DAIRY SHOW

March 4 – March 7

Sponsored by **Grove Equipment Service, Inc.**

Located in the

LIVESTOCK ARENA

Chairperson: Suzanne Churchwell (813) 956-4034
Contest open to see #1 below
Application registration begins: Sunday, November 1st, 2026
Application deadline: Friday, January 15th, 2027
Applications also on: www.flstrawberryfestival.com
Arrival of animals: Thursday, March 4, 2027, 7:00a.m.

Mandatory Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2027, 4:00 p.m.

Dairy Contestant Judging Contest: Friday, March 5th, 1:00 p.m.
Showmanship: Saturday, March 6th, 10:30 a.m.
Show Judging: Saturday, March 6th, 1:00 p.m.
Adult Showmanship: Sunday, March 7th, 11:00 a.m.
Pee Wee showmanship: Sunday, March 7th, 11:30 a.m.
Costume ball: Sunday, March 7th, 12:30 p.m.
Release of animals: Sunday, March 7th, 5:00 p.m.

Students from Hillsborough, Polk, Pasco, Manatee & Sumter Counties are eligible to participate in this show. In the event that more entry numbers are received than show management can accommodate, entries may be limited at the discretion of the show committee. Other counties may petition the committee for entries, providing there is available space. Email Suzanne Churchwell at sujose2000@aol.com for consideration.

RULESAND REGULATIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY: (A) Any youth actively enrolled in a Hillsborough, Polk, Pasco Manatee & Sumter County School not having graduated from the 12th grade may exhibit. (B) Exhibitors not exceeding 21 years of age, or students actively engaged in agricultural career or post-secondary education may exhibit animals, at the discretion of the committee.
Post-grads are not eligible for some special awards.

1a. Entrants shall conform to the following standards in academics and conduct. "SUMMER SCHOOL" grades may not be calculated in GPA determination. An "Official" report card is acceptable evidence.
FINAL ENTRY: At the time of final entry, March 4, 2027, the exhibitor must have received a 2.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE PRECEDING SEMESTER.
Exceptions are:
Exhibitors in grades 7-9 may use cumulative grades beginning with grade 6 and exhibitors in grades 10-12 may use cumulative grades beginning with grade 9.

SEMESTER EXAMS ARE CONSIDERED IN CALCULATING SEMESTER GRADES. **FAILURE OF MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT DURING THE 1ST SEMESTER OF 2026 - 2027 WILL DISQUALIFY THE EXHIBITOR.** An "Official" report card is acceptable evidence.
SEMESTER report cards **MUST** be available for check-in.

1b. All exhibitors will be required to attend, or have attended, ethics training. **The Florida Strawberry Festival will provide training at the Festival on December 5, 2026.** Completion of any Florida State Fair 2025-2026 ethics class prior to 2/1/27 will meet the requirements.
Training must be completed by February 1st, 2027. Training after that date will not be accepted. Training is good for 3 years. Current 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/#

OWNERSHIP : All Chapter or Club animals must be entered in an exhibitor's name in order to acquire tickets. The Registration/ Grade/Lease papers may be in the Chapter or Club name. Exhibitors must have ownership or official 4-H or FFA lease papers of animals by December 1, 2026.

Only female animals may be exhibited. They must show breed character of their respective breed(s).

They must be of five (5) major breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, or Jersey. Registered and Grade animals will compete together. Each exhibitor may NOT show more than TWO animals in the same class.

Health rules are in accordance with state requirements.

1. In the event of government or Florida Strawberry Festival® imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibit or sale of 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, 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 the loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.

2. All animals will be checked by state inspectors upon arrival with health certificates and trailer certificates on Thursday, March 4, 7 am – 9 am. Animals will be released on Sunday, March 7, 2027 at 5 p.m.

3. Showmanship will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 6, 2027, followed by Classes at 1:00 p.m. **All contestants must show their own animals** in the showmanship class. This excludes PeeWee Showmanship.

4. BEDDING: Official bedding will be on sand. Straw may be used by exhibitors, but it must be removed from the beds before animals can be released on Sunday March 7, 2027.

5. Feed, hay and straw brought into the barns will be limited to a one-day supply due to limited space.

6. Exhibitors will supply all needs of their animals. Exhibitors will be required to see that their animals are attended to and kept clean. All stalls and animals will be presentable by 10 a.m. The Superintendent and his assistants will insist on this.

7. Any stalls/animals not presentable, as determined by the Dairy Committee, by 10 a.m. will be red tagged. Two red tags will result in a $25 deduction in premiums. Every additional red tag will result in an additional $5 deduction in premiums.

