



2018 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL® YOUTH BEEF BREED AND COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW

Sponsored by



Located in the *Patterson Companies Livestock Arena*

Chairperson: Tom Lay (813) 704-5043

Co-Chairperson: Ryan Gill

Contest open to: Hillsborough and Polk County Youth

Applications available: Monday, November 13, 2017

Applications requests to: www.flstrawberryfestival.com

Applications due: Friday, December 15, 2017

Arrival of animals: Friday, March 9, 2018, **6:00 am to 9:30 am**

Pre-assigned arrival time will be sent by email: February 24, 2018

Pee Wee Show: Friday, March 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Showmanship Judging: Friday, March 9, 2018, Immediately following Pee Wee Show

Show: Sunday, March 11, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Release of animals: Sunday, March 11, 2018, 8:30 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:

Any youth, 8 years of age or older, actively enrolled as a member of a nationally affiliated agricultural youth organization or a Breed Association in a Hillsborough or Polk County school, and not having graduated from the 12th grade.

4-H and FFA members from Hillsborough and Polk Counties are invited to participate in this show.

Entrants shall conform to the following standards in academics and conduct, which are presently a **2.0 grade average** and the passing of five (5) classes for participation. Conduct and academics shall be figured for the second nine weeks grading period of the school year during which the Show occurs, or shall conform to grade standards as set by the Florida High School Activities Association. No one under school suspension will be allowed to show. Exhibitor must present evidence at check-in. A report card showing second nine weeks grades will be acceptable.

Physical condition of exhibitor, which management considers being a problem for the exhibitor to participate in the show, may result in management not accepting an entry or not allowing an exhibitor to participate.

ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible breeds are: Angus, Brahman, Hereford, Limousin, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster, Maine, Simmental, Brangus, and Charolais. Registered Bulls may be shown.

Commercial Heifers (Brahman influence or English Continental influence). No Commercial Bulls will be allowed.

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter two animals. The first 120 animals, with the applications completed in their entirety will be allowed to enter the show.

The United States Department of Agriculture has official grades for feeder cattle based on frame size, thickness and thriftiness (overall health). Frame size refers to the animal's skeletal size ó its height and body length ó in relation to its age. Frame size is related to the weight at which, under normal feeding and management, an animal will produce a carcass of a given grade.

A prescreening committee, at arrival, will evaluate the cattle to ensure they possess characteristics expected in Breeding Stock for meat production.

Exhibitors whose cattle did not meet Show Standards will be disqualified. At that time, the rejected cattle must be removed immediately.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Exhibitors must have ownership of animals by **December 15, 2017.**
- B. All youth beef breed animals must be registered in the name of the youth exhibitor and registration papers must reflect the date of ownership by **December 15, 2017.**
- C. A copy of registration papers is required on ALL purebred animals. It is **mandatory** that copies of the registration papers be mailed in with the entry forms.
- D. Commercial heifer entries **must** have a copy of the bill of sale attached to the application or parental statement of ownership since the animal's birth.
- E. Verification of age on ALL commercial cattle will be required.
- F. Bulls over the age of six months must have a nose ring.
- G. Horned cattle with horns exceeding 10 in length will not be allowed in the show. Horned cattle must have the horns filed down with no sharp edges.
- H. It is the Strawberry Festival's intent to allow chapter/clubs to show in the Youth Beef Breed Show to provide an opportunity for participation and learning to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Chapter animals must be registered in the name of the chapter. However, separate individuals must be designated to show separate animals providing they are a member of that Chapter, by specifying the student's name in addition to the chapter name. It is required that the student assigned to show the animal, must be responsible for the care and feeding of that animal. That same exhibitor may enter showmanship.
- I. **Show Management reserves the right to reject any animal that cannot be properly managed by the exhibitor and resolve any other issues that may occur. Each exhibitor must assume all liability for his/her animal in case of injury or death.**

HEALTH RULES ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS.

