

Pen of Meat

RABBIT



Rules & Regulations for the 2012 Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale

1. This category is only open to Exhibitors who are **NOT** participating in a Steer or Swine project this year.



2. Exhibitors must be at least 5 years old on September 1, **2011**. Exhibitors must not have graduated from high school. Exhibitors must be enrolled in and attending a school, at the time of the show and sale. Exceptions can be made for youth graduating early (i.e. December) of the project year. Only youth within the above age group, who are enrolled in a Hernando County 4-H or FFA Club/Chapter, (*in good standing*), will be eligible to enter the Pen of Meat Show & Sale.

- Anyone actively showing livestock in another County Fair, other than open shows, will **not** be allowed to enter an animal in the Hernando County Fair, unless it's something that the Hernando County Fair does not offer. . (The only exception will be the State Fair).
- Exhibitors to Hernando County from other counties must submit a letter to the Livestock Committee, expressing their reason for wanting to show in Hernando and not their County of residence. Approval may be allowed, after the HCFAYLC has contacted the County in which they reside, and verified the reasons to be true and justified. (*If you have submitted a letter previously, and it was approved by the HCFAYLC, then that letter will suffice through your high school graduation*).



3. A Pen of Meat consists of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Rabbits should be of equal size littermates, and none over seven pounds in weight, and no older than 110 days and no younger than 60 days as of show date, (April 7, 2012). Rabbits can be opposite or same sex. All rabbits must be brought to the Hernando County Fairgrounds on April 5, 2012 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for check in.

4. **Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves.** (Only one entry per exhibitor/club/chapter).



5. All Pen of Meat Animals must be at the fairgrounds on the date and time designated by the HCFAYLC for Fair Check-in. Youth exhibitors registering the animals **MUST** be present at check-in.

Fair Check-in:

April 5, 2012 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



6. The Hernando County Fair Association Youth Livestock Committee will provide pens for this event. However, due to space availability, pre-registration is required. If no more than three entries are received, there will NOT be a show for this category.

Exhibitors MUST provide a box for transportation of Rabbits from Fair to Buyer.



7. Entry Forms are attached to the last page of the Rules and Regulations packet.

- There is a \$10.00 non-refundable entry fee for each Pen of Meat exhibitor.
- Entry Form **MUST** be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012.
(Entries must be postmarked by this date for acceptance).

8. Mailing address for submitting Pre-registration Entry Forms and Entry Fee is:

Hernando County Fairgrounds - P.O. Box 10456 - Brooksville, FL 34603

9. No sick or diseased animals will be allowed. All animals will be inspected.



10. The HCFAYLC would like to emphasize: General care, grooming, cleaning of cages, feeding and watering of animals. This will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor, with assistance only from an Advisor/Leader/Agent, HCFAYLC member, or a fellow exhibitor. Care and feeding includes providing feed, water, hay, etc.

- Feeding of animals should be done at least once a day, and must be completed by 9:00 p.m. each day. You must provide water bottles for your rabbits.
- Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning in, around and UNDERNEATH their rabbit's pens DAILY.
- Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.



11. The HCFAYLC will be using a Yellow and Red Tag Penalty System for making sure all animals are cared for and that the area in and around their pens are maintained. If a member of the HCFAYLC observes that your animal or your pen is being neglected you will receive a Yellow Tag, with the reason for it written on the tag. If the same problem for lack of care is noted again, you will be given a Red Tag and fined \$50.00. ***Please make sure your animal is well fed, watered, and that the area in and around your pen is clean, so that fines can be avoided.***



12. The Hernando County Fair Association Youth Livestock Committee will sponsor a Herdsman Award.



13. All exhibitors must wear dark black pants, a solid white shirt (collared & button down), and either dark black or dark brown shoes. 4-H exhibitors must wear their 4-H green representation. FFA exhibitors must wear either a blue or black tie, or scarf and their FFA jacket (zipped). No hats are permitted!

Exhibitors NOT in Official Dress will not be allowed to SELL - animals will be sold at buyback price.
(This applies to exhibitors ages 5 - 7 as well)

14. All persons working with or around animals, or assisting youth working with or around animals, (including adults), must wear ONLY closed, non-steel toed shoes with backs.



15. The Hernando County Fair Association will sponsor an All Star Award. The All Star Award will be based on the following criteria:

- a.) Exhibitor performance at Fair.
- b.) Exhibitor's Grade Point Average - Exhibitors are responsible for contacting their school for a certified copy of their **current GPA**. Return your current GPA to the Fair Office in a **SEALED** envelope with your name on it, by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012.

15. Rabbits may not be bred while at the Fair. Expecting does will not be allowed in the show.




17. The HCFAYLC will inform Exhibitors of all Mandatory Events. Exhibitors will be **fined \$50.00** for the first event they do not attend. Exhibitors will not be allowed to participate in the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale if they miss two mandatory events. Exhibitors will be notified, prior to the mandatory events, with time to make arrangements to attend. The following is a list of the Mandatory Events currently scheduled:


- **Mandatory Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian Meeting will be Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Prior to the Mandatory Workday.**
- **Mandatory Workday is scheduled for all Pen of Meat Exhibitors on Saturday, March 31, 2012 beginning at 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.**



18. Youth exhibitors must complete a Mandatory Workday, specified by the HCFAYLC. The date and time of that mandatory workday is Saturday, March 31, 2012, beginning at 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.. If you are unable to attend this Mandatory Workday, a make-up date of Sunday, April 1, 2012, has been set aside, (*time to be announced*). Any Youth needing to complete their mandatory workday on a date other than the ones offered, must call the Fair Office, at 796-4552, at least **one week prior** to the scheduled workdays, to pre-arrange a date and time. You **must** have a compelling reason for an alternate date.


