

**TO: Market Project Exhibitors
4-H Agents, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors**

The application form and rules for the 2023 -2024 Osceola County Fair & Kissimmee Valley Livestock Market Program will be available online July 30th. You can access forms by going to the KVLS website at www.osceolacountyfair.com.

IMPORTANT: All exhibitors MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE member in good standing the prior year (as defined by the governing associations guidelines) IN THE 2023-2024 4-H OR FFA PROGRAMS... and must be verified as an active member according to the YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL RULE # 1. Please read the Youth Market Show & Sale Rules.

COMPLETE forms Online between August 1st – 15th at 12:00 midnight. **YOU MUST RECIEVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM.**

If a draw is needed it will be held on the first Thursday after registration closes at the fair office.

See Osceola County Fair Event Calendar for mandatory dates.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

If you should have any questions, please contact your Committee Chairperson.

Participants are required to review the following:

- Youth Market Steer Show & Sale Rules

Please complete and submit the following online:

- Application Form

Steer Exhibitors Only:

- Must bring hard copy of Proof of Ownership form to 1st weigh-in or emailed to Pam@osceolacountyfair.com by Sept. 25th.

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Chairperson(s) Contact Information:

- Chairperson | Bridget Coggins, (407) 908-8898 | bwcoggins@aol.com
- Co-Chairperson | Bryan Hudson, (321) 624-1351 | HUDSONBRWC@Gmail.com
- Co-Chairperson | Jimmy Kempfer, (407)-908-9627 | jimmy@kempfercattle.com
- Co-Chairperson | Kyndall Brown, (407)-973-7770 | Kyndall.brown08@gmail.com

GENERAL RULES:***ELIGIBILITY:***

1. 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 lives/resides on land in a bordering county, which the property continues, into Osceola County, may participate in the market animal programs provided they abide by all other rules and regulations.

Minimum Exhibitor Age is 8 years old

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

- **All Exhibitors are required to complete Ethic Class. 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

2. **If your animal does not make weight, or if you do not meet any of the requirements of the market animal department, you are ineligible to compete in the Showmanship and premier exhibitor with the market animal exhibitors.** You will be able to compete in the open animal Showmanship and Fitting & Grooming provided they are offered.

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3. Any 4-H, FFA or Open exhibitors conducting or participating in any illegal or illicit activities including tobacco, alcohol, vaping 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 by KVLs for current year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Skill-a-thon

1. All exhibitors are required to attend the Skill-A-Thon event. (To submit 1st semester report cards.) Any Exhibitors with a (1st semester) GPA of 3.25 may opt out of taking the skill-a-thon unless competing for skill- a -thon competition or Premier Exhibitor.
2. **All other exhibitors with a GPA lower than 3.25 will be required to take the Skill-A-Thon and pass with a minimum of 70% to be qualified to show their market animal.** 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 used for the skill-a-thon competition and Premier Exhibitor.

See event calendar for Skill-a-thon date and time.

- a. **Incentive:** All exhibitors that have at least 3.5 GPA for the first semester (not weighted or cumulative) or scores at least 95 on Skill-a-thon will receive one (1) Funcard. Any exhibitor that achieves both the 3.5 GPA and scores at least 95 on Skill-a-thon will receive (2) two Funcards. This is to be used only for the exhibitor it was issued to. Any exhibitor abusing this will have the privilege taken away.

RECORD BOOKS:

- Record books must be completed and turned in if the animal is to be shown at the fair.
- Record Books will be graded from 1-100+ points. **Exhibitors must have a minimum of 70 points OR pass 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.
- Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place BLUE RIBBON record books.

