





2019

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


Mandatory Steer Meeting September 22nd Starting at 8 a.m. - end time TBD. If you cannot make this day; we have a make-up date on September 25th starting at 6:30 p.m... Failure to be present at this mandatory meeting will result in failure to show at our fair. Contact the fair office or email the committee if you have any concerns.

1. Entry Form and \$20.00 (*non-refundable*) entry fee must be received by mail or turned into the office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20th 2018. Entry Form is attached to the last page of these rules; it is required that you read and understand all of the following rules. **Backup Animals are allowed, but MUST be registered with separate entry form - No additional entry fee required.**
 -  Exhibitors wanting to show in 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. Exhibitors may enter a steer in one of the following manners:
 - **Individual Project:** Each exhibitor may enter only one steer entry, and may enter a single back-up steer. Two or more youth exhibitors of the same family, residing in the same household, may register one back-up steer per exhibitor. Two or more youth exhibitors of the same family, residing in the same household, may register a family 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 Steer Project:** Families may enter a single animal for use with up to three siblings, (living in same household). Family Steer Project exhibitors will be considered as one (1) exhibitor, but all siblings agree to abide by and follow all rules. When registering for a Family Steer Project, please list ALL siblings who will be exhibiting the animal. [RECORD BOOKS WILL BE JUDGED AS A CLUB/CHAPTER] - No backup animals allowed. E-mail hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on April 5th, 2019, which sibling will be showing steer, which sibling will be auctioning steer 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) Steer in the Show & Sale - **Backup Animals are allowed, but MUST be registered with separate entry form - No additional entry fee required.** E-mail hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on April 5th, 2019, which exhibitor showing steer, which exhibitor will be auctioning steer 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.
3. A 2019 Fair Record Book must be completed and turned in at the final weigh-in on **April 16th, 2019**, no later than **7:00 p.m.** Failure to turn in a completed 2019 Fair record book by the stated deadline will result in disqualification of the Exhibitor from all shows; in addition, the animal will be sold at the buyback price. If the Exhibitor is disqualified; no across the board add-ons will be awarded. A completed 2019 Fair record book **MUST** be turned in, as record book competition is **MANDATORY**.
 - TWO (2) buyer's letters are required in your record book.**For Record Book purposes, use 192 days when figuring average daily gain for Steer.**
4.  **INITIAL WEIGH-IN:** Saturday, **October 6th, 2018** from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - must be in line by 10:00 a.m. Youth Exhibitors registering the animal **MUST** be present at both the initial and final weigh-ins/check-ins

- The maximum allowed weight for a steer at initial weigh-in is 1000 pounds. It is recommended that exhibitors start with a beef type steer that will weigh at least 700 pounds by the initial weigh-in.
 - We highly recommend that the project comes with a halter and lead rope already on.
 - Steers must not be over 24 months of age on/or before **April 16th, 2019** or they will not qualify to show.
 - All steers must be dehorned and castrated (removal of testicles) prior to initial weigh-in for acceptance into youth steer Show/Sale.
 - Exhibitors are encouraged to weigh their animals periodically during their project. The HCFAYLC will be available the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for weigh-ins. The committee highly recommends the exhibitors take advantage of the show arena to exercise and practice with their projects. If exhibitors need assistance the committee is always there to lend a helping hand. **Pre-registration is required** - Call the Fair Office, *or e-mail:* hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com before 4:00 p.m. the Monday before the meeting for an appointment. **Registered projects only!** Also, all animals are required to have a health certificate.
5. **FINAL WEIGH-IN:** Tuesday, **April 16th, 2019**, from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - must be in line by 6:00 p.m. *Youth Exhibitors registering the animal **MUST** be present at both the initial and final weigh-ins/check-ins.*
- All animals must be identified by ear tags and permanent tattoo at Final weigh-in. If an ear tag is lost, the Exhibitor must notify their FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader and/or Agent. The FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader or Agent should contact the HCFAYLC and advise them of the missing ear tag.
 - Exhibitors can only bring one steer to the final weigh-in. If the Steer 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.
 - Scurs cannot be longer than 1" over hairline at final weigh-in. Steers brought to the final weigh-in not meeting the previous requirements will not be allowed entry into the Youth Steer Show/Sale.
 - By entering your animal into the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & 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 animal.
- Completed Record Books MUST be turned in by 7:00 p.m.**
6. Steers must achieve an **Average Daily Weight Gain** of no less than 2.0 pounds per day to be eligible to show and/or sale. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds at final weigh-in on **April 16th, 2019**. Steers weighing more than 1350 pounds will be sold at 1350 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 member of the HCFAYLC). There will be an average daily weight gain contest.*
7.  **LIGHTWEIGHT STEERS:** Steers not meeting weight requirements will be referred to as Lightweights. Lightweight steers are eligible for record book and showmanship competition only. Lightweight steers 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).
8.  **STEER SHOW AND SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION:** Thursday, **April 18th 2019**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The show will start at 6pm. Showmanship is mandatory for all exhibitors.
- All exhibitors must be present for the awards. If exhibitor fails to be present, that exhibitor then will be disqualified and then the next exhibitor will take their place. Any questions ask committee.
 - Any animal acting in a manner, which endangers other Exhibitors, will be directed to leave the show ring. A Committee Co-Chair will notify show judge and/or ring stewards of this decision. No animal may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed or led into the show/sale ring by the Exhibitor.
- Exhibitors who do not participate in the Mandatory Showmanship**

will have the following penalties invoked:

