMIUMS FOR ALL SHOWS
1ST $12.00
2ND $8.00
3RD $6.00

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHAMPION $50.00
HEN, PULLET, COCKEREL, COCK

RESERVE CHAMPION $25.00
HEN, PULLET, COCKEREL, COCK

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION
$100.00 and BANNER

OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
$50.00 and BANNER

BEST DECORATED FLOOR PEN COMPETITION

***SATURDAY, January 9, 2027, 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. is the date and time for YOUTH to decorate pens**

Must be built to last for the entirety of the Fair and must make it through the Fair in order to be judged.
Exhibitor must clean and maintain the display.

Youth to 10 years old may have limited adult assistance.
Youth 11 years and older are NOT permitted adult assistance.

FLOOR PEN COMPETITION PREMIUMS

ADULT CHAMPION
$100.00

YOUTH CHAMPION
$100.00

FLOOR PEN JUDGING
~~**Friday, January 15, 2027 at 6:00 p.m.**~~
Saturday, January 30, 2027