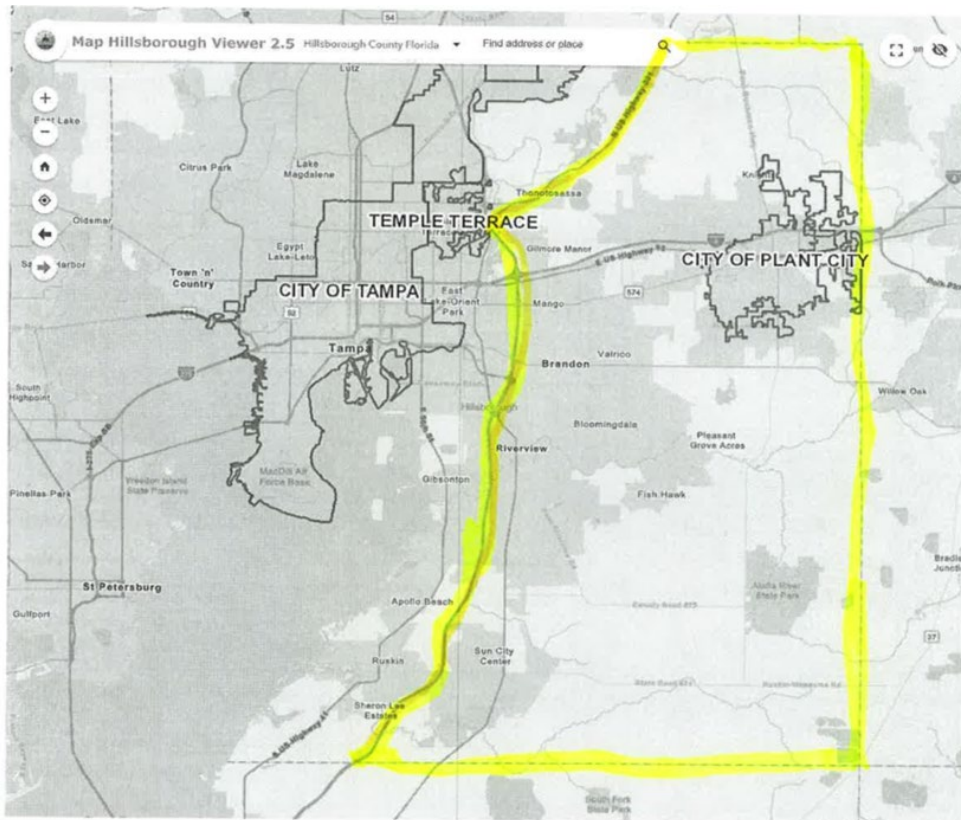


FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2027 SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. EXHIBITORS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ® MOSAIC STEER SHOW AND SALE AND THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ® MOSAIC SWINE SHOW AND SALE THE SAME YEAR
2. ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED by Thursday, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, AT 4:00 PM
3. All exhibitors must be Hillsborough County bona-fide FFA, YLPA, or 4H Organization members and must be 8 years of age by January 1st, 2027, through 12th grade.
4. All exhibitors must reside in Hillsborough County within the following boundaries.



BOUNDARY CHANGE**

All applicants and potential exhibitors for the Florida Strawberry Festival Swine show shall be restricted to the following boundaries. Exhibitors must live and house their project within the boundaries defined in these rules as stated:

All Exhibitors must reside and house swine projects East of Interstate 75 from the South Hillsborough County Line, extending North to US 301 and then Northeast on 301 to the northern county line of Hillsborough County. Boundaries will be still limited to Hillsborough County residents in this Eastern identified boundary. Proof of Residency and Address of each swine project shall be provided to the Swine committee at the time of application.

