

2023-2024 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
YOUTH BEEF (Cow/Calf & Heifer) SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS
(ENTRY FEES NON-REFUNDABLE)

1. (A) Entry form and Entry Fee of \$15.00 must be in the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, March 1, 2024. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date.

(B) MANDATORY TO ATTEND ONE EDUCATIONAL MEETING. The Livestock Committee will present at least **two** educational meetings during the project period (August through February). REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, at least ONE of these to SHOW. Exhibitor and Parent or Guardian, must **STAY** for the meeting **AND** sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you and your parent or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show.

(C) All show animals will be cared for at the exhibitor's residence unless permission is granted by the Livestock Board for the animal to be cared for at another location.

(D) Exhibitor must have possession of their animal by Friday, February 2, 2024.

(E) No substitutions after registration deadline.

2. Entries in show are restricted to regularly enrolled members of 4-H or FFA in Citrus County.

3. All entries must be individually identified with approved USDA tags or brand/tattoo for registered papers per breed association rules.

4. All Youth Beef Exhibitors completed record books must be turned in at the exhibitor meeting. Record book must begin on Friday, February 2, 2024. All Livestock Exhibitors will be admitted Free for the duration of your project through the Livestock Gate. **ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**

5. **This show is open to any beef heifer or cow containing less than 50% dairy breeding.**

6. 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.**

7. A culling judge will be present to sift any undesirable animals.

8. **Youth Exhibitors may not compete against themselves, except in champion classes.** Each exhibitor must show their animal, unless the Livestock Chairman and Superintendent approve another showman.

9. 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).

10. 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 24, 2024.

* The animals will be divided into 6 classes according to their weight. All cows with calf by her side will show in class 7. Calf must be under 6 months of age to show in the cow class 7

11. **CLASS AWARDS:**

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

PREMIUMS & 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

SHOWMANSHIP:

PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE A PERCENTAGE OF ENTRY FEES COLLECTED.

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 PLACES 1ST THROUGH 6TH

AWARDS:

Grand and Reserve Champions and Class Winners will receive awards. Showmanship (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)

12. Thank you letters for Skill-a-thon and all 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. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up)**. 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 and 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.
13. 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, 2023.
14. All exhibitors are required to wear long pants and boots (with a minimum of 6" uppers) at all times. No shorts will be permit during this project while on the fairgrounds.
15. All exhibitors must leave animals in the barn for the duration of the show as determined by the Livestock Committee.
16. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-Up - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Exhibitor must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.** Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a **\$150.00** fine or forfeit their premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund.

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.

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