All show cattle must comply with the Cattle Traceability Requirement as outlined in Chapter 9, Part 86, Code of Federal Regulations, Published January 9, 2013 and the Florida Cattle Identification Rule Chapter 5C-31, Florida Administrative Code effective September 4, 2014. Additional information can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability and www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry

Upon arrival and before admittance to the Florida Strawberry Festival Fairgrounds ALL cattle must have:

1. Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection
2. Identification Device óTagö

In the event of government or the Florida Strawberry Festival® imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibit or sale at the Florida Strawberry Festival®, the Florida Strawberry Festival® accepts no responsibility for financial, or other, loss by the exhibitor incurred as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal Agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains

to the entire time period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the Festival and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.

ENTRY FORMS:

- A. **Entry forms are necessary.**
- B. They are available by contacting Show Management online at <http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com/>.
- C. **Entries close FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017.**
- D. **Entry Forms must be filled out electronically.**
- E. For applications to be complete, a signed copy of the Safety Waiver and a copy of the bill of sale and/or registration papers must be:
 - Emailed to Show Management at beefbreedshow@gmail.com.
- F. Completed applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis.
- G. In the event that more entries are received than Show Management can accommodate, necessary eliminations will be made.
- H. Preassigned arrival times will be emailed on February 24, 2018. All exhibitors must check-in with the Beef Breed Committee by time indicated on arrival day or they will be considered as a "NO SHOW",

CARE OF ANIMALS:

- A. The animal must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
- B. Exhibitors will be required to have all stalls and animals presentable by 9:30 a.m. each day.
- C. No animals allowed out of the beds after 10:00 a.m.
- D. Each animal must be secured with a neck tie at all times. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- E. Initial bedding for the animals will be supplied.
- F. Animals must conform to established show standards. Long-haired cattle, both commercial and purebred, must be clipped and groomed. **Major clipping of animals should be done prior to arrival at the fair. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to fit and groom their own cattle.** Parents are allowed to provide minimal help in show preparation. **No outside fitters are permitted to groom animals.**
- G. No grooming chutes will be allowed.
- H. No vehicles will be allowed on the grounds.
- I. No generators will be allowed.
- J. **PARKING IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®**

CONDUCT:

Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor or anyone associated with the exhibitor will, at the discretion of the management, result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s), and loss of premium(s), awards, and show privileges.

Presence of exhibitors without permission in exhibit area or on the fairgrounds during the hours when exhibit is closed will be considered unbecoming conduct.

TAMPERING:

Tampering with any animal entered, such as filling with water and/or a foreign substance, etc., is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals, or possession of same after arrival at the Fair, will be construed as a form of tampering.

FOOD:

ABSOLUTELY NO COOLERS, FOOD, OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOW ARENEA OR THE LIVESTOCK BARNs

Anyone (to include exhibitors or their families) will not be allowed to use any cooking devices to include crockpots, etc. for cooking or warming food in the Livestock Barns. Using crockpots, etc. for cooking or warming food is a fire hazard and will, at the discretion of show management or General Manager of the Florida Strawberry Festival®, result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s) and loss of premiums, awards and show privileges.

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. A child 3-7 years old can participate in Pee Wee Showmanship.
- B. Each child must be accompanied by an adult in the ring.
- C. Participants must have a parent or legal guardian sign a waiver for participation.
- D. Bulls over 6 months of age are not eligible for Pee Wee Showmanship.

SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. Each exhibitor is required to show their own entry.
- B. Official dress is required for all exhibitors. (The proper show attire is long sleeve white shirt, dark jeans or dark slacks).
- C. No caps or other paraphernalia will be allowed on exhibitors or animals.
- D. **Age Division for the competition is as follows:**
 - 8-11 years old ó Junior Division
 - 12-14 years old ó Intermediate Division
 - 15 years old and up ó Senior Division

SHOW COMPETITION:

There shall be separate classes for each of the Major Beef Breeds and Commercial Heifers.

Any breed represented by less than 5 animals will be required to exhibit in a class designated as "Other Breed" classes. Classes will be determined after all entries are received. Oldest animal may not be over 3 years by January 1, 2018. Breed classes may be changed for the betterment of the Show at the discretion of the Show Management.

Commercial animal classes are determined by weight at check-in.

Bred & Owned Class: Animals that are bred-and-owned.

- A. Exhibitors must be the breeders and the first and continuous owner.
 - 1. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service.
 - 2. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born.
 - 3. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer.

For questions regarding, eligibility please contact Tom Lay at beefbreedshow@gmail.com.