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- At the time of official record book turn-in the exhibitor must declare if the record book enters the competition or pass/fail category. No matter the decision the books must pass in order to show.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- Exhibitor Scholarship rules and application forms may be obtained online.
- The applications would be accepted via email submitted no later than midnight the date of the market animal skill a thon competition. This will allow us to have an electronic record of the applications submitted and eliminate any misplaced or not submitted applications. **The email is kvlsscholarship@gmail.com.**
- You must be age 14 by September 1st of current 4-H/FFA Year.
- The scholarship committee will provide a review process to select the top 15 applications which will then continue to the next level of completion which will include an illustration talk/demonstration on leadership or citizenship within the project area and an interview.
- The fifteen (15) youth selected to compete for the interview/illustrated talk portion of the competition will be notified via email.
- Memorial scholarships are only eligible for those who compete for the KVLS scholarships.
- See Event Calendar for complete details.

ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMAL:

1. Proof of ownership must be brought to the first weigh in. It is mandatory for the Proof of Ownership form to be signed by the breeder of the calf or the ranch manager.
2. All animals must have been bred and born in Osceola County.
3. All steers must have an EID (**Electronic Identification**) tag placed in the non-lead ear by the breeder.
4. If there is a question about the animal, the animal will be source verified, which may include DNA from the animal in question and the animal's Dam.
5. Acceptance of any market steer is subject to approval by the committee. All decisions are final.

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6. DNA (for tail hair, etc) samples will be taken on each steer at initial Weigh in. If any steer's identity is in question of not being the exhibitor's initial steer checked in, DNA Sample will be sent off for testing. Parent/guardian signature will be required on registration forms. **Failure to pass DNA test forfeits all premiums and ineligibility to show at KVLS. DNA test will be paid by exhibitor.**
7. If a steer is being contested, it must be done prior to show on weigh-in day. We want to ensure the integrity of an Osceola County bred Show. This is important, so if you want to participate, please work with us.
8. Each spare steer must have all designated exhibitors at time of registration or first weigh in.
9. There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting date to be determined. **THIS MEETING MUST BE ATTENDED BY THE EXHIBITORS, any questions or problems, you must call the chairperson.**
10. **EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY TO SAFELY CONTROL THEIR ANIMALS.** After all animals are checked in, a control parade will follow the breeders cup and be held from the assigned area, through the show ring, set up, and back to the assigned area. Each exhibitor in the Intermediate and Senior division shall untie parade and re-secure their animal without assistance. Junior division exhibitors shall untie parade and re-secure their animal with the assistance of one parent or exhibitor. All exhibitors will be given a second chance to lead their animal the following morning after the control parade. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be disqualified.
11. Steers must be shown in a show halter style halter. No long lead ropes over 8ft. allowed. Exhibitors must be able to show their own animal without assistance. Permission will be granted by the steer committee for any exhibitor with disabilities or special needs.
12. **All grooming MUST be done by current market steer exhibitor of KVLS and/or immediate family of current market steer exhibitor of KVLS. (Current Exhibitors and immediate family can help each other) (No professional/paid groomers will be allowed.)**
13. All animals MUST be broken down and be free of adhesive and paint product prior to Barn Closure at 10pm on the night of the show. Failure to

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comply with rules will result in a \$100.00 fine and may result in disqualification from the Market Steer Program.

14. Market Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at final weigh-in. In addition, steers must gain 300 pounds from initial weigh-in in September through Final Weigh-in in February. Steers will be checked to determine age and shall not exceed 24 months of age.
15. Carcass Contest: The Carcass Contest will be immediately after weigh-in. Once Carcass Data is received, time and place of Carcass Contest results and awards will be determined by Steer Committee.
16. All animals must be washed after ultrasound to remove ultrasound oil prior to barn closure at 10pm on the night of final weigh-in. Failure to comply with rules will result in a \$100.00 fine and may result in disqualification from the Market Steer Program.
17. Staginess and lightly muscled, thinly fleshed steers or obviously unsatisfactory weight for age will be unacceptable.
18. Steer Barn will close at 6:30pm to ensure a safe and smooth show and sale. Only Show personnel and Staff will be allowed in after the barn closes. Each exhibitor will be given an armband for themselves and one other person of choice to be in barn.
19. **All steers must be tied with a lead and neck rope at all times. Steers must be tied out each night at the designated time by committee. Steers must be back in the exhibit area, fed and watered by 10:00 AM the next morning. If this is not done, the following fine/fines will be deducted from the sale of your animal. 1st Offense: \$200, 2nd offense: \$400, 3rd Offense \$600, 4th Offense \$800 (All fines collected will go towards scholarship funds).**
20. The animal must be fed, cared for and their beds cleaned by the exhibitor for the entire time they are on the Fairgrounds. If this is not done, a \$50 fine will be deducted from the sale of your animal. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her own steer until sold, at which time it becomes the property of the buyer, but the exhibitor must care for the animal until the buyer removes the steer.
21. Tampering with any steer entered, unless prescribed by or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian; such as filling with a foreign substance,

