

2020

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

Entry Sign-Up: Monday October 21st, 2019. Sign up between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Limited to 76 Swine. All entries will be entered into a lottery system at the mandatory meeting. A lottery will then take place IF we go above 76 Swine. SWINE 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: Swine meeting **Monday October 21st** 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 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.

- Approved letters will last until after your final year. However, the approval covers continuous showing years. If you are to stop showing one year, then start up again another year; you must submit another letter to be approved.

Final Weigh-in: Tuesday April 7th, 2020. Weigh-In 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (in line by 6 p.m.) Record Books due by 7 p.m.

Judging: Thursday April 9th, 2020. Show and Showmanship starts at 6 p.m.

Sale: Friday April 10th, 2020. Starting at 6 p.m.

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 with the exhibitor on the Fairgrounds will result in removal of that person/persons from the grounds.
3. Exhibitors may enter a Swine in one of the following manner:
 - **Individual Project:** Exhibitors 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 one back-up swine per exhibitor. Two or more youth exhibitors of the same family, residing in the same household, may register a single (1) family back-up swine, 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 2nd, 2020, 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 2nd, 2020, 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.

4. A **2020 Fair Record Book** must be completed and turned in at final weigh-in on **April 7th, 2020**, no later than **7:00 p.m.** Failure to turn in a completed 2020 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 2020 fair record book **MUST** be turned in; a record book competition is **MANDATORY**.

- TWO (2) buyer's letters are required in your record book.

For Record Book purposes use 80 days, when figuring average daily gain for Swine.

5. **Tagging:** Tagging will be held at the fairgrounds on Sunday, **January 19th, 2020**, at 9:00a.m. **MUST be in line by 11:00 a.m.** We strongly encourage that swine is transported in appropriate trailers/carriers for initial tag-in. If you have multiple swine projects, please use multiple carriers or a big enough one for tagging reasons.

- Tagging will consist of a fair tag (provided by the HCFA) and a Premise ID tag (contact Ag Inspector) as the identification for final weigh-in.
- Entries may be barrow or open gilts (no boars or stag). Recommended beginning weight of swine at initial tagging is 110 to 120 pounds.
- All swine will be tagged at initial tag-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 must contact the HCFAYLC and advise them of the missing ear tag.
- All projects must be at the fairgrounds on the date and time designated by the HCFAYLC for initial tag-in. Youth Exhibitors registering the project **MUST** be present at the initial tag-in.

6. **Final Weigh-In:** Tuesday, **April 7th, 2020** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **MUST** be in line by 6:00 p.m. Swine are required to be transported in a trailer to final weigh-in; due to animal welfare. If you do not have a trailer, please contact leader or advisor. If not resolved contact committee, before the fair. Failure to transport project in appropriate transportation will result in refusal to weigh-in.

COMPLETED RECORD BOOKS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 7:00 p.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 Tuesday, April 7th, 2020; 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).
- All swine are subject to sifting committee.
- All projects must be at the fairgrounds on the date and time designated by the HCFAYLC for

initial tag-in and final weigh-ins. Youth Exhibitors registering the project MUST be present at final weigh-ins.

7. **LIGHTWEIGHT SWINE:** Swine not meeting weight requirements will be referred to as Lightweights. Lightweight swine are eligible for record book only. Lightweight swine will NOT be accepted.
 - Lightweight swine 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.
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. **Swine Competition:** Thursday, April 9th, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m. The Showmanship competition is MANDATORY.
Exhibitors who do not participate in the mandatory showmanship will have the following penalty 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.
10. **Exhibitor Awards and Swine Auction:** Swine exhibitor awards will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10th, 2020. 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. Two or more exhibitors are asked to bring one dessert per family. *Desserts are to be dropped off in the auditorium doors will be open at 10:00 a.m.*
 - 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.**
11. 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.
 - 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 Any Gate**, where they and one (1) guest will receive **FREE** admission on sale day **ONLY**.
 - 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).
 - 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.*
12. 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 by 9:00 p.m., if there is a show going on, then an hour after show is completed in the evening.**

- **NO feeding after 1 p.m. on sale day!**
 - **There will be no feeding, or bathing of animals during any livestock show.**
 - **Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.**
 - **Gates will be open at 6 a.m. each morning from Monday, April 6th thru Friday April 10th.**
 - **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).**
13. 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.**
 14. 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.
 15. **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.
 16. 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 to complete this task will result in a \$100 Fine.
 17. 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, to exhibit and sell your animal at this fair. Exhibitors may only show and sell their own animals.
 18. 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.
 19. 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.
 20. The HCFA helps sponsor the Youth Livestock Show and Sale to encourage 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.
 21. To help cover the cost of the show, 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.

22. All exhibitors will pay their bills relating to their projects 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 by the 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 debtor must contact the Fair Association to advise that said debt has been paid full.

23. **Belt Buckle Thank You Applies to ALL Livestock Exhibitors Winning Belt Buckles.**

ALL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS AND BUYERS ARE DUE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14th, 2020 BETWEEN 4:00- 8:00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor.
- 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.

24. 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 MUST BE HAVE A GREETING/SALUTATION, BODY PARAGRAPH (AGE APPROPRIATE SENTENCES) AND A CLOSING/VALEDICTION.**

25. – 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.**

26. Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up **Monday, May 4th, 2020** by 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-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.

27. Appropriate and proper **HANDWRITTEN in pen by 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.

28. The fair Office will notify you once the sales checks are ready for pick-up.

29. **HELPERS:** On show night, there will only be two helpers from each club or chapter allowed in Swine Barn. So this means: leader or advisor, co-leaders or two people assigned from that club or chapter. The helper may assist and offer guidance to the exhibitor in grooming the animal. Clubs and Chapters must e-mail: **hcfalivestockcommittee1@gmail.com** by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, **April 3rd, 2020**, the name of their helpers. No one other than the approved helpers will be admitted into swine area. **Each helper is required to fill out a Volunteer form with the club they are representing.**

- Due to lack of space and limited helpers, the Committee would appreciate the help from all helpers to assist exhibitors in need of help.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Number: _____

Payment: _____

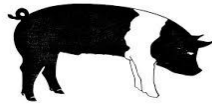
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Tag # _____

Premise ID: _____

Status: _____

E. Weight: _____



2020 Swine 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: _____

Your age as of September 1, 2019: _____ 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: _____

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
Other: _____

Family/Club/Chapter Swine Project:

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

\$25.00 Entry Fee