5. Exhibitor must be single, never having been married, and never having borne or fathered a child.
6. Anyone who has graduated or expelled from school shall be ineligible to enter the Swine Show or Sale. Physical condition of entrants which may result in physical danger to the exhibitor or others may result in the rejection of an entry or disqualification from the Swine Show and Sale.
7. **Entrant shall conform to the following standards in academics: INITIAL ENTRY: At the time of initial entry, September 3, 2026, the exhibitor must have received a 2.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR. FAILURE OF TWO (2) OR MORE SUBJECTS DURING THE PRECEDING SEMESTER WILL DISQUALIFY THE exhibitor. SEMESTER EXAMS ARE CONSIDERED IN CALCULATING SEMESTER GRADES. ONLY ONE REPORT CARD WILL BE TURNED IN FROM THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR. A computer-generated report card that exhibits grade for the preceding school year is acceptable evidence. If a change is made after the computer-generated report card is issued, a transcript denoting that such change has been officially recorded must be presented with the entry form. Enrollment in a "make-up" or "forgiveness" class that has not been completed PRIOR to the initial entry does not constitute an official grade change. Summer School or Virtual School Grades awarded after the end of the 2025-2026 Hillsborough County School Year may not be used in calculating grades. Only Virtual School courses concluded, and final grades recorded, during the 2025-2026 Hillsborough County School Year will be included in the calculation of grades. Summer school or classes started or finished outside of the 2025-2026 school year will not be accepted.**
- ***NOTE***STUDENTS MUST TAKE A COMBINATION OF 4 COURSES TO INCLUDE: VIRTUAL OR HOME-SCHOOL AND TRADITIONAL CLASSES DURING THE QUALIFYING SEMESTER. The virtual school Transcript must reflect a 2.0 or greater for all credit awarded during the school year. A Virtual School Transcript must be provided at the same time as all other report cards. Students taking both virtual and traditional school and are less than full-time in traditional MUST include both official documents. Your Virtual School Grade Transcript must be obtained from the Data Processing Clerk from your assigned high school, signed and documented. Students enrolled in dual enrollment classes must provide proof of a 2.0 grade in each dual enrolled class at the time of weigh- in if this is one of your five required classes. All students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. We have provided accommodation through the school district approved IEP's and 504 plans. Exhibitors must be actively enrolled in the 2026-2027 school year and must not be graduated prior to January 31st, 2027.
8. If an exhibitor has shown a Grand Champion twice at the Florida Strawberry Festival Mosaic Swine Show and Sale, he/she will be ineligible to participate as an exhibitor in the Swine Show and Sale again.

SHOW & SALE

9. On the nights of the show and sale each exhibitor will be issued 2 arm band passes. One for the exhibitors and one for the parent or guardian. Prior to the 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 show and sale. **IT IS 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 SWINE committee will provide help for exhibitors whose parents, or approved siblings, are unable to assist physically.
10. **OFFICIAL DRESS DURING THE SHOW AND THE SALE IS REQUIRED. OFFICIAL DRESS FOR FFA IS AS DEFINED. IN THE OFFICIAL MANUAL (Note comments below regarding shoes & pants). OTHER AGRICULTURAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION MEMBERS MUST WEAR EITHER BLACK, WHITE, OR GREEN PANTS (NO JEANS); A WHITE SHIRT WHICH MUST HAVE LONG SLEEVES- UNLESS A GREEN SWEATER OR JACKET OF 4-H COLORS IS WORN, AND A BLACK OR GREEN TIE OR SCARF. SKIRTS FOR LADIES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. ATHLETIC SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. BOOTS ARE ACCEPTABLE, THOUGH NOT REQUIRED. A 4-H GREEN JACKET, SWEATER, OR VEST IS PREFERRED FOR 4-H MEMBERS.**

11. NO CAPS, HATS, GLITTER, OR OTHER PARAPHERNALIA (OTHER THAN OFFICIAL PLACING RIBBONS) WILL BE ALLOWED TO DECORATE SWINE OR BE WORN BY EXHIBITORS IN THE SHOW RING DURING THE SHOW OR SALE.

