

## **OSCEOLA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITION**

1. The Osceola County Fair & Livestock Show does not take responsibility for lost, damaged or misdirected forms, entries or articles of exhibit.
2. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Board of Directors of the Fair. All decisions made by the Board are final. This Board reserves the right to deny or allow any entry to the Fair and Fairgrounds.
3. All non-commercial exhibits must check in according to committee guidelines as published. No exhibit may leave the grounds prior to the scheduled release dates & times as indicated in the various calendars and/or individual department or section rules.
4. In all events and exhibits being judged, the judge's decision shall be final.
5. All entries, if not claimed by close of check out time shall become the property of the Fair. All premiums will be paid, and checks mailed within 6 weeks after the fair ends. Premium checks MUST be cashed within 60 days of the issue date.
6. A \$30.00 fee or 5% of the face amount will be charged for any bad check received by the Fair for entries, animal sales, sponsorships, contracts, etc.
7. Any formal complaints shall be presented in writing within six (6) hours of the discrepancy to the Fair Office to be handled as they see fit.
8. Any exhibitor or vendor conducting or participating in any illegal or immoral activities on the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to display at the Fair and will lose any monies owed or paid by/to the Fair for premiums, sales, privilege agreements, etc.
9. If these rules contradict any committee rule(s) the committee rule(s) shall prevail.
10. By signing any privilege agreement, license, entry form, etc., participant agrees to release and discharge the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show & Fair, Inc. and the Board of Directors & staff thereof from all liabilities, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature that may arise from or be connected with the participant's participation in any activity sponsored by Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show & Fair, Inc.

### **To 4-H/FFA Exhibitors, Open Show Exhibitors and Parents/Guardians for the 2024 Fair:**

Exhibitors will be issued General Admission passes NO Photo ID Badges will be issued to exhibitors for the 2024 Osceola County Fair.

Please check the Event Calendar for a complete listing of distribution dates and times, as these are subject to change.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Online Registration Deadline	Friday, June 30, 2023	
Poultry Pick-up	Saturday, August 19, 2023	4-4:30 PM
Poultry Workshop	Saturday, September 16, 2023	8:30-4 PM
<b>Pre-Fair Poultry Workshop (Mandatory)</b> & Bathing/Pest Management	<b>Saturday, January 20, 2024 @ 2 PM</b>	
Skill-a-Thon	Wednesday, January 24, 2024	2-6 PM
	Must bring Completed Record Book	
Check In	Thursday, February 8, 2024	3 PM (General)
	*Those showing Market animals can sign up for early check in. Watch for more info closer to fair.	
Judging	Sunday, February 11, 2024	1PM
Showmanship	Sunday, February 11, 2024	2:30PM
Costume Contest	Tuesday, February 13, 2024	5:30 PM
Awards	Saturday, February 17, 2024	3 PM
Auction	Sunday, February 18, 2024	2:30 PM

**\*\* ALL ETHIC NUMBERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12/31/2023.** Please refer to Florida State Fair website for up-to-date ethics classes <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/>

*Chairperson(s)/Contact Information:*

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**GENERAL RULES:****ELIGIBILITY:**

- Only active Osceola County 4-H or FFA members are invited to participate; and must be residents of Osceola County and currently enrolled in school.
  - a. Anyone having graduated from high school, or currently dropped out of school, shall be ineligible to enter, show, or sell their market animals. All entrants must be active in the 4-H or FFA Programs and meet all their requirements.
  - b. The child must be an Osceola County resident OR live/reside on land in a bordering county, which the property continues, into Osceola County, may participate in the Commercial Auction Hens program provided they abide by all other rules and regulations.

Minimum Exhibitor Age is 8 years old

(Ages are prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of current 4-H/FFA Year)

