





Rules, Regulations and Entry Form for the Swine Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale

- SWINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING, Thursday, OCTOBER 5, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M.** A \$20.00 non-refundable entry fee is required for each swine exhibitor. Entries and entry fees must be received by 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 14, 2017**. There will be a limit up to 73 swine along with a short waiting list of 3 entries.
All signatures on entry form MUST be completed for eligibility - no copied signatures allowed.
 - Exhibitors that want to show at the Hernando County from other counties must submit a letter **(two weeks prior to deadline)** to the HCFAYLC, 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. **(Letters that have been sent in, in the past are no longer accepted. Please resend a letter in if you have previously done this in the past.)**
- Exhibitors may enter a Swine in one of the following manner:
 - Individual Project:** You may enter only one swine entry, and may enter a single back-up swine. Two or more youth exhibitors of the same family, residing in the same household, may register a single back up animal, and anyone of the eligible youth may use this animal as their final project. **Backup animals are allowed, but MUST be registered with separate entry form- No additional entry fee required.**
 -  **Family Swine Project:** Families may enter a single animal for use with up to three siblings, (living in same household). Family swine project exhibitors will be considered one (1) exhibitor, but all siblings agree to abide by and follow all rules. When registering for a family swine project, list ALL siblings who will be exhibiting the animal. **RECORD BOOKS WILL BE JUDGED AS A CLUB/CHAPTER- (No backup animals allowed.)**
Email: hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on April 6th, 2018, which sibling will be showing swine, which sibling will be auctioning swine, and at least one (1) exhibitor must participate in showmanship; although up to 2 siblings are able to participate in showmanship if their age categories aren't the same.
 -  **4-H Clubs and/or FFA Chapter:** Club and/or FFA may enter only (1) swine in the show and sale- Backup animals are allowed, but MUST be registered- No additional entry fee required. E-mail: hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on April 6th, 2018, which exhibitor will be showing swine, which exhibitor will be auctioning the swine, and at least one (1) exhibitor must participate in showmanship; although up to 2 exhibitors are able to participate in showmanship if their age categories aren't the same.
- A **2018 Fair Record Book** must be completed and turned in at final weigh-in on April 17th, 2018, no later than 8:00 p.m. Failure to turn in a completed 2018 fair record book by the stated deadline will result in disqualification of the exhibitor for all shows; in addition, the animal will be sold at buyback price. If the exhibitor is disqualified; no across the board add-ons will be awarded. A completed 2018 fair record book **MUST** be turned in; a record book competition is **MANDATORY**.
For Record Book purposes use 87 days, when figuring average daily gain for Swine.
- LIGHTWEIGHT SWINE:** Swine not meeting weight requirements will be referred to as lightweights. Lightweight swine are eligible for record book and showmanship competition only. Lightweight swine will be sold at the end of the auction.

- As of 2018 Show year: Light weight projects will be monitored; as of two consecutive years of light weight projects by the same exhibitor (in a row) that exhibitor will be ineligible to show that 2nd year (if project is light weight).
5. Entries may be barrow or open gilts (no boars or stag). Recommended beginning weight of swine at initial tagging and tattooing is 100 pounds.
 6. **Tagging and Tattooing:** Must be completed by the exhibitor. Tagging and tattooing will be held at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, January 20th, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. MUST be in line by 10:00 a.m.**
 - **NO CLIPPING OF SWINE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN TAGGED AND TATTOOED.** If animal has been clipped, the animal will be exempt from showing and the exhibitor will only be eligible for showmanship. In addition, the animal will be sold at buyback price.
 7. **Final Weigh-In:** Tuesday, **April 17th, 2018** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. MUST be in line by 6:00 p.m. **COMPLETED RECORD BOOKS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 8:00p.m.**
 - If an Exhibitor has registered more than one (1) animal, exhibitors can only bring one swine to the final weigh-in. If the swine brought to the final weigh-in does not meet the requirements of eligibility, no secondary animals will be allowed to be entered. Animals will only be allowed to weigh once at the final weigh-in.
 - Swine must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds at final weigh-in on April 17th, 2018; swine weighing more than 320 pounds will be sold at 320 pounds. (Each exhibitor will receive a weight verification sheet; carbon copy. This weight verification sheet will be signed by the exhibitor and at least one (1) member of the HCFAYLC).
 8. Exhibitors will be assigned stall/pen space by the HCFAYLC. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their area clean and neat during the Fair. 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 your stalls/pens are maintained. If a member of the HCFAYLC observes that your animal, or your stall/pen is being neglected you will receive a Yellow Tag, with the reason for it written on the tag. If the HCFAYLC notices your project/stall/pen is being neglected in any manner again, you will be given a Red Tag and fined \$50.00.
 9. All animals must be identified by ear tags and permanent tattoo at initial weigh-in. If an ear tag is lost, the exhibitor must notify their FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader and/or agent in writing. The FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader or Agent needs to contact the HCFAYLC and advise them of the missing ear tag.
 10. **Swine Show and Showmanship:** Swine show and showmanship competition will be held on Thursday, **April 19th, 2018**, starting at 6:00 p.m. The Showmanship competition is MANDATORY. **Exhibitors who do not participate in the mandatory showmanship will have the following penalties invoked:**
 - **Market Animals-** Animals will be sold at Buyback price.
 - All Exhibitors and Helpers are banned from using electronic devices in the livestock areas during show times. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine of \$100 for the exhibitor and removal of the helper for the remainder of shows.
 11. **Exhibitor Awards and Swine Auction:** Swine exhibitor awards will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20th, 2018. Swine auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Buyer's dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each exhibitor is asked to bring a dessert for the Buyer's dinner on **Friday April 20th, 2018.** *Desserts are to be dropped off in the auditorium doors will be open at 10:00 a.m.*
 12. Thank you letters for buyers and/or Belt Buckle are due by **Sunday April 22nd, 2018 by 3:00 p.m.** – All **Thank You Letters MUST BE Handwritten IN PEN BY THE EXHIBITOR.**
 - **Reminder: Exhibitor 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.**