12. EXHIBITORS MUST EXHIBIT AND SELL HIS/HER ANIMAL. IT IS THE MANAGEMENT'S INTENT TO CONSIDER WAIVING THIS REQUIREMENT ONLY IN THE EVENT A MEDICAL EMERGENCY ARISES.

13. The Grand Champion holds the esteem of the Show. Therefore, bids on other swine in the Show (Sale) must be at least 10 cents a pound less than the price bid for the Grand Champion Swine.

14. Presence of an exhibitor in the swine exhibit area during hours when the swine exhibit is closed will be considered unbecoming conduct (except for animal medical emergency). Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the Fairgrounds. Profanity in the show ring by the exhibitor will result in a \$250 fine or disqualification. Profanity at any event associated with the Swine Show could result in disqualification.

15. In the event of an Emergency (defined below) that results in the Florida Strawberry Festival Board of Directors necessarily canceling any show or sale considered a part of the "Livestock Area Events" (defined below), the Exhibitor agrees to hold the Festival harmless for any financial or other loss by the exhibitor that occurs as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s) or plant(s) at the Florida Strawberry Festival. 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 Florida Strawberry Festival and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal. "Livestock Area Events" currently includes the Swine Show and Sale, the Steer Show and Sale, the Plant Show and Sale, the Dairy Cattle Show, the Sheep Show, the Poultry Show, the Rabbit Show, the Beef Breeds Show, and events associated with the aforementioned shows and/or sales. "Emergency" refers to any National, State, Local occurrence or occurrences that results in the cancellation of Livestock Area Events normally taking place during the Florida Strawberry Festival. The cancellation may be dictated by National, State, or Local government agencies that have the authority to decree such cancellations to protect the safety of patrons and/or participants or quarantines necessary to protect animal and human health. The Board of Directors of the Florida Strawberry Festival also reserves the right to cancel all Livestock Area Events that, in the Board's sole discretion, threatens the health and/or safety of the patrons or participant in the event.

16. 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 the possession of the tranquilizers at the Fair, will be construed as a form of tampering. **THIS ALSO REFERS TO ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL THAT MAY EFFECT THE ANIMALS DURING THE FESTIVAL SHOW PERIOD.** Tampering will result in disqualification and immediate removal of the swine from the festival grounds.

17. All entries must weigh over 200 pounds. Entries should also make quality grade specifications of at least USDA No. 2 market swine. Any inferior quality swine will be sifted at weigh-in by the Sifting Committee.

18. After arrival at the festival, no medications, topical or internal, may be administered to animals UNLESS it is done by a licensed veterinarian AND monitored and approved by a Swine Committee member.

19. Official Record Books will be kept on all animals.

20. All exhibitors must hold a current Youth Livestock and Show Ring Ethics (Florida State Fair) certification number:

- ❖ Ethics classes must be completed before February 2, 2027.
- ❖ Ethics information about classes can be found at <http://FloridaStateFairAg.com>
- ❖ Ethics numbers are normally good for 3 fair seasons.
- ❖ Ethics numbers are not required for initial application, but must be completed before February 2, 2026, no exceptions
- ❖ Ethics numbers must be submitted with the final record book, failure to complete will disqualify the exhibitor.

21. Official record books will be kept on all animals.

22. You will be given the official book at tag in. MUST BE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting by letter at least five (5) potential buyers one week in advance of the show. Copies of letters must be turned in with the record book at the time of check in.

23. Exhibitors must furnish feeding and watering implements and care for their animals and pens during the festival and are responsible for their swine until notified. No feeding implements may be removed until then. Any exhibitor neglecting feed and caring for their hog or failure to have someone else care for the animal will be red tagged.

- ❖ First Red Tag will be a warning notice,
- ❖ Second Red Tag will be \$100.00 fine,
- ❖ Third Red Tag will be \$100.00 fine, and exhibitor will be disqualified and barred from competition for the following year also.