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etc., is prohibited. **(Any non-prescription medications, such as vitamin pasta or calf clam, must be verified by Steer Committee Chair or Co-Chair, prior to administering).** Sale will not be honored if tampering is found. Exhibitor may be disqualified and not be paid for the animal. The use of tranquilizers on shows animals after arriving at the show will be considered a form of tampering. Health regulations will be outlined in the Premium Book and must meet requirements of the Division of Animal Industry, Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Steers will be inspected during final weigh-in by a state inspector. All animals will be weighed, ear tagged and identified at the first weigh-in. It is required that the animals be de-horned and castrated 10 days prior to this time. **At Final Weigh in, any steer with greater than one (1) inch of horn beyond the hairline will be disqualified.**

AT THE FINAL WEIGH-IN, ANY HORNS MUST BE BLUNT AND SAFE.

22. If your animal is injured AT weigh-in, notify the chairman BEFORE you leave the premises.
23. All animals are eligible for Weight Gain Contest. Awards will be given to exhibitor of the top three steers that show the highest daily gain from initial weigh-in to final weigh-in.
24. All animals must be considered for sale and considered terminal projects.
25. There will be a Good Neighbor Award given to one exhibitor.
26. The Steer Committee will assign areas for the steers.
27. If any help is needed for locating a steer, please call the chairperson listed above.
28. **Tampering with any steer entered, unless prescribed by or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, such as filling with foreign substance, etc., is prohibited.**

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Section 6 Beef Fitting & Grooming competition

- Start with a dry clean animal. You are given 30 minutes to properly groom your beef animal.
- You will work as a team; teams will consist of exhibitor's skill levels.
- Exhibitor can choose their own team. Each team will consist of a beginner, intermediate and advanced groomer. If there is a question on exhibitor skill level please contact **Chairperson, Bridget Coggins at (407) 908-8898.**
 - Exhibitors can be either steer or heifer exhibitors.
 - Competition will be held in the show ring.
 - 1st Place Team-\$600/ 2nd Place Team-\$300/3rd Place Team- \$225

Section 6

01. Beginner Groomer

02. Intermediate Groomer

03. Advanced Groomer

Showmanship

There will be a showmanship competition for the A. L. Bullis Showmanship Awards. The exhibitor must show their animal.

There will be three Showmanship divisions in each of the shows.

- Junior
- Intermediate
- Senior

Winner of the Showmanship Award in each division will be eligible for the Round Robin Competition (See Round Robin Showmanship).

Section 8 | Showmanship

01. Junior
Showmanship

02. Intermediate
Showmanship

03. Senior
Showmanship

The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 additional will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristband be the only people allowed in the barn. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check.

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AT FINAL WEIGH-IN:

- The market animal may be re-weighed only once.
- The animal will be led off the scales.
- The scales will be balanced and the animal led immediately back on the scales without leaving the site of the scale-man.
- There will be only one **STANDARD SIZED** halter and lead rope allowed per animal.
- No animal food or water allowed in scale area.