8. 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 and loss of premium(s), awards, and show privileges. Presence of exhibitors without permission in the exhibit area or on the fairgrounds during the hours when the exhibit is closed will be considered unbecoming conduct.

9. A picnic area with picnic tables will be provided for lunches for exhibitors. Coolers can be stored in the picnic area. Absolutely no food or drinks will be allowed in the livestock areas. This includes exhibitors and their families as well as visitors. Any exhibitor or their family member(s) caught with food or drink in the livestock areas will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s), loss of premiums, and loss of show privileges.

10. Only exhibitors with permission will be allowed in the exhibit area or on the fairgrounds during the hours when the exhibit is closed.

11. Management reserves the right to not accept an animal for entry into, or for participation in the show due to its physical condition.

12. Animals can be milked with the Festival's milking machine. If you bring your own milking machine, animals must be milked in the grooming area. There will be NO milking in the beds.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR TO PROVIDE ANY VETERINARY CARE OF THEIR ANIMAL.

Letters will be sent two weeks prior to the show to detail how and where to enter the Festival grounds. This is also your confirmation of receipt of your entry. If there are questions prior to this time, please call Suzanne Churchwell, (813) 956-4034.

Check-in time with the Dairy Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on March 4, 2027. Do not leave the grounds until your animals are checked-in by the Dairy Committee. Registration Papers, Report Cards, and signed Safety Rules are required.

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.

CLASSES

1. Junior Heifer Calf, born after September 1, 2026
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf, born June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026
3. Senior Heifer Calf, born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
4. Winter Yearling, born Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
5. Junior Yearling, born September 1, 2025- Nov. 30, 2025
6. Intermediate Yearling, born June 1, 2025- August 31, 2025
7. Senior Yearling, born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025 *Yearlings in milk will be shown as two-year old's.
8. Junior Champion – Rosette/Award
9. Reserve Junior Champion – Rosette
10. Two-Year-Old, born March 1, 2024- February 28, 2025
11. Three-Year-Old Cow, born March 1, 2023- February 28, 2024
12. Cows Four Years Old and Older, born before March 1, 2023
13. Senior Champion – Rosette/ Award
14. Reserve Senior Champion - Rosette
15. Grand Champion - Rosette/Award
16. Reserve Grand Champion - Rosette
17. All Breeds Grand Champion - Jacket
18. Premier Exhibitor - Director's Chair
19. Junior All Breeds Bred-by Exhibitor (Classes 1 thru 7) - Trophy
20. Senior All Breeds Bred-by Exhibitor (Classes 10 thru 12) - Trophy

NOTE: Classes subject to change by management, if needed, to facilitate a better show.
Only Blue-Ribbon Winners will be eligible for Champion Competition.

PREMIUMS ON MODIFIED DANISH SHOW

Blue - $50.00 Red - $40.00 White - $30.00

All exhibitors will receive $5.00 per animal per day they exhibit plus premiums. Lactating cows will receive an additional $20.00.

SHOWMANSHIP

Novice Showmanship - (any age may participate, first year showing dairy)
1st Place Trophy / Rosette
1st - $25.00 2nd - $20.00 3rd - $15.00 4th - $10.00 5th - $5.00

Junior Division - (10 and under) 1st Place
Trophy / Rosette

1st - $25.00 2nd - $20.00 3rd - $15.00 4th - $10.00 5th - $5.00

Intermediate Division - (11 to 13 years old)
1st Place Trophy / Rosette
1st - $25.00 2nd - $20.00 3rd - $15.00 4th - $10.00 5th - $5.00

Senior Division - (14 and over)
1st Place Trophy / Rosette
1st - $25.00 2nd - $20.00 3rd - $15.00 4th - $10.00 5th - $5.00

HERDSMAN - *Senior Division*
1st Place Trophy
1st.....$25.00 2nd.....$15.00 3rd.....$10.00

HERDSMAN - *Junior Division*
1st Place Trophy
1st.....$25.00 2nd.....$15.00 3rd.....$10.00

SPECIAL AWARDS

***Premier Exhibitor Award*:** A winner will be determined at the end of the Dairy Show. Premier exhibitor is based upon points earned from the top five animals from each exhibitor and placing in showmanship.

Premier Showmanship Award: 1st place Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmen will compete for the Premier Showmanship Award. After Premier Showmanship is awarded, the other two showmen will receive show halters.

The Richard Kahelin All-Breeds Champion Award: The five Grand Champions will compete for this award.

Grand Champion: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey and Jersey and Holstein Grand Champions will receive an award.

Charlie Hunter Memorial Junior/Senior Sportsmanship Award: Individuals showing good sportsmanship both in the show ring and in the barn, setting forth an example of exemplary conduct and assisting Dairy Show management will be considered for this award.