BEEF BREED & COMMERCIAL HEIFER CLASSES

- 1. JUNIOR CALF: 6/17 ó 9/17
- 2. INTERMEDIATE CALF: 2/17 ó 5/17
- 3. SENIOR CALF: 10/16 ó 1/17
CALF AND RESERVE CHAMPION FROM CLASSES 1 THROUGH 3
- 4. LATE SUMMER YEARLING: 6/16 ó 9/16
- 5. EARLY SUMMER YEARLING: 2/16 ó 5/16
- 6. JUNIOR YEARLING: 10/15 ó 1/16
YEARLING AND RESERVE CHAMPION FROM CLASSES 4 THROUGH 6
- 7. SENIOR YEARLING: 6/15 ó 9/15
- 8. TWO & THREE YEAR OLD: 1/15 -5/15
SENIOR AND RESERVE CHAMPION FROM CLASSES 7 THROUGH 8
GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION

AWARD PREMIUMS:

Premiums are awarded on the Modified Danish Show

Blue - \$40.00

Red - \$30.00

White - \$20.00

All exhibitors will receive \$15.00 per animal for travel expenses.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS:

Animals will be released Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 8:30 p.m.

Each exhibitor shall understand that any animal and/or show equipment removed before release date and time will forfeit all Premium moneys and the right to show in future Breed Shows at the Florida Strawberry Festival®.

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Each exhibitor shall understand that compliance with these rules and regulations is a condition agreed upon for participation in the show.

The Florida Strawberry Festival® and the Beef Breed Committee will not be responsible in any way for sickness or accident of any nature which may occur to exhibitor or animal during activities associated with the Florida Strawberry Festival® nor will the Florida Strawberry Festival® Management and/or Beef Breed Committee be held responsible for loss, or theft of animals or implements involved in the Beef Breed Show.

Where any conflict occurs between the general rules and the special rules governing the different departments, the special rules will take precedence. The Fair Association reserves the right to construe its own rules and regulations and will determine all matters and differences in regards thereto including amendments.

Any question or protest concerning compliance with the Rules and Regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing with a \$25.00 (non-refundable) fee within 24 hours of show check-in to Show Superintendent.

Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry, hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet, etc., that the Florida Strawberry Festival® may desire.



SAFETY RULES CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND PLANT AREAS

The following rules govern all livestock shows including the plant show. It includes all areas in the festival deemed as agricultural and all locations on the Festival grounds where animals are housed.

The rules concern all participants, their families and any visitors to these areas.

These rules are based on The Center for Disease Control Guidelines for the safe operation of livestock shows.

These rules have been made policy by the Board of Directors of the Florida Strawberry Festival® and as such will be strictly enforced to ensure the festival's continued ability to provide livestock exhibitions at the Florida Strawberry Festival® in future years.

1. Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick and have actually done so.
2. Any contact with animals should always be followed by washing of your hands.
3. **There can be absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK in any form in the livestock or youth plant show areas. This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.**
4. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to educate visitors and report food and drink violations to appropriate parties.
5. No animal can be fed anything but livestock feed in appropriate containers. If an exhibitor is feeding an animal food other than livestock feed, the exhibitor has already violated Rule #3.
6. No one but the exhibitor or his/her duly appointed designee can have direct contact with the animals.
7. All animal areas will be set up so that the general public cannot directly touch the livestock.
8. These rules may change from time to time. It is the exhibitor's and guardian's responsibility to verify the rules prior to entering the show.

Each exhibitor and their legal guardian must sign a copy of these rules agreeing to be bound by them. These rules will be enforced uniformly and without exception. **Any exhibitor not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the livestock or plant show and no one will be permitted to exhibit or sell the disqualified individual's plant(s) or animal(s) at the Florida Strawberry Festival®. If a disqualified individual is exhibiting in more than one event referenced above, the individual will be disqualified from all, from the point the infraction occurs and will forfeit premiums and awards.**

We have read and understand these rules and we agree to the following as stated above.

Exhibitor's Signature	Please Print Name	Date
Parent/Legal Guardian	Please Print Name	Date

Applications to exhibit plants or animals in the 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival® will not be accepted if this statement is not signed and attached to the application to exhibit.