

# Pen of Meat



## 2019 Rules and Regulations for the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show and Sale


**Mandatory meeting Thursday, January 31st, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., however if you are unable to attend this MANDATORY meeting the make-up meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. This project competition is only open to those exhibitors **NOT** showing a swine or steer project at the 2019 Hernando County Fair. **PEN OF MEAT POULTRY ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING, MONDAY OCT. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.** A \$20.00 non-refundable entry fee for each Pen of Meat exhibitor is required. Entry Form and \$20.00 entry fee must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday; December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Must be postmarked by this date for acceptance). **There is a limit of only 10 entries allowed for this project. 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 the previous year will be accepted.**)
2. **Poultry Pen of Meat consists of three chickens of the same breed and variety.** Recommended weight at fair check-in; no less than three (3) pounds, and no more than six (6) pounds. **Note: if you leave feed in your chickens' pen 24 hours a day, your chickens, may exceed the recommended weight.**
3. **Exhibitors will receive six (6) chicks – (Only chicks provided to you from the Hernando County Fair Association may be entered).** If you would like more than the six chicks provided to you, you must advise the Fair Office of this on your Entry Form. You will be responsible for the costs associated with these additional chicks. Pick-up date will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office. You must take possession of the chicks on the date notified, or entry will be eliminated.
4. **CHECK-IN:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. bring your three (3) best birds with you to the fairgrounds, as there will be no back up or substitution birds allowed. Chicken weights will be certified. Exhibitors registering animals **MUST** be present at check-in. all animals will be inspected: No sick, diseases, or animals with mites will be accepted.

### **USE APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS FOR TRANSPORTING CHICKENS**

- **MANDATORY MEETING:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Exhibitors and Parents, as soon as last animal has been checked in.
5. Exhibitors may not compete against themselves. (Only one entry per exhibitor/club/chapter).
  6. The HCFAYLC 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 and water.
    - **All** Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitors - Feeding of animals should be done at least once a day, and **MUST** be completed by 9:00 p.m. each day or one (1) hour after a show.
    - There will be no feeding, watering, or bathing of animals during any livestock show.
    - Due to market projects, you have to clean pens daily.
    - Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.
    - Failure to clean pens after removal will result in a \$25.00 FINE.
  7. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Poultry Showmanship will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Showmanship is MANDATORY for all exhibitors except CLOVER BUDS (it is optional). If cloverbuds


choose to participate the showmanship will start at 6:00 p.m. **Exhibitors who do not participate in the Mandatory Showmanship will have the following penalties invoked: Market Animals-** Animals will be sold at Buyback price.

8. **JUDGING:** Poultry judging will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 all chickens will be judged in their pens. All pens must be unlocked by 10:00 a.m. that morning.
9. **PEN OF MEAT POULTRY EXHIBITOR AWARDS AND AUCTION:** Exhibitor awards will begin on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Buyer's dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.  
**Exhibitors MUST provide an appropriate container for transportation of chickens from fair to buyer**
  - Each exhibitor is asked to bring one dessert; Two or more exhibitors are asked to bring one dessert per family. *Dessert drop off time will be after 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium.*
  - Buyers gifts are highly recommended for your projects. These gifts do not have to be expensive it's the thought that counts. Examples: Plants, BBQ supplies, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets of anything you feel your buyer will love.
10.  Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor will at the discretion of the Hernando County Fair Association, (HCFA), result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the animal/s and the exhibitor from the Fairgrounds - with the loss of awards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege and across the board add-ons. Profanity at any event with the Fair will result in disqualification.
  - **Unbecoming conduct with ANY individual associated with the exhibitor on the Fairgrounds will result in removal of that person/persons from the grounds.**
11. Thank you Letters for Buyers and/or Belt Buckles are due on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 between 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – All Thank You Letters must be handwritten in pen (cloverbud can use pencil) by the exhibitor. Reminder: 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.
12. The HCFAYLC sponsors a Herdsman Award
13. **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 Monday, April 22, 2019 between 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen (cloverbud can do pencil) by the exhibitor.
  - Proceed to "Picture Table", and locate your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle Sponsor Pictures.
  - Take envelope provided by the HCFAYLC for mailing your Thank You Letters.
  - Go to Barn Office and 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 STAMP - STAMPS ARE NOT PROVIDED**
14.  Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, May 6, 2019** for 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  15. Appropriate and proper **handwritten in pen (cloverbud can do pencil) by the exhibitor** thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office by 6:00 p.m., on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All thank you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope.
  16. 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.
  17. Exhibitors will be assigned stall/pen space by the HCFAYLC. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping there are 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 (which is a warning), with the reason for it written on the tag. If the HCFAYLC notices your

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

pen is being neglected in any manner again, you will be given a Red Tag

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Status: \_\_\_\_\_



**2019 Pen of Meat Poultry Entry Form  
Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address, if different: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age as of September 1, 2018 - CIRCLE ONE** Clover Bud: (5-7) Junior: (8 - 10) Intermediate: (11 - 13)  
Senior: (14 & Older)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Exhibitors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 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

Additional Chicks, if so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ - six chicks provided.  
only up to (14 chicks, if none write 0)  
Additional chicks are \$ 5 each Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Entry Form, and \$20.00 Entry Fee, to the Fair Office at:  
Hernando County Fairgrounds - P.O. Box 10456 - Brooksville,  
FL 34603**