Market Animal Exhibitors - Animal 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 remainder of shows.
9. **STEER AWARDS AND AUCTION:** Friday, **April 19th, 2019**. Steer Awards will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each Steer exhibitor is asked to bring a dessert for the Buyer's Dinner. 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.
 - **ALL ANIMALS SOLD MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER.**
 - 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.
10. Buyer's letters are mandatory and are required in your record book. Buyer's letters are to assure that a sufficient number of buyers are present at the sale.
- **NOTE:** If you are unsure how to do this, or need help, please ask your 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 Main Fair Gate**, where they and one (1), guest will receive **FREE** admission. Once inside the **GATE**, the prospective **Buyer needs go to the Barn Office, so they can register** themselves, or their company. (*Registration does NOT commit them to purchase an animal*).
 - For your benefit, a copy of the Bidder's Information Guide is 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.*
11. 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 animal is loaded out. At which time the animal will become the property of the purchaser. No stall/pen is to be vacated until the announced release time. After load out has been completed it is **MANDATORY** that the exhibitors will need to strip the bedding out of the stall and make sure the area around stall is clean. Exhibitor must have stall done between noon to close of fair on Saturday. Failure in completing this task will result in a \$250 Fine.
12. The HCFAYLC sponsors a Herdsman Award.
13.  **HELPERS:** On Show Night and Auction Night, each Steer 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 Wednesday, **April 17th, 2019**, the name of their helper. No one other than the approved helper will be admitted into Steer area. In order to become a helper, you must fill out a volunteer form located on the website and must be sent into the office.
14. 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.
15. All steers must be secured with halters AND neck ropes simultaneously while tied in the stall.
16. The HCFAYLC would like to emphasize, general care, grooming, cleaning of stalls/pens, and feeding of projects. 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, hay, pails, and tie ropes, etc. Hay nets and hay bags are prohibited in Steer areas.

- **Steer Exhibitors - Feeding of animals must be completed by 9:00 a.m. in the mornings, and by 9:00 p.m., if there is a show going on, then an hour after show is completed in the evening.**
 - **Steers are recommended to be exercised daily.**
 - **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.**
 - **Gates will open at 6 a.m. from Monday April 15th thru Friday April 19th**
 - **Water buckets must be tied in steers pen. Ask committee if you need supplies to tie buckets.**
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 into the tack or stall area of any supplies, grooming chutes, etc., 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 areas 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 the time. The Fair Office will keep you informed of these regulations. No animal showing visible signs of illness or infestation will be accepted at the Fairgrounds. Any animal displaying warts, or mites at either initial check in or final weigh-in will not be 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 time must be observed for any medication give to a market animal.
19. ***MEDICATIONS WHILE ON FAIRGROUNDS:*** Administration of **ANY** medication for bloat, scours, or any other conditions, shall be done under the direct Supervision of the HCFAYLC or a veterinarian. The HCFAYLC Co-Chairs must be notified that such medication is being administered. Unauthorized dispensing of medications 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. 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, across the boards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege and across the board add-ons. Profanity at any Fair event 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.
22. 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 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.
23. The deduction of a percentage is used to help defray the costs of advertisement and selling costs on behalf of the seller. To help cover the costs of the sale and advertising, there will be a six (6) percent deduction from **ALL** Market Animals. Steer Exhibitors will have the Beef check-off dollar deducted and distributed in accordance with the federal regulations.
24. All Exhibitors will pay their bills relating to their project within 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 supplied/provided an animal, boarding, tack, feed or hay to an Exhibitor, with the promise of payment to them, once monies were received from the 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 in full.

25. BELT BUCKLE THANK YOU LETTERS APPLIES TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WINNING BELT BUCKLES.

ALL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS AND BUYERS ARE DUE Monday April 22nd, 2019 between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor.
- Proceed to "Picture Table", and locate your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle Sponsor Pictures.
- Use a 5"x7" envelope for the pictures.
- 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**

26. Thank You Letters for Buyers and/or Belt Buckles are due by Monday, **April 22nd, 2019** between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - All Thank You Letters must be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor that is appropriate for that age division. **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. All letters should have a greeting/salutation, body paragraph (age appropriate) and a closing/valediction.**

27. Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, May 6th, 2019** by 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- 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. Thank You letters for this add-on must be turned in before sales checks are received.

28. Appropriate and proper (**handwritten in pen 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 20th, 2019. All thank-you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, and addressed envelope.

29. The Fair Office will notify you once the Sales Check and/or premium is ready for pickup.

30. 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 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 any SSN or TIN without your consent to anyone outside HCFA, except as mandated by law. Failure to provide a SSN or TIN will result in denial of compensation.

31. Exhibitors agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, 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 & Sale. Should you have a privacy issue, please let a Member of the HCFAYLC be aware of your situation, along with a letter to the office for documentation.

32. 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.

33. *Coming to 2020 fair rules* Hernando County's Best Born and Bred Steer Competition. Information for this rule is still being determined. Any questions please feel free to contact the committee.

