



## 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival® Beef Breed Show

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Located in the *Patterson Companies Livestock Arena*

**Chairperson:** Ryan Gill (813) 235-5858

**Contest open to:** Hillsborough and Polk County Youth

**Applications available:** Thursday, November 16, 2023

**Applications available at** <https://showman.app/shows#/>

**Applications due:** Friday, December 15, 2023

**Arrival of cattle:** Friday, March 8, 2024, 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Pre-assigned arrival time will be sent by email:** Friday, February 23, 2024

**Pee-Wee Showmanship:** Friday, March 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

**Showmanship:** Friday, March 8, 2024, immediately following Pee-Wee Showmanship

**Cattle Show:** Sunday, March 10, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

**Release of cattle:** Sunday, March 10, 2024, following the awards ceremony

### 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.

Committee members reserve the right to decline entry or participation to any exhibitor deemed restricted in any manor to safely partake in exhibiting cattle.

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.

### **ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible breeds: Angus, Brahman, Brangus, Beefmaster, Charolais, Chimaine, Hereford, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simmental, Ultrablack. Registered Bulls may be shown.

Commercial Heifers and Bulls (Brahman influence or English Continental influence).

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter two (2) animals. However, the Beef Breed Committee reserves the right to limit the participants to one (1) animal.

A prescreening committee will evaluate the cattle at check-in to ensure they possess the characteristics expected in breeding stock.

Exhibitors whose cattle do not meet show standards will be disqualified. Any disqualified cattle must be immediately removed.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Exhibitors must have ownership of animals by December 15, 2023.
- 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, 2023.
- C. A copy of registration papers is required on ALL purebred cattle. It is **mandatory** that copies of the registration papers be emailed to [beefbreedshow@gmail.com](mailto:beefbreedshow@gmail.com) **before Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- D. Commercial heifer and bull entries **must** have a copy of the **bill of sale or parental statement of ownership** (for bred and owned cattle) since the animal's birth (including ownership date of dam and date of birth of calf) emailed to [beefbreedshow@gmail.com](mailto:beefbreedshow@gmail.com) by March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- E. Bulls over the age of six (6) months must have a nose ring.
- F. Horned cattle with horns exceeding 1" in length will not be allowed in the show. Horns must not have sharp points or edges.
- G. Chapter/club animals may be exhibited in the Youth Beef Breed Show. Chapter/Club animals must be entered in the name of the chapter AND exhibitor. Exhibitors must be a member of the designated chapter/club and are required to show and care for the animal throughout the entire show. Exhibitors may compete in showmanship and herdsman contests.
- H. **The Beef Breed Committee reserves the right to disqualify any animals that cannot be properly managed by the exhibitor. This includes resolving 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.**



- I. All exhibitors will be required to attend, or have attended, ethics training. Completion of any Florida State Fair 2023-2024 ethics class prior to 2/1/24 will meet the requirements. Training must be completed by January 31, 2024. Training after that date will not be accepted. Training is good for 3 years. Currently verification of training can be found at <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/verify/> . Another site to use for help in locating and registering for workshops is <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/workshop/#> The Florida Strawberry Festival will be holding an ethics course on December 2, 2023.
- J. **All 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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability) and [www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry)**

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

- Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (Health Certificate by licensed veterinarian)
- Identification Device "Tag" (Tag, tattoo, vac tag, premise id tag, etc...)

In the event of the Florida Strawberry Festival® or government-imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibition or sale at the Florida Strawberry Festival®, the Florida Strawberry Festival®/Beef Breed Show Committee 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 exhibition 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 required through the Showman App.**
- B. They are available online beginning November 16, 2023 at <https://showman.app/shows#/>
- C. Entries close **Friday, December 15, 2023.**
- D. **Entry forms must be filled out and submitted electronically.**
- E. For applications to be complete, a signed copy of the Safety Waiver and a copy of the bill of sale/verification of ownership/registration papers must be emailed to [beefbreedshow@gmail.com](mailto:beefbreedshow@gmail.com).
- F. Preassigned arrival times will be emailed on Friday, February 23, 2024. **All exhibitors must check-in with the Beef Breed Committee upon arrival by their assigned time 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 tie spots 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 necktie **AT ALL TIMES.**
- E. 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. No outside fitters are permitted to groom animals.**
- G. **On the night of Showmanship and Day of the Show, each exhibitor will be issued 2 arm band passes - one for the exhibitor and one for a parent or guardian. Prior to initial entry, the exhibitor must provide the name of the parent, guardian, or approved sibling, selected to help. No one, other than those approved and issued an arm band, uniformed law enforcement officers, or Florida Strawberry Festival Officials, will be allowed in the barn immediately prior to and during the Shows. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE SHOW THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN PARENTS, APPROVED SIBLINGS, OR THOSE APPOINTED BY THE FESTIVAL, HELP EXHIBITORS RESTRAIN AND MANAGE ANIMALS. THE USE OF BLOWER, COMBS, OR BRUSHES MUST BE BY THE EXHIBITORS OR HELPER (PARENT OR DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN). The Beef Breed Show committee will provide help for exhibitors whose parents, or approved sibling, are unable to assist physically.**
- H. Wheel barrels and pitch forks will be provided by the Festival. You may bring your own pitch forks.
- I. Grooming chutes are provided by the Festival. Outside grooming chutes are not allowed.
  - There is a limited number of chutes available. Please be considerate of others when using grooming chutes to allow all exhibitors an opportunity to fit their animal(s).
- J. No vehicles will be allowed on the grounds.
- K. No generators will be allowed.
- L. **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 result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s), and loss of premium(s), awards, and show privileges, at the discretion of the Beef Breed Committee.

