

2018-2019 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION STEER SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. (A) All Exhibitors must be 11 years of age as of September 1, 2018 to show and sell a steer. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association. All exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show a sale animal.

(B) Entry form and Entry fee of \$30.00 (non-refundable) must be in the fair office on or before by 5:00 pm Friday, September 7, 2018.

(C) **MANDATORY TO ATTEND THIS EDUCATIONAL MEETING TO SHOW AND SELL Educational Meeting** - Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 9 am at the Livestock Complex.
2. Exhibitor may show and sell only one steer. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters may show and sell only one steer per group.
3. All Steers must be brought to the fairgrounds at the date designated by the Livestock Committee for initial weigh in. All Exhibitors must be present at initial weigh-in unless excused by the Livestock Chairman. The weigh-in will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 8:00 - 10:00 AM. All steers must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in.
4. Each steer will be given an official starting weight and will be marked by the Livestock Committee. Steers will be accepted with a minimum starting weight of 500 Lbs. and a maximum weight of 900 Lbs.
5. Each steer will be mouthed for age at the first weigh-in. Steer with permanent teeth will not be accepted. Dairy steers will not be accepted.
6. (A) Only steers grading Select **or better or** gaining 2.5 lbs. per day during the feeding period and conforming to the minimum weight of 900 Lbs. at the Fair weigh-in, will be eligible for show and sell. No steer over 27 months of age will be accepted. The Livestock Committee will divide all steers into classes by weight.

(B) The top placing blue ribbon County Bred Steer from each class will be called back to compete for Best County Bred Steer. If Grand or Reserve is a county bred steer they would automatic be awarded the Best County Bred Steer.
7. Exhibitors will not be paid for (nor will any buyer be charged for) any weight over **1350** Lbs.
8. Each steer will be weighed and graded before judging. A shrink weight will be used for sale if required by packers or buyers. Steers accepted in the show must be consigned to the auction sale. The Livestock Committee will not sponsor a sale for unqualified or sifted steers. All unqualified or sifted steers must be removed from the grounds immediately.
9. Exhibitors and their parent or guardian will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned in at final weigh in. Their animal must not have been given any medications that are not past the proper withdrawal period of time.
10. Grooming will be done by the **Exhibitors only.**
11. All steers will be exhibited in a regular show halter unless approved by the Steer Superintendent **or** the Livestock Chairman. No training devices are allowed.
12. All steers must arrive with a maximum of ¼ inch hair length, leaving only switch. All steers must be sheared prior to arrival at final weigh in. Clipping includes the head, body, underline, and legs above the knee and hock. **Steers will be checked at final weigh in and not be allowed to show if they have more than ¼ inch of hair.**
13. All steers are to be double tied with a neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.

14. The Livestock Committee will present at least one educational meeting during the project period (September through February). The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, in order to SHOW and SELL. Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in and out to receive credit for attending.
15. Two separate Buyers Letters (ONE TO A PREVIOUS BUYER AND ONE TO A NEW BUYER, ADDRESSED, STAMPED AND **UNSEALED WITH YOUR RETURN ADDRESS**) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office on or before 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 18, 2019. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however, you are encouraged to send out more on your own. All exhibitors must use the current list of previous buyers posted online at citruscountyfair.com you can pick up a list from the Fair office.
16. AWARDS & PREMIUMS: Entries will be judged by the Modified Danish System.

BLUE RIBBON \$5.00

RED RIBBON \$3.00

WHITE RIBBON \$1.00

Persons wishing to compete in the Showmanship Class, must designate no later than Friday, January 18, 2019 or before and pay a non-refundable fee of \$10.00. Participation in Showmanship is optional.

PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP IS A % OF ENTRY FEES COLLECTED. RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDS 1ST - 6TH

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

17. **All exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD.**



Thank you letters for Buyers, Trophy, Plaque Sponsors, Add-Ons and Belt Buckles must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office no later than the 3rd Friday in April. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up).** Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your return address on the envelope.** All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy, plaque and belt buckle.)

19. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Beef Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2018.
20. All exhibitors of steers are required to wear long pants at all times. No shorts will be permitted during this project while on the fairgrounds.
21. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

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 owners expense. **The Livestock Committee will no longer offer this service.**