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- The Commercial Auction Hens Show and Sale will be limited to 35 participants. Application forms are due on the required deadline date. Those who have previously shown have first option to sign up. Once the spots have been filled, registration will close.
- The Poultry program is accepting Poultry entries from those 4-H/FFA Clubs/Chapters, which want to enter a Club/Chapter trio as a fundraiser. All entries must follow ALL the same rules and procedures as an individual project for record books, Skill-a-thon, show, sale, dress code, etc. All Club/Chapter animals registered under the Club/Chapter name will be entered online in the following format: First Name: Club Name & Last Name: Student's first and last name. Please note that all winnings from animals registered this way will be paid in full to the Club/Chapter. All Club/Chapter Animals will use the School's Tax ID Number and NOT The students Social Security Number. The only information on the entry that will belong to the student is their Date of Birth, grade, Ethics Number and parent contact information. All other information should belong to the school/ club.
- Exhibitors are allowed to show a Commercial Auction Hen Trios their first year of exhibiting at the fair.
- Participating in the Commercial Auction Hens does not count toward the Market Animal limit. Youth may participate in other Market programs, Citrus/Fruit Crop program, and this program provided the youth completes all requirements.
- **MUST NOTIFY IF PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM** by June 2, 2023, by 12:00 noon for drawing at the KVLS building on Monday June 5 at 6 pm.
- See Osceola County Fair Event Calendar for mandatory dates.
- If you should have any questions, please contact your Committee Chairperson.
- Participants are required to review the following:
  - Poultry Show & Sale Rules
  - Please complete and submit the following online: Application Form

**\*\* All Exhibitors are required to complete Ethic Class. ALL ETHIC NUMBERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12/31/2023. If you need to sign up for the class, go to <https://floridastatefairag.com/>.**

**Age Divisions:**

*Junior: 8-10 | Intermediate: 11-13 | Senior: 14-18*

1. **If you do not meet any of the requirements of the Commercial Auction Hens, you will be unable to sell your trio in the auction.**
2. **Any exhibitor conducting or participating in any illegal, illicit, or thug-based activities on or around the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to show and/or sell at the Fair. Any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, and awards will be withheld at KVLS and the Committees discretion.**

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**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMMERCIAL AUCTION HEN ANIMAL EXHIBITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SKILL-A-THON**

1. All exhibitors are required to attend the Skill-A-Thon event on Wednesday, January 25, 2024 from 2 PM-6 PM at the KVLS Building. No report card is required as all exhibitors are to take test.
2. **All other exhibitors will be required to take the Skill-A- Thon and pass with a minimum of 70% to be qualified to show their trio in the Commercial Auction Hen Show.** If a 70% or above is not attained, the exhibitor will be given the opportunity to re-take the skill-a-thon. The first score will be used for the skill-a-thon competition and Master Exhibitor.
3. Skill-a-Thon information and booklet will be provided at the poultry workshop on September 16, 2023 @ 8:30 AM. Please register online so we can have enough supplies on hand.  
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poultry-workshop-2024-registration-623186586857?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&lang=en-us&locale=en\\_US&status=30&view=listing](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poultry-workshop-2024-registration-623186586857?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&lang=en-us&locale=en_US&status=30&view=listing)

**RECORD BOOKS:**

1. Record books must be completed and turned in if the animal is to be shown at the fair.
2. The project officially begins at Poultry Pick Up, Saturday, August 26, 2023.
3. All Photos must be in color and from the current project year. Photos should not look like a scrapbook and should be kept in a square or rectangular shape.
4. Final Record book is to be turned in at the time of the Skill-a-Thon on January 24, 2024 between 2 PM- 6 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS). Record books not submitted by the deadline will result in exhibitor disqualification from the program.
5. A copy of a buyer's letter is to be included in the book when turned in.
6. Record Books will be graded from 1-100+ points. **Exhibitors must have a minimum of 70 points in order to be able to show his/her animal.** The Record Book must be kept in the exhibitor's own handwriting (no typewritten pages). The only exception to this is the auctioneer's statement, which must be typed.
7. Any portion of the record book not completed will result in a "Zero" being entered for the competition. At fair check in, the youth will be given back the record book to complete and turned in by the end of poultry check in. If the record book is still not completed, the youth will be unable to participate in the auction portion of the show and will default to the rules for the Production Trio Program (see those rules).
8. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place BLUE RIBBON record books in each age division JR/INT/SR.

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**INFORMATIONAL POSTERS:**

1. Exhibitors must complete a poster that is based on the skill-a-thon subject matter. Information will be available at the September Workshop.
2. Posters will be judged along with the other posters and the top 3 in each division, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions will receive rosettes and 1<sup>st</sup> place in each division will receive additional \$5 premium.
3. Posters can be 22" x 28" on **FOAM BOARD ONLY** and can be displayed as portrait or landscape. Data on the poster is to be related to poultry and to be informational. **\*\*NOTE:** Foam Boards will be securely fastened to the lattice.
4. **NO TRI-FOLD BOARDS ALLOWED.**
5. Be sure all items are attached to the poster **SECURELY - PLEASE use Elmer's liquid glue**. Posters are displayed in the tent during the fair and the temperature & moisture have a negative effect.
6. Must be turned in at time of check-in.
7. May be decorated with paint, feathers, paper, crayons, yarn, etc.
8. All entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor.
9. Failure to complete and turn in a poster will result in the youth will be unable to participate in the auction portion of the show and will default to the rules for the ~~Poultry~~ Poultry Production Trio Program (see those rules).