13. The HCFALYC would like to emphasize, general care, grooming, cleaning of stalls/pens, and feeding of animals. This will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor, with assistance only from FFA Advisor, 4-H leader, Livestock Committee, parent/Guardian or fellow exhibitor. Care and feeding includes providing feed, water, and pails.
- **Swine exhibitors- Feeding of animals must be completed by 9:00 a.m. in the mornings, and an hour after show is complete in evening, (or by 9:00 p.m., if there is no show going on).**
 - **There will be no feeding, watering, or bathing of animals during any livestock show.**
 - **Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.**
 - **All feed and water pans/buckets MUST be removed from your Swine's pen by 9:00 a.m. each morning and 9:00 p.m. each evening, or 1 hour after show is complete in evening. (Water towers may remain in pens).**
14. **Market Animals:** To assure that a sufficient number of Buyers are present at the sale, Exhibitors are STRONGLY Encouraged writing letters to multiple prospective buyers. NOTE: If you are unsure how to do this, or need help, please ask you 4-H leader, 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 Letter:**
- Advise the Prospective buyer to enter the Fair through Any Gate, where they and one (1) guest will receive FREE admission.
 - Once inside the GATE, the prospective Buyer needs to go to the Barn Office, so they can register themselves, or their company. (Registration does not commit them to purchase an animal).
15. For your benefit, a copy of the Bidder's information Guide will be located on the Fair Website for download, or you may pick up a copy at the Fair Office, so that you can make copies and include them with your buyer's letters. *Bidders Guide are available online.*
16. All animals must be at the fairgrounds on the date and time designated by the HCFAYLC for initial and final weigh-ins/check-ins. Youth Exhibitors registering the animal **MUST** be present at both the initial and final weigh-ins/check-ins.
17. Vehicles transporting animals to all events are required to be cleaned and disinfected just prior to moving the animal to the fairgrounds. No unloading or bringing in your tack/supplies to your trailer will be allowed during final weigh-in. If you have supplies on your trailer, they must be placed in front of your animals. Exhibitors having supplies that must be removed to unload their animal will be sent to the end of the line. All equipment must be kept in their designated area for the duration of the fair. **Each club can only have one trailer in the designated area; any unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. If the trailer your animal is riding in is ready to be unloaded, and you are not present, your animal will go to the end of the line.**
18. Health Regulations are subject to the Florida Department of Agriculture regulations in effect at that time. The Fair Office will keep you informed of these regulations. No animal showing visible signs of illness or infestation at final weigh-in will be accepted at the fairgrounds or permitted off the trailer (Unless approved by a Veterinarian or designee), and will be refused entry into the fair. Animals will be inspected, prior to unloading. All withdrawal times must be observed for any medication given to a market animal.
19. **Medication While On Fairgrounds:** Administration of ANY medication for any conditions MUST be under the direct supervision of the HCFAYLC or a veterinarian. The HCFAYLC Co-Chair must be notified that such medication is being administered. Unauthorized dispensing of medication will result in the animal being sold at buyback price.
20. For safety reasons exhibitors will only be allowed to wear close toed shoes around animals. We highly recommend that anyone assisting the exhibitor also wear close toed shoes. The HCFA or HCFAYLC are

not liable for injury to anyone assisting the exhibitor. Please wear the proper shoes when assisting with the animals.