24. Hair should be clipped no shorter than 3/4" in length. Hair should be no longer than 1 – 1 ½ "in length.

25. Servicing animals in the livestock area must be done between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. **NO VEHICLES ON FESTIVAL GROUND.**

26. No knives, clippers or scissors allowed -- all clippings done prior to arrival.

27. No powder or oil may be used in the process of grooming.

28. A letter of thanks must be sent to the buyer within two (2) weeks after the sale. A copy of this letter will be delivered to Show Management before payment is made to the exhibitor. Exhibitors should send a thank you letter to all add-ons. Mail or hand deliver copy of buyer letter(s) to; Swine Show, Florida Strawberry Festival, Attn: KellieAnne Kirkland, P.O. Drawer 1869, Plant City, FL 33564-1869.

29. It is the intent of the festival that **CHECKS** will be sent to exhibitors **AFTER** payments for hogs and add-ons have been made. Dispersal of money to the exhibitor will be made no later than June 1st if possible. Any add-ons not received by June 1st shall not be paid to the exhibitor from the festival, and the responsibility of collection shall be with the exhibitor. Add-ons for rejected hogs will not be collected by the festival.

30. Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor or anyone associated with the exhibitor will at the discretion of management, result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the swine and the exhibitor from the fairgrounds with the loss of premiums, awards, show privileges, and sale privileges. The presence of an exhibitor in the swine exhibit area during hours when the swine exhibit is closed will be considered unbecoming conduct. Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the fairgrounds.

31. No swill or garbage fed swine will be accepted.

32. Animals may be auctioned only 1 time. Any other financial support offered to exhibitors must be through a Strawberry Festival Add-on or paid directly to the exhibitor.

33. Entries will be divided into classes by weight after check-in.

34. Swine intended for the Florida Strawberry Festival shall be cared for and housed by the exhibitor.

- ❖ Swine must be housed on exhibitors' property, unless otherwise approved by the committee chairman.
- ❖ Movement from the designated location must be pre-approved by the swine committee chairman.

35. Swine Committee members are authorized to inspect the housing and care for animals entered in the Swine Show.

36. Any questions or protests concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of check-in to the Swine Show Committee. Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be vested in Show Management and the Florida Strawberry Festival, and their decision will be final.

37. Those selected for the competition who fail to appear with their hog at tag-in will forfeit the privilege of showing the following year.

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

39. Buyers acknowledge that the purchase price of an animal at any Florida Strawberry Festival® livestock sale is for the purchase of the carcass only and the value thereof shall not exceed the wholesale value of the carcass purchased or one of similar quality and grade. Such value is ordinarily determined prior to the sale and generally referred to as the "resale value."

**2027 EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT
TO BE INCLUDED WITH SWINE ENTRY FORM**

1. I understand that no food may be consumed by the exhibitors or family members, or those associated with me during the Swine Show, in the livestock tent and understand that disqualification is the penalty for not complying with this rule. Food or drink products are not permitted in the livestock work areas.
2. I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS. (A separate copy is attached to the list of rules.)
3. I have also read and understand Rule 2 and 23, which refers to possible quarantine.
4. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or steer in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida Strawberry Festival®. Examples of possible use are, but not limited to, pictures of Grand and Reserve Champion exhibitors for buyers and sponsor thank you advertisement, pictures and/or video of exhibitors used by the Florida Strawberry Festival® for publicity, and pictures by the news media used to recognize the steer show and/or sale.
5. I agree that the exhibitor can perform the tasks of care and grooming and will adhere to the remainder of this paragraph. The Florida Strawberry Festival® Swine Show & Sale exists for youth as described in this application. Assistance from parents and/or legal guardians is encouraged. Though assistance is encouraged, care and grooming of the animal, especially in the hours just prior to the Show and Sale, is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Assistance from parents, or others, is restricted to aiding in movement and basic care of the animal while it is being prepared for show. Only one person will be allowed to assist on the nights of the show and sale and that person will be a parent, legal guardian, sibling if a parent or legal guardian is physically unable to assist. If a parent, legal guardian, or sibling is physically unable to assist, the chairman of the swine committee may appoint assistance, if needed. Requests for consideration must be made prior to final entry.
6. I understand that the use of profanity at any event related to the Florida Strawberry Festival® Swine Show by me may result in disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums.