**JUDGING:**

1. Judging will be in the cages.
2. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected.
3. Exhibitors will receive ribbons; however, since the exhibitor will profit from the sale of their animal, no premium monies will be awarded. Points will be awarded to those competing for the Master & Reserve Exhibitor's
4. **ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

1. All exhibitors are required to participate in the Showmanship. Failure to participate will remove the youth from the sale.
2. Showmanship is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the fair (February 11, 2024) during the judging of the birds in the cage.
3. Youth must use one of their registered Commercial birds in showmanship.

**DRESS CODE:**

- FOR THE SHOW:
  - All exhibitors must wear a white, sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans.
  - Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
  - Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
  - No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.
- FOR SHOWMANSHIP/SALE:
  - All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt, collard dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers.
  - Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
  - Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.

**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE**

**VET REQUIREMENTS:**

1. COMMERCIAL AUCTION HENS NPIP will be up to the discretion of the Health Inspector!
2. ALL Purebred Poultry will be NPIP tested unless a NPIP Card is presented.

**ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Deadline to register and reserve chicks is 6/2/2023. Payment will be due at time of registration.
2. \$40 entry fee (verifying as prices are changing) is required at time of online entry. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entry fee includes: 10 chicks, starter Ziplock bag of feed, information & care pamphlet.
3. Exhibitors will purchase from the Fair, ten (10), one day old chicks.

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4. The Commercial Auction Hen Program will be limited to no more than 35 Exhibitors for the 2023-2024 Program. **Those who have previously shown have first option to sign up. Once the spots have been filled, registration will close.**
5. The Poultry Chair, Co-Chair & Livestock Manager will advance order the selected chicks for each year, a different breed will be selected yearly. The Breed will not be announced until Chick Pick Up.
6. Exhibitor must designate at time of online entry under which organization (4-H/FFA/etc.) they will conduct their project.
7. Any remaining chicks will be sold after each exhibitor has picked their 10 chicks. \$4.25 each chick. CASH ONLY. Will be sold on a first come, first serve style.
8. Youth may use any additional chicks in the General Youth Poultry Show.

***POULTRY PICK UP:***

August 26, 2023 at 4 PM at the KVLS Building.

1. Youth are to bring a safe carrying container to pick up chicks.
2. Any remaining chicks will be sold after each exhibitor has picked their 10 chicks. \$3.75 each chick. CASH ONLY. Will be sold on a first come, first serve style.

***CHECKIN:***

1. **Youth and adults are not to move birds from the assigned cages.**
2. Youth will only bring a trio (three (3) pullets) to the final check-in. You need not make your selection of three hens until the final check-in.
3. Birds will be inspected by the Poultry Committee and Florida State Health Inspector.
4. COMMERCIAL AUCTION HENS NPIP testing will be up to the discretion of the Health Inspector!
5. All sick birds or birds with external parasites will be isolated and are not eligible for competition or awards. Birds must be removed from the premises immediately.
6. *Eggs will be collected by the Poultry Committee at various times during the day and will be disposed of at the discretion of the fair. SORRY NO EGGS WILL BE LEFT IN THE CAGES.*

***ANIMAL CARE:***

1. Exhibitors will be required to feed and water their own animals and bring their **OWN feeders, waterers, and feed**. All animals must be cared for by the exhibitor. This includes feeding, watering, and cleaning beds and pens. Exhibitors will need to bring feed each day for their animals. **\*\*Please DO NOT feed anyone else's bird. Not all birds are on same type of food or feeding schedule. \* DO NOT use anyone else's food. They did not bring extra to feed yours.**