19. Exhibitors are to conduct themselves in a proper manner as ladies and gentlemen at all times.

20.  Beginning August 28, 2011, The Rules and Regulations will be available for pick up from the Fair Office, Monday – Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (*If coming during lunch hours, please call first 796-4552*). Copies of the Rules & Regulations may also be download from the Fair Website at: Hernandofairgrounds.com. Any additional rules will be reviewed at the mandatory events or e-mailed to you. Violations of any written or expressed rule may result in disqualification.
21. Animals must not have been given any medications that are not past the proper withdrawal period of time.

22.  Pen of Meat pens must be completely cleaned out on load out day by the time designated by the HCFAYLC, or a stall cleaning fee of \$50.00 will be deducted from the total sales price. Exhibitors are responsible for checking in with the designated Livestock Committee member in the Barn area.



CLEAN-UP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PEN OF MEAT EXHIBITORS

**Clean-up is April 15, 2012 beginning at 1:00 p.m. until finished.
No cleaning will begin until 1:00 p.m., if you show up early you will be asked to leave
and return at 1:00 p.m. - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

23.  All Rabbits will be judged in their pens. Rabbit Showmanship Classes will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

2012 Sale Order: Swine, Pen of Meat Chicken, Pen of Meat Rabbit and then Steers.

SALE RULES:

1.  **All Market Animal Sale** will be held on April 14, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m.
2. As a condition of acceptance in the sale, Exhibitor (seller) agrees that all animals in the sale must be sold. No buyer is obligated to buy. There is no certain price per pound guaranteed.
3.  To assure that a sufficient number of buyers are present at the Sale, Exhibitors are **STRONGLY** encouraged to write letters to multiple prospective buyers. If you are unsure how to do this, or need help, please ask your 4-H Leader/Agent, FFA Advisor, or contact a member of the HCFAYLC and they will be happy to assist you in putting a buyer's letter together.

Information that should be included in your Buyer's Letters:

- Advise the Prospective Buyer to enter the Fair through the **VENDOR GATE**, where they and one (1), guest will receive **FREE** admission. *(If you know of a prospective buyer that will be coming who will have more than 1 guest with them, please contact the Fair Office at 796-4552, so that arrangements can be made).*
- Once inside the **VENDOR GATE**, they will need to proceed to the Barn, where they will register themselves/Company at the Barn Office, *(Registration does **NOT** commit them to purchase an animal).*



4. Buyer's Lunch will begin at 2:00 p.m., **(Buyer's Lunch is for the Buyer and one guest, per animal purchased),**
5. Four percent (4 %) of the sale price will be deducted to help cover the costs of the sale and advertising. **No percentage will be deducted from the add-ons.**



6. The Hernando County Fair Association helps sponsor the Youth Livestock Shows and Sale to encourage and to provide an opportunity for youth to learn from a livestock project, to exhibit animals which qualify and sell their accepted animals at an open auction which offers an opportunity for a rewarding sale price. The HCFA, et al, serves only as an agent for the Exhibitor and seller. **(They gain no profit from the sale or add-ons - 100% of add-on's are given to the exhibitors).** Monies paid for the animals, add-ons, etc., will be dispersed to the seller when all monies due are received. The deduction of a percentage is used to help defray the costs of advertisement and selling costs on behalf of the seller.



7. Appropriate handwritten thank you letters to Buyers and Belt Buckle Sponsors, must be turned in at the Barn Office in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope on April 15, 2012 at the end of clean up.




8. Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready on **Monday, April 30, 2012 by 9:00 a.m.**; please do **NOT** call the Fair Office prior to this date requesting your information.




9. Appropriate and proper handwritten thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office by 4:00 p.m., on May 14, 2012. All thank you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope.



10. Should the Fair Office receive any Add-on's for an exhibitor, **after** they have picked up their Add-on List, then the exhibitor will be contacted, per his/her preferred method). Thank You letters for these add-on's must be turned in before sales checks are received.

11.  Exhibitors will be charged \$50.00 per buyer, add-on and/or belt buckle for each appropriate thank you letter not received by the deadline. Youth are encouraged to turn letters in early so they can be reviewed and replaced if necessary. *(Be sure each Thank You Letter has a greeting and salutation).*

12.  The Fair Office will notify you, *(per your preferred method of contact)*, once your Sales Check is ready for pickup.

13. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations, will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or fairgrounds.



IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.
5. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and

correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

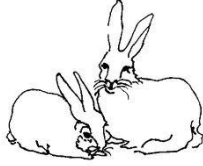
6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
7. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
10. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
11. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
12. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Recvd: _____

By: _____

Status: _____



**2012 Pen of Meat Entry Form
Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale**

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age as of September 1, 2011:** _____

E-mail: _____ Grade: _____

County of Residence: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Contact #: _____ E-mail: _____

Father's Name: _____

Contact # _____ E-mail: _____

4-H or FFA Member: _____ Club/Chapter/Independent: _____

Leader/Advisor Name: _____

How do you wish to be contacted, E-mail or "Snail Mail"? _____

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at 2012 Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale, agree and consent to abide by the Rules & Regulations, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Leader/FFA Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt Size

Circle Appropriate Size

Child Small	Adult Medium
Child Medium	Adult Large
Child Large	Adult X -Large
Adult Small	Adult XX - Large

Mail Entry Form and \$10.00 Entry Fee to:

Hernando County Fair - P.O. Box 10456 - Brooksville, FL 34603

(Entries MUST be received or postmarked by February 13, 2012 for acceptance).