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

OFFICIAL PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

THE FESTIVAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER PREMIUMS AND AWARDS, DELETE CATEGORIES, CHANGE SPONSORSHIPS, OR ADD ADDITIONAL AWARDS. THE EXHIBITOR OF THE CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE ONE PREMIUM CHECK ONLY AND THAT WILL BE FOR THE HIGHEST AWARD WON.
PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

Grand Champion of Show \$300, trophy, rosette Reserve Grand Champion \$225, trophy, rosette

Class Champion \$25, plaque Second in each class \$20, ribbon

Third, through remaining classes \$15, ribbon

The William R. McClelland family will present plaques to the buyers of the Grand and Reserve Champions.

BUYERS PLAQUE

In Honor of Bill McClelland Sponsored by: CIF Distributing

Grand Champion: Plaque
Reserve Grande Champion: Plaque

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Sponsored by: Farm Credit of Central Florida, ACA

Senior Division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Intermediate division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Junior Division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Sponsored by: **TBD**

Senior Division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Intermediate division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Junior Division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

HERDSMAN AWARD

Senior Division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Intermediate division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Junior Division:

1. \$30.00, Plaque
2. \$20.00, Plaque
3. \$15.00, Plaque

Show management reserves the right to withhold any or all the Herdsman Awards if they are not merited by virtue of superior housekeeping. The exhibits and exhibitors will be judged daily by a committee selected by Show Management. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Orderliness and cleanliness of service areas, stalls, pens, steers, and public walkways.
- ❖ Cooperation with Show Officials in presenting attractive exhibits and show area.
- ❖ Personal appearance of the exhibitor.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD

Sponsored by: Poppell Insurance, Inc.

Senior Division: \$100, trophy
Intermediate Division: \$100, trophy
Junior Division: \$100, trophy

The recipient of this award is to be selected based on cumulative scores from the Record Book, Herdsman and Showmanship. This award will be an overall exhibitor's award. Ties will be determined by Placings, points in Record Book then Showmanship then Herdsman. The Premier Exhibitor will be calculated on the following basis:

Record Book:

1st = 3 points
2nd = 2 points
3rd = 1 point

Showmanship Award:

1st = 3 points
2nd = 2 points
3rd = 1 point

Herdsman Award:

1st = 3 points
2nd = 2 points
3rd = 1 point

2027 LIVESTOCK BANQUET

2026-2027 Florida Strawberry Festival Swine Committee:

Brian Shepherd: Swine Committee Chair

The Steer and Swine Show premiums and awards will be given at the Livestock Banquet on April 27th, 2027, at 6pm the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena. The festival reserves the right to change the date and/or location. Tickets are provided for exhibitors and exhibitors' parents. The committee, sponsors, and buyers are invited and will not need tickets to enter. Additional tickets will be \$10.00 each. No awards will be given other than those listed in the official rules or deemed appropriate by the Steer & Swine Committee Chairmen. No flyers advertising awards (other than the official banquet program or official banquet sponsors), events, or any business will be allowed on tables. Official Club Dress will be required. No hats will be worn during the Banquet. Parents and guests should dress appropriately.

*****NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT THIS LIST CHANGES, THE CHANGES WILL BE MADE ON THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION WHICH WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.**

2026-2027 SWINE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jim Jefferies
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J.D Cauley
Kevin Layton
Dane Hamilton
Pam Walden
Mike Dry
Stephany Brower
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