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2. **Any feed or equipment left in the feed area are at the owners' own risk. The Fair, the Fair Board, or Poultry Committee are not responsible for missing, broken, or left behind items.**
3. All Poultry animals must be transported in an animal safe carrier or cage to and from the fair.
4. The use of any unlabeled products is not permitted at the fair.
5. The use of any sprays or chemicals are NOT PERMITTED to be used in or around the cages.
6. It is not the responsibility of the KVLS Committee to feed and/or water animals.
7. If an exhibitor fails to feed and/or water their animals for 24 hours the exhibitor will be asked to remove their animal.
8. Please clean out **cages daily** and **rake** under pens daily. **Please DO NOT put plastic down under the mulch. Remove the mulch as needed (does not need to be removed daily unless very messy-typically about 2-3 days) Be sure mulch is in good condition on show day. Remember** these exhibits are for the public to view, let's show them something we can be proud of.
9. **USED MULCH IS TO BE TAKEN BEHIND THE BARN TO THE DESIGNATED AREA. DO NOT** put the used mulch with the new mulch that is located outside the tents.
10. **Both adults & youth are to sign in and out of tent each time you go into feed, water, clean, barn duty, or anytime you spend time in the tent. Sign in sheet must be signed by the youth and parent on separate lines. Please DO NOT sign in a child/or child that is/are not present at the time. Youth will need to sign in for themselves or no credit will be given.**

**HANDLING:**

1. No animal will be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly handled by the exhibitor.
2. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be disqualified and premiums forfeited.

**MASTER EXHIBITOR:**

The Master and Reserve Master Exhibitor award is based on a premium point system. Each Category is worth 100 points. Exhibitors may obtain a maximum of 400 points. Exhibitors Disqualified from any Category below will not be eligible for Master Exhibitor. Points are accumulated by participating in the following categories:

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Record Book | 3. Skill-a-thon         |
| 2. Showmanship | 4. Informational Poster |

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Master Exhibitor for Junior/Intermediate/Senior \$50  
Reserve Master Exhibitor for Junior/Intermediate/Senior \$25

**AWARDS:**

Will be presented on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 3 PM in the Small Animal Tent.

**SALE:**

1. Exhibitor **MUST** be present for the sale.
2. Exhibitors must be at their cages 15 minutes prior to the sale starting
3. Exhibitor must be in Official Dress. **NO EXCEPTION.**
4. Youth will show their best Trio (3) birds.
5. **ALL** trios **MUST BE SOLD.**
6. Youth is responsible for his/her own buyer and is required to do buyer letters. Submit copy of buyer letter with your record book.
- a. All exhibitors are encouraged to try and invite new businesses; there is no limit to the number of letters you may send out.
7. Animals will be sold as a trio (not per bird).
8. Any youth who do not have a buyer at the sale will still have to sell the trio and will be sold to the Buy Back Buyer.
9. The Buy Back Buyer price is \$15.00 per trio.
10. Cardboard travel boxes will be available for sale to the buyers.
11. Only buyer with proper receipt will be allowed to remove the birds after the auction is complete.
12. The order of sale will be Grand & Reserve Grand Champions, then by overall points earned.
10. No animal will be sold more than once during the sale.
11. **DO NOT REMOVE IDENTIFICATION TAGS FROM PENS!** Identification tags are to be left on for purposes of identification at load out.
12. Five (5) percent of sale value will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the sale.

**POST FAIR:**

1. **Your buyer thank-you letters (one per market entry) must be received in the Fair Office by 5 pm the first Friday after the Fair closes. (February 24, 2023)**
  - It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a fine deduction of \$50.00 off the gross amount, per market animal, from your check and the check will be held until you do so.
  - **Any exhibitor that fails to submit their thank you letter(s) by the deadline for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show the next year.**
2. In addition, each exhibitor is required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo (photo supplied by KVLS) to their buyer, and Buyer Gift

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(optional). The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyers signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check (mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office).

3. Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this once the packets are available within 10 business days; any buyer plaque/picture delivery receipt turned in after the 10 business days will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per market animal.

***FAIR REGISTRATION:***

Youth must register for the show online. Youth are not automatically signed up for showing.

**Section 1 | Commercial Auction Hens**

01. Commercial Auction Hens

**Section 2 | Poultry Showmanship**

**\*\*Coaching is PROHIBITED by anyone during judging. No parents, leaders, or advisors are to be around the youth or in the arena during the show without prior arrangement with the Poultry Chair or Co-Chair.**

01. Junior (age 8-10) | 02. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 03. Senior (age 14-18)

**Section 3 | Poultry Skill-A-Thon**

**\*\*Readers will be available to assist during the skill-a-thon.**

01. Junior (age 8-10) | 02. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 03. Senior (age 14-18)

**Section 4 | Informational Poster**

**01. Junior (age 8-10) | 02. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 03. Senior (age 14-18)**

*The Board of Directors of the KVLS & Fair will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of ALL rules and regulations.*

*By completing the application form online, exhibitors and parents certify that they have READ and UNDERSTAND the Rules and Regulations set forth in this, and all corresponding documents.*

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