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 (jeans cannot have any holes).
 - 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.
 - **All exhibitor are required to wear show numbers on front and back of shirts.**
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 additional will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristband be the only people allowed in the barn. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check.
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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 (Jeans cannot have any holes).
- Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
- Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
- **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 additional will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristband be the only people allowed in the barn. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined \$100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check.
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JUDGING:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected. Judging of top five (5) animals will be selected in steer and hog shows only. Second place animal in the class that produces the Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Champion.
- 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 Scholarships.
- **ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**

SALE:

- All animals must be considered for sale and considered terminal projects.
- The order of sale will be Grand, Reserve, 3rd overall, 4th overall, 5th overall followed by all first, second, third, etc. places in each class. Buy back prices will be pre-established by the packer's bid.
 - No riding animals
 - No animal will be sold more than once during the sale.
 - Buy backs will only go to the pre-approved packer.

BUYER/SALE:

- Five (5) percent of sale value will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the sale.
- You will also be assessed the current rate for your respective Beef and Hog Councils (if applicable).
- Buyer Gifts will no longer be accepted the night of the auction.
- You will be required to deliver your Buyer Gift when you deliver the Buyer plaque and photo.
- Each exhibitor shall be responsible for his/her own buyer.
- All exhibitors are encouraged to try and invite new businesses; there is no limit to the number of letters you may send out.
- The more buyers who attend, the better the auction.

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POST FAIR:

- **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.**
 - 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 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.**
- 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) and/or plaque to their buyer, and Buyer Gift. 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).
- 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.

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.

In the case of any emergency on either weigh-in date, please call the Chairman, Bridget Coggins at (407) 908-8898 or Fair Office at: (321) 697-3050 and notify them immediately.

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STEER TAG # _____

EID Tag # _____

BEG. WEIGHT _____

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2023-2024 KVLs YOUTH STEER SHOW & SALE

“BRED IN OSCEOLA COUNTY”

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP – STEER EXHIBITORS ONLY

Emailed by September 25th 2023 to Pam@osceolacountyfair.com

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____

BREED OF STEER: _____

STEER BIRTH DATE ____/____/____ DATE OF PURCHASE ____/____/____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

NAME OF BREEDER: _____

ADDRESS OF BREEDER: _____
(Street, Route, or PO Box Number)

City, State, Zip: _____

Breeder Email: _____

BREEDER’S SIGNATURE

NOTES:

- *Official Proof of Ownership Form must be completed for each animal. All animals will be identified with an ear tag.*
- *Your application is considered incomplete if the Breeders Name and Address are not completely filled out.*

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SECONDARY MARKET ANIMALS

Chairperson(s) Contact Information:

- Ronnie Beam, (407) 908-6488
- Cindy Moore, (407) 908-8868

COMPLETE forms Online between August 1st and 12th at 12:00pm midnight YOU MUST RECIEVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM. Complete only if you are exhibiting a second animal.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. If you choose to show a second market animal at KVLS, you must abide by the rules & regulations of that animal. The KVLS Board of Directors shall have the right to interpret all rules.
2. It must be at least your second year in a row showing a market animal at KVLS to be eligible.
3. Market Lamb and Market Goat exhibitors are allowed to show a secondary animal their first year; provided it is a Market Lamb or Market Goat; no Market Steers or Market Hogs will be accepted.
4. Once the exhibitor has a second market spot, the exhibitor will retain that spot.
5. **# of cap on all animals:**
 - a. Hogs: 130 | Steers: 150 | Lambs: 35 | Goats: 35
6. You cannot show two of the same species. Secondary animal must be different than your primary animal.
7. **It will be mandatory to complete a record book and take the skill-a-thon on your second animal and abide by all rules from that market animal. If the second record book is not turned to 4-H/FFA you will not be allowed to show a secondary animal the following year. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
8. If the cap is met on the animal of your choice, a drawing will be held on first Thursday after registration closes. You are allowed to be there or you will be contacted to let you know if your application was drawn.
9. You will be responsible for your own buyer to come out and bid on your animal, just as you are with your primary animal.

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