Junior All Breeds Bred-by Exhibitor Award: Animals of all five breeds entered in Classes 1 - 7, owned and bred-by the exhibitor will compete for this trophy.

Senior All Breeds Bred-by Exhibitor Award: Animals of all five breeds entered in Classes 9 - 12, owned and bred-by the exhibitor will compete for this trophy.

ENTRIES CLOSE: JANUARY 15, 2027

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.FLSTRAWBERRYFESTIVAL.COM

MAIL ALL ENTRY FORMS TO: Suzanne Churchwell
4851 Dixon Acres Trail
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 956-4034

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DAIRY COSTUME BALL

Sunday, March 7, 2027, at 12:30 p.m. Livestock Arena

Costume Ball registration forms will be handed out when registering animals on Thursday, March 4, 2027. They will be completely filled out and returned to the Dairy Committee by Saturday, March 6, 2027, 4:00 p.m.

DIVISIONS

1. Overall, 2. Funniest 3. Prettiest 4. Most Original 5. Most Colorful

DAIRY CONTESTANT JUDGING CONTEST
ENTRY FORM REQUIRED FOR CONTEST

Located in the

Livestock Arena

Chairperson: Suzanne Churchwell (813) 956-4034

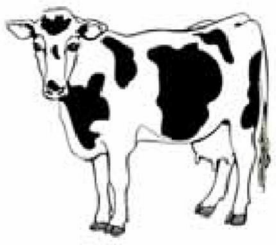
Contest: Friday, March 5th, 2027 1:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., on the day of contest

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1. Open to student teams and/or individuals.
2. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the contest
3. Individuals judging in 4-H: Ages for juniors are 13 years and under as of 9/1/2026 and ages for seniors are 14 years and over as of 9/1/2026.

AWARDS

Team Competition -	FFA Division: Middle School Division: 1st Place Award	4-H Division: Junior Division: 1st Place Award
	Senior Division: 1st Place Award	Senior Division: 1st Place Award
High Individual FFA Division -	Senior Division: 1st Place Portfolio	Middle School Division: 1st Place Portfolio
High Individual 4-H Division -	Senior Division: 1st Place Portfolio	Junior Division 1st Place Portfolio



2027 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®
DAIRY SHOW

Located in the PATTERSON COMPANIES **Livestock Arena**

Application registration begins Sunday, November 1, 2026
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: Friday, January 15, 2027
Late entries cannot be guaranteed tickets for the show
SUBSTITUTIONS ARE ALLOWED

EXHIBITOR'S NAME:_____ PHONE NO.:_____

ADDRESS:_____ EXHIBITOR'S AGE_____
(Street) (City) (Zip) (As of 9/1/26)

CHAPTER/CLUB NAME:_____

ADVISOR/LEADER'SNAME:_____ Email:

PLEASE CHECK ONE:_____Postgraduate _____Student _____Other

T-SHIRT SIZE: Y_____ A_____ ETHICS CLASS #_____

USE ONE LINE PER ANIMAL BELOW - PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY
INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED FOR COMPLETION

Name of Animal	Breed (A, B, G, H, J	D.O.B.	RFID #	Class #
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

ABSOLUTELY NO COOLERS, FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE LIVESTOCK PAVILLIONS OR ARENA

I have read and understand these rules and by signing this application, I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Florida Strawberry Festival® Dairy Show.

_____
(Signature of Exhibitor) (Date)

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Suzanne Churchwell
4851 Dixon Acres Trail
Plant City, FL 33567

Do not send Registration papers or Report Cards. Use an additional form if needed for more entries.

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 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. <u>This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.</u>**
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 theses 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 andawards.

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 2025 Florida Strawberry Festival® will not be accepted if this statement is not signed and attached to the application to exhibit.

Hold Harmless Agreement

In the event of an Emergency (defined below) that results in the Florida Strawberry Festival Board of Directors necessarily cancelling 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 to 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 of the event.

Florida Strawberry Festival
DAIRY SHOW
March 4 – March 7, 2027

Important Dates/Times:

Entries Close on January 15, 2027

March 4, 2027: Arrival 7am Mandatory
Exhibitor Meeting 4pm **March 4, 2027**
Judging Contest 1pm

March 6, 2027: Showmanship 10:30am
Show Judging 1pm

Pizza Party/Ice Cream Social 6pm

March 6, 2027 : Adult Showmanship 11am

Peewee Showmanship 11:30am
Costume Ball 12:30pm
Animal Release 5:00pm

Stay up to date!
Join our Remind Group:
Text @fsfdairy
To 81010