21. The HCFAYLC sponsors a Herdsman Award.
22. By entering your animal into the Hernando County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale, you agree that once your animal's final weight has been verified you agree to exhibit and sell your animal at this fair. Exhibitors may only show and sell their own animals.
23. An exhibitor assumes responsibility and liability in the event of loss, death, or injury of his/her animal/s. The Hernando County Fair Association is not responsible for the health or safety of any animals entered or exhibited.
24. **ALL ANIMALS SOLD MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER.**
25. As a condition of acceptance in the sale, Exhibitors (seller) agrees that all animals in the sale must be sold. No Bidder is obligated to buy. There is no certain price per pound guaranteed.
26. Regardless of the time of the sale, actual ownership will not change hands, until the animal is loaded out. Each exhibitor will be responsible for the well-being of his or her animal until they are loaded out. At which time the animal will become the property of the purchaser. No stall/pen is to be vacated until the time is announced.
27. The HCFA helps sponsor the Youth Livestock Show 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-ons 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.
28. To help cover the cost of the sale and advertising, there will be a six (6) percent deduction from ALL market animals. Swine Exhibitors will have the Pork check-off dollar deducted and distributed in accordance with the federal regulations.
29. All exhibitors will pay their bills relating to their project 30 days of checks being issued. The HCFAYLC reserves the right to refuse entry into the show, or subsequent shows, because of any failure of Exhibitor to uphold their financial responsibilities relative to their project. This includes any monies owed to a farmer, rancher, individual, feed mill, or store who supplies/provided an animal, boarding, tack, feed or hay to an exhibitor, with the promise of payment to them, once monies were received from HCFA, and said promise has not yet been fulfilled. The Exhibitor will NOT be allowed to show any animals at the Hernando County Fair until said debts have been paid in full. The debtee must contact the Fair Association to advise that said debt has been paid full.
30. **Belt Buckle Thank You Applies To ALL Livestock Exhibitors Winning Belt Buckles.**


ALL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS AND BUYERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY,
APRIL 22nd, 2018 BY 3:00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYER'S AND/OR BELT BUCKLE SPONSOR:

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor
- Proceed to "picture Table", and locate your buyer's and/or Belt Buckle sponsor pictures.
- Take an envelope provided by the HCFAYLC for mailing your Thank you letters.
- Get your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle sponsor addresses.
- Address envelope provided by HCFAYLC and place a stamp on it – **DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPE.**
- Turn in your Thank you letter/s.

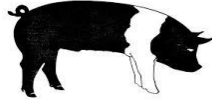
- Bring your own stamps – Stamps are NOT Provided.



31. 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. ALL LETTERS MUST BE HAVE A GREETING/SALUTATION, BODY PARAGRAPH (AGE APPROPRIATE SENTENCES) AND A CLOSING/VALEDICTION.
32. Exhibitors add-on list will be ready for pick-up on Monday, May 7th, 2018 by 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
33. Appropriate and proper HANDWRITTEN in pen by Exhibitor thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office by 6:00 p.m. on May 25th, 2018. All thank you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped and addressed envelope.
34. Should the Fair Office receive any add-ons for an exhibitor, after they have picked up their add-on list, then the exhibitor will be contacted. Thank you letters for this add-on must be turned in before sales checks are received.
35. The fair Office will notify you once the sales checks are ready for pick-up.
36. Any exhibitor making \$5,000.00 or more will have to have a W9- Federal Tax regulation requires the Hernando County Fair Association (HCFA) to obtain Social Security Numbers (SSN) or taxpayer identification number (TIN) from exhibitors to whom compensation over \$5,000.00 is paid. SSN or TIN are maintained and used by HCFA for the processing of payments due, and are reported to Federal and State agencies on forms required by law. HCFA will not disclose and SSN or TIN without your contest to anyone outside HCFA, except as mandated by law. Failure to provide a SSN or TIN will result in denial of compensation.
37. Exhibitors agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and videos, of you and/or your animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show and Sale. Should you have a privacy issue, please let a member of the HCFAYLC be aware of your situations, along with a letter to the office for documentation in writing.
38.  **HELPERS:** On Show Night and Auction Night, each Swine Exhibitor will be allowed one (1) Helper. The helper may assist and offer guidance to the exhibitor in grooming the animal. Exhibitor must e-mail: hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, **April 15th, 2018**, the name of their helper. No one other than the approved helper will be admitted into swine area.
39. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing to the Livestock Committee Chairman within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction along with a fine of \$50. The HCFAYLC and/or Fair Board may investigate possible infractions of rules at any time.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Number: _____
Date Received _____
By: _____
Payment: _____



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Tag # _____
B. Weight: _____
Status: _____
E. Weight: _____

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Name: _____ Gender: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Residential Address, if different: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Your age as of September 1, 2017: _____ E-mail: _____

Mother's Name: _____ County of Residence _____

Contact #: _____ E-mail: _____

Father's Name: _____ Contact # _____

E-mail: _____

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

Leader/Advisor Name: _____

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

4-H Extension Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS SWINE, IN THE HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. WE BOTH AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES & REGULATIONS.

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt Size

(Circle Appropriate Size)

Youth Small Adult Medium
Youth Medium Adult Large
Youth Large Adult X -Large
Adult Small Adult XX - Large

Family/Club/Chapter Swine Project:

_____ #2 Name	_____ DOB	_____ T-shirt Size
_____ #3 Name	_____ DOB	_____ T-shirt Size

Mail Entry Form and \$20.00 Entry Fee, and to:
Hernando County Fair - P.O. Box 10456 - Brooksville, FL 34603
*Entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14th, 2017 –
(Must be postmarked by this date for acceptance).*