

2020

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

Entry Sign-Up: Thursday September 19th, 2019. Sign up between 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Entries will be entered into a lottery system. Limited to 50 Steer. **STEER ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR AT THE MANDATORY MEETING.**

- All signatures on entry form MUST be completed for eligibility - no copied signatures allowed.
- Backup Animals are allowed, but MUST be registered with separate entry form - No additional entry fee required.

Entry Fee: \$25 (*non-refundable*)

Mandatory Meeting: Steer meeting **Thursday September 19th** Starting at 6 p.m. - end time TBD. 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.

Out of County Exhibitors: Exhibitors wanting to show in Hernando County from another county 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.

- Approval covers continuous showing years. If you have not shown within Hernando County in the previous year, you must submit another letter to be approved. Approved letters will last until after your final year providing you show continuously within Hernando County.

Fair Arrival: Sunday April 5th, 2020. Weigh-In 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (in line by 10 a.m.) Record Books due by 12 p.m.

Judging: Monday April 6th, 2020. Show and Showmanship starts at 6 p.m.

Sale: Wednesday April 8th, 2020. Starting at 6 p.m.

- ❖ ***New*** Hernando County Born and Raised Steer Competition will **ONLY** be open for the steers that are born in Hernando County. A Breeder Certificate must be turned in at initial weigh-in to qualify for this competition. The Breeders Certificate can be found on the website under Steer Forms. The competition will be held after the Steer Show but before Showmanship on April 6th. Steers will be placed as Grand and Reserve Champions of Hernando County Born and Raised.
 - Breeders Certificates, that we provide, are required to be completed in full. This will include, but is not limited to, Breeder Name, Date of Birth, Location of Birth, Breeders Signature (which will require notarization).
 - To enter this class, please fill out the breeder's certificate and bring it with you for initial weigh-in. Breeder certificate will be looked over by the Livestock Committee to be approved for this class.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entry Form is attached to the last page of these rules; it is required that you read and understand all of the following rules. Also, read and understand the General Rules.
2. 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 to an exhibitor on the Fairgrounds will result in removal of that person/persons from the grounds.

3. 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 single (1) 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 5:00 p.m. on April 2nd, 2020, 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 5:00 p.m. on April 2nd, 2020, 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.

4. A 2020 Fair Record Book must be completed and turned in at the final weigh-in on April 5th, 2020, no later than 12:00 p.m. Failure to turn in a completed 2020 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 2020 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 184 days when figuring average daily gain for Steer.

5. **INITIAL WEIGH-IN:** Saturday, **October 5th, 2019** 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 the initial weigh-ins/check-ins.*

- Breeders Certificate needs to be turned in at the time of arrival at initial weigh-in for the Hernando Born Contest.
- 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 5th, 2020** 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 **Monday** 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 Google Number, *or e-mail:* hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com before 4:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting for an appointment. **Registered projects only!** Also, all animals are required to have a health certificate.

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 5th, 2020**. 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. **FINAL WEIGH-IN:** Sunday, **April 5th, 2020**, 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 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 12:00 p.m.**
8. **LIGHTWEIGHT STEERS:** Steers not meeting weight requirements will be referred to as Lightweight. Lightweight steers are eligible for record book only. Lightweight steers will NOT be accepted.
- Lightweight steers must have a health certificate to leave the property. The Hernando County Fair Association will not be accountable for emergency vet visits to receive a health certificate.
9. All steers must be secured with halters **AND** neck ropes simultaneously while tied in the stall.
10. **STEER COMPETITION:** Monday, **April 6th, 2020** The show will start at 6 p.m.
- Showmanship is mandatory for all exhibitors.
- Exhibitors who do not participate will have the following penalties invoked:**
- Market Animal Exhibitors - Animal will be sold at Buyback price.**
- 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 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.
 - **All Exhibitors and Helpers** are banned from using electronic devices in the livestock areas during show times. Failure to abide by this rule with result in a fine of \$100 for the exhibitor and removal of the helper for reminder of shows.
11. **STEER AWARDS AND AUCTION:** Wednesday, **April 8th, 2020**. 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.

12. Buyer's letters are to assure that a sufficient number of buyers are present at the sale. Buyer's letters only allow the buyer (and one guest) admission on the sale day.

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 on sale day **ONLY**.
- 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.
- **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.**

13. 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 Thursday. Failure in completing this task will result in a **\$250 Fine**.

14. **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 Friday, **April 3rd, 2020**, 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 (with the exhibitors name listed) located on the website and must be sent into the office.

15. 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 6th thru Friday April 10th**
- **Water buckets must be tied in steers pen. Ask committee if you need supplies to tie buckets.**

16. 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 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.**

17. 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.

18. **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 Chairs must be notified that such medication is being administered. Unauthorized dispensing of medications will result in the animal being sold at buyback price.

19. 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. Please wear the proper shoes when assisting with the animals.
20. 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.
21. 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 show, 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.
22. 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.

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

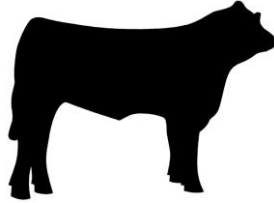
All Thank You letters for Belt Buckle Sponsors and Buyers are due Tuesday April 14th, 2020 between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
INSTRUCTIONS:

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor.
 - 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**
24. 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. All letters should have a greeting/salutation, body paragraph (age appropriate) and a closing/valediction.**
 25. Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up **Mondav, May 4th, 2020** between 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or **Tuesday, May 5th, 2020** from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 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.
 26. Appropriate and proper (**handwritten in pen by the exhibitor**) thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office either on **May 11th, 2020** from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or the last day **May 12th, 2020** from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All thank-you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, and addressed envelope.
 27. The Fair Office will notify you once the Sales Check and/or premium is ready for pickup.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Number: _____

Payment: _____



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Tag # _____

B. Weight: _____

Status: _____

E. Weight: _____

**2020 Steer 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: _____ Your age as of September 1st, 2019: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ E-mail: _____

Steer Date of Birth: _____

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: _____

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

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

\$25.00 Entry Fee

T-Shirt Size
(Circle Appropriate Size)

Youth Small Adult Medium
Youth Medium Adult Large
Youth Large Adult X -Large
Adult Small Adult XX – Large
Other: _____

Family/Club/Chapter Steer Project:

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