Presence of exhibitors without permission in exhibit area or on the fairgrounds be considered unbecoming conduct.

## **TAMPERING**

Tampering with any animal entered is prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification. This includes filling with water and/or any foreign substances and using or possessing tranquilizers after arrival at the Festival will be construed as a form of tampering.

## FOOD



**ABSOLUTELY NO COOLERS, FOOD, OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOW ARENA OR THE LIVESTOCK BARN**



Exhibitors, or anyone associated with the exhibitor, in possession of any food or drinks (including empty food/drink containers), or cooking devices, in the show arena or livestock barns will, at the discretion of the General Manager of the Florida Strawberry Festival® and/or the Beef Breed Committee, result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s) and loss of premiums, awards and show privileges.

An outside, covered picnic area will be available for exhibitors and families to store coolers and snacks for the duration of the show.

### **PEE-WEE SHOWMANSHIP**

- A. Children 3-7-years of age can participate in Pee-Wee Showmanship.
- B. Each child must be accompanied by an exhibitor or adult in the show 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.
- E. Sign-up will be all day on Friday. You must find an animal that is in the barn to use with permission from the exhibitor.
- F. Safety Waivers must be completed before the pee-wee can enter the showring.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

- A. Each exhibitor is required to show their own entry.
- B. Official dress is required for all exhibitors. Each exhibitor is required to be clean, neat, and dressed in the official dress of the association or organization they are showing under. If you have questions about what official dress should be worn, please contact us at [beefbreedshow@gmail.com](mailto:beefbreedshow@gmail.com). Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.
- C. No caps or other paraphernalia will be allowed on exhibitors or animals.
- D. **Age Division for showmanship is as follows:**
  - ◆ 8-11 years old- Junior Division
  - ◆ 12-14 years old – Intermediate Division
  - ◆ 15 years old & up- Senior Division

## **CATTLE SHOW**

There will be separate classes for each of the major breeds and commercial heifers.

Any breed represented by less than 5 animals will be required to exhibit in a class designated as “Other Breed” (AOB) classes. Classes will be determined after all entries are received and animals are checked in. Animals over 3-years of age after January 1, 2024 will not be permitted. Breed classes may be changed for the betterment of the show at the discretion of the Beef Breed Committee.

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

### **Bred & Owned Class: Exhibitors must be the breeders and the first continuous owner.**

- Exhibitor must mark their animal as a Bred & Owned at time of entry to be eligible to compete in that division. – EXHIBITOR MUST be Breeder, 1<sup>st</sup> and Continuous owner!
- If a protest is made about the validity of the animal being bred & owned, we will contact that exhibitor/family. If proof is provided that the animal is NOT in fact a bred & owned (i.e. – pictures, sale catalogs, proof of purchase) then the animal will be disqualified from the show. The exhibitor will forfeit their right to enter a bred & owned animal at ANY future Florida Strawberry Festival® Beef Breed Shows.
- If you have questions on our Bred & Owned class, please contact Ryan Gill, or email us at [beefbreedshow@gmail.com](mailto:beefbreedshow@gmail.com).



### **BEEF BREED & COMMERCIAL HEIFER CLASSES**

1. JUNIOR CALF: 6/23 - 9/23
2. INTERMEDIATE CALF: 2/23 – 5/23
3. SENIOR CALF: 10/22 – 1/23  
CALF AND RESERVE CHAMPION FROM CLASSES 1 THROUGH 3
4. LATE SUMMER YEARLING: 6/22-9/22
5. EARLY SUMMER YEARLING: 2/22 - 5/22
6. JUNIOR YEARLING: 10/21- 1/22  
YEARLING AND RESERVE CHAMPION FROM CLASSES 4 THROUGH 6
7. SENIOR YEARLING: 6/21-9/21
8. TWO & THREE YEAR OLD: 1/21-5/21  
SENIOR AND RESERVE CHAMPION FROM CLASSES 7 THROUGH 8  
GRAND AND RESERVE

### **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 CATTLE**

All cattle will be released Sunday, March 10, 2024, after the awards ceremony.

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.

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.

