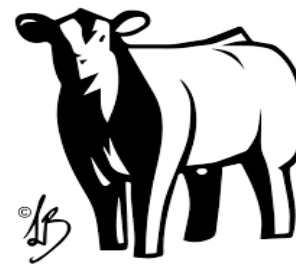


# CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

## TERMINAL MARKET STEER

### 2026 SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS



#### Refer to:

Livestock General Rules & Regulations  
Citrus County Fair Livestock Schedule and Livestock Addendum  
IAFE and National Code of Showing Ethics

1. Exhibitor must be at least eleven (11) years of age as of September 1 prior to the March Fair, to show and, sell a steer and must register with the Citrus County Fair.

2. Entry form and fee must be in the Fair Office before the 5:00 pm deadline. (Refer to Important Dates on the Livestock Schedule). Entry fee is non-refundable. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Metered or post-marked entries will not be accepted after the deadline.

3. A steer accepted in the show must be consigned to the auction sale to be harvested.

4. Steer must be brought to the fairgrounds on the date designated by the Livestock Committee for initial weigh-in. Steer must be tagged with USDA tags, (Refer to General Rule #6). A steer without the OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION will not be accepted. Exhibitor must be present at the initial weigh-in unless excused by the Livestock Chairman. Steer must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in. Steer will be tagged with a CCFA Numerical Tag at the initial weigh-in.

A. In the event a steer loses its OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TAG, OR the CITRUS COUNTY NUMERICAL TAG, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE WITHIN 72 HOURS. If the lost tag is the USDA ID Tag, then a replacement USDA TAG must be obtained (BY THE EXHIBITOR) and the animal retagged. Once the retagging is complete, the Fair Office must be notified. If the lost tag is the CCFA Numerical Tag, retagging prior to entry into the fair is at the discretion of the Steer Superintendent or the Livestock Chairman. Steer will NOT be offloaded from the trailer at either the initial or the final weigh-in without Official USDA identification.

5. Steer will be given an official starting weight and tagged by the Livestock Committee. Steer must have a minimum starting weight of 500 lbs. and a maximum weight of 900 lbs.

A. ANIMALS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE OF FLORIDA HEALTH RULES.

B. A current Health Certificate/Coggins for all species, excluding poultry and rabbits, must be presented before removing the animal from the trailer at the Citrus County Fairgrounds, excluding initial weigh-in. The Health Certificate will be at the Exhibitor's expense.

6. A steer over 27 months of age at final weigh-in will not be accepted. Steer may be mouthed to determine age. A steer with permanent teeth will be disqualified. This applies anytime during the project, from initial weigh-in and including the fair.

7. Only a steer 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 to show and sell. Steers will be divided into classes by weight.

A. The first place (Blue Ribbon) County Bred Steer from each class will compete for Best County Bred Steer. If a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion is a County Bred Steer, it will be awarded the Best County Bred Steer.

8. Exhibitor will not be paid, nor will any buyer pay, for any weight over **1350 lbs.**

9. Steer will be weighed and graded prior to judging. Shrink weight will be used for sale if required by packers or buyers. The Livestock Committee will not sponsor a sale for unqualified or sifted steers. Unqualified or sifted steers must be removed from the grounds immediately.

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**10.** Steer must be exhibited in a regular show halter unless approved by the Steer Superintendent or the Livestock Chairman. Training devices are not allowed at any time, including but not limited to the Big Jim halter, cruise control halters, training halters, and other wire halters. These devices are not to be used under or with show halters, rope halters, nylon halters, etc.

A. Exhibitor must be able to safely handle/control their steer at all times. If the Exhibitor is unable, they will be sent home. This applies for the duration of the fair.

**11.** Steer must arrive with a maximum of ¼ inch hair length, leaving only switch. Steer must be sheared prior to arrival at the final weigh-in. Clipping includes the head, including ears, body, underline, and legs, all the way down to the hooves. Steer will be checked at the final weigh-in and not be allowed to weigh-in if they have more than ¼ inch of hair.

**12.** Steer must be double-tied with a neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope. No hay bags of any type permitted on the fairgrounds.

**13.** A Market Animal may NOT be shown in ANY SHOW after it has been sold in the live auction at the Citrus County Fair. Any Exhibitor doing so will become ineligible to participate in the Citrus County Fair next year. If the Exhibitor is a graduating senior, a 25% assessment of the sale price will be charged.

**14.** Failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations will subject the Exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or the fairgrounds.

**15. Subjects not covered herein can be found in the Citrus County Fair Livestock Shows General Rules & Regulations for the current fair year.**