

**2023-2024 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
OPEN BEEF (Cow/Calf & Heifer) SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS**

\$20.00 ENTRY FEE PER ANIMAL (CITRUS COUNTY)

\$30.00 ENTRY FEE PER ANIMAL (OUT OF COUNTY)

(ENTRY FEES NON-REFUNDABLE)

1. Entries in the show will be accepted from all counties in Florida. Exhibitors must be 8 years of age by September 1, 2023.
2. An entry fee of \$20.00 per animal for (In County) residents and a \$30.00 per animal for (Out of County) residents is due with registration no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date.
Late Entries will be taken the day of Show with a \$20.00 per animal for (In County) and \$30.00 per animal for (Out of County) with a required \$15.00 late fee per animal accepted day of Show. All fees will be paid in Cash only.
Persons wishing to enter showmanship class must designate at the time of registration and pay a non-refundable fee of \$10.00 (Participation is optional).
3. All entries must be individually identified with approved USDA tags or brand/tattoo for registered papers per breed association rules.
4. **This show is open to any beef heifer or cow containing less than 50% dairy breeding.**
5. **All Beef Exhibitors participating in any event on the fairgrounds must provide a current Health Certificate for their animal according to the Florida Department of Agriculture guideline. Health Certificate must be presented prior to animal being removed from the trailer. The Health Certificate will be at the owner's expense. The Livestock Committee will no longer offer this service.**
6. All animals must be polled or dehorned before entering the barn, although scurs are acceptable.
7. **All livestock exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**
8. All vehicles used to service animals (such as feed) must take place between the time the gates open and one hour before Fair opens to the public. **ALL UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES MUST BE MOVED OUTSIDE THE FENCE ONE-HOUR BEFORE FAIR OPENS TO PUBLIC.**
9. No exhibitors will be allowed in the barn after the Fair closes for the night or permitted to camp on the grounds.
10. A culling judge will be present to sift any undesirable animals.
11. All entries must be double tied by a proper neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.
12. All entries will be weighed and shown according to weight. All animals will be weighed in between 8:00 am and 11:00 am on Sunday, March 23, 2024.

* The animals will be divided into 6 classes according to their weight; all cows and calf by her side will show in class 7. The calf, at cow's side, must be under 6 months of age to show in the cow class 7.

13. **CLASS AWARDS:**

There will be 1 Grand Champion and 1 Reserve Grand Champion Female chosen from the 7 classes.

14. Thank you letters for Awards must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office; deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your name and your return address on the envelope**. All money will be withheld until letters are written. **Should deadline be missed there will be a \$150.00 fine or forfeit your premium monies for In County and Out of County Exhibitor will become ineligible to Show for the following Fair year.** Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.

15. **PREMIUMS AND AWARDS IN EACH CLASS**

1st PLACE..... \$ 25.00 2nd PLACE..... \$15.00 3rd PLACE..... \$ 10.00

Grand Champion Female \$75.00

Reserve Grand Champion Female \$50.00

AWARDS:

All Grand and Reserve Champions, Class Winners will receive awards.

OPEN SHOWMANSHIP AGES, AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Pee Wee (7 and Under) Jr (8 to 12) Int (13 to 16) and Sr (17 and Up)

PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE A PERCENTAGE OF ENTRY FEE FOR JR, INT AND SR ONLY.

1 ST	25% OF THE PREMIUM PAYOUT	4 TH	15% OF THE PREMIUM PAYOUT
2 ND	20% OF THE PREMIUM PAYOUT	5 TH	12 1/2% OF THE PREMIUM PAYOUT
3 RD	17 1/2% OF THE PREMIUM PAYOUT	6 TH	10% OF THE PREMIUM PAYOUT

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR 1ST THROUGH 6TH - NO MONIES AWARDED FOR RIBBONS

16. All Livestock Committee's decisions are final.
17. The Citrus County Fair Livestock Board reserves the right to reject or accept conditionally any entry or application at any time or revoke premiums earned for just cause, or bar exhibitor from exhibiting. Failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations will subject the party to disqualification and removal from the Fairgrounds.
18. All Open Beef Exhibitors will remain on the grounds until excused by the Beef Superintendent. No animals or exhibitors will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until their area is clean.
19. All exhibitors are required to wear long pants and boots (with minimum of 6" uppers) at all times. No shorts will be permitted during this project while on the fairgrounds.
20. **Open Beef Exhibitors Dress Code during Show and Showmanship will be as follows:**
 - (1) DARK SLACKS OR DARK JEANS WITHOUT HOLES.
 - (2) SHIRT WITH COLLAR (No t-shirts), TUCKED INTO PANTS.
 - (3) DARK BOOTS (Minimum of 6" uppers).
21. The above rules can only be changed between April 1 and the third Monday in July, unless a 2/3 majority vote of the Livestock Board and the approval of the Executive Committee of the Citrus County Fair Board with notification to each exhibitor.

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, CITRUS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS