

# ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL RULES

Followed by Individual Livestock Rules  
Exhibits & Exhibitors Must Comply with All Rules

## OFFICIAL ENTRY

1. Additional entry forms and lease agreements are available upon request from the agricultural teachers, 4-H leaders and Extension Office, or on the website at: <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu>.
2. All entries must be made on an official entry form with all information and signatures complete, accurate. **All entry fees are due at the time the entry form is turned in and it is non-refundable. All committees will set their own entry fees.** Lease agreement forms should be filled out and turned in with entries. Late fees will be charged to late entries where applicable.
3. All Beef Bull, Beef Heifer, Dairy Heifer, Market Breeding Goat, and Poultry Entries must complete an entry form furnished by the Youth Fair Committee. Entries must be mailed to the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Association, 2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609. **Beef Bull, Beef Heifer, Dairy Heifer, Market Breeding Goat, and Poultry entries with fees are due postmarked by Jan. 15th. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed if the entry forms are received after January 15th. No late entries will be accepted after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. No substitutions or changes after late entry deadline.**
4. Exhibitors must show their animals in 4-H or FFA, whichever is designated on entry form. Exhibitors cannot change youth organizations.
5. All entries must be in the owner's name using a separate entry form for each division.
6. Screening and Grievance Committee, upon the recommendation of the Alachua County Youth Fair Board, may disqualify any exhibit they feel is not a credit to the show or unthrifty. Beef & Dairy will go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Animals which are uncontrollable will not be allowed to show or sell. Any animal that becomes unruly and dangerous or gets loose twice, will be tied to the fence and judged there, or may be disqualified at any time during the Show and Sale by a committee appointed by the Fair Board. If Committee deems it necessary, the animal will be removed from Fairgrounds or sold at resale price.
7. An Exhibitor can show no more than 5 breeding animals in each division. (Beef Bull, Beef Heifer, Dairy Heifer, Breeding Goat)
8. **Fat Steer and Market Goat entries & fees must be submitted at the official weigh-in date- October 3, 2009 at Santa Fe High School, 8:00am – 10:00am.**
9. **Swine and Feeder Steer entries & fees must be submitted at the official Tag- In date – December 5, 2009 at Santa Fe High School. Swine: 8:00am – 10:00am, followed by Feeder Steers at 10:00am- Noon.**
10. If a Market animal dies or becomes seriously ill and is unable to compete after initial weigh-in, the animal may be replaced upon verification of severe illness or death of the animal by a board member and committee member. The replacement animal may only be shown in showmanship and may be sold for market price only.
11. All livestock entries will be required to participate in all Contests at the fair, if selected.
12. Bedding will be supplied by the Fair Association.

13. All male market animals must be castrated by the Tag-In or Weigh-In Dates.
14. Broiler orders are due to Cindy Sanders on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Broiler pick up and workshop will be on February 9, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Alachua County Extension Office.
15. Rabbit entries will be due January 11, 2010, at Mandatory Rabbit Meeting.
16. All barn exhibitors and their animal must be checked in 1 hour before the exhibitors meeting.

## **EXHIBITORS**

1. All Exhibitors' must be a member of an Alachua County 4-H Club or attend school at an Alachua County School and be a member of that FFA chapter to show in the Youth Fair. Non-livestock exhibitors must be Alachua County 4-H, FFA or FHA members, or members of an Alachua County School Vocational Student Organization. 4-H members must be between the ages of 5 and 18 years, on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. FFA youth who have dropped out of, or graduated from, high school will not be eligible to exhibit.
2. Youth are eligible for 4-H membership when they have their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 1 of the current 4-H year, and may remain members until August 31 of the year in which they graduate from high school or each their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever comes first. Animal projects for 5-7 year olds will be limited to lap animals only. This includes rabbits, poultry, pets, and dog projects.
3. Market animal exhibitors shall be limited to bonafide FFA or 4-H members of Alachua County with approved projects, and not exhibiting in any market show that is not available to all exhibitors in this show.
4. Exhibitors with Market Animals will pay a 7.5% sales commission of which will be deducted from their final check. Exhibitor will be paid as follows: Sale Price -7.5% COMMISSION -FREIGHT - PHOTO - Misc.
5. Exhibitors can enter, show, and sell only one market animal (steer, goat or hog). Entry of a second market animal will automatically withdraw the first market entry. For the Feeder Steers, exhibitors may show 2 market animals, but must designate on entry form which animal will sell.
6. Exhibitors must turn in his/her approved up-to-date livestock, poultry or rabbit record on the project being entered. A record is not complete unless it is signed by the Parent or Guardian, 4-H Club Leader, Extension Agent or Agricultural teacher. Failure to comply with this rule will result in non-entry of the project.
7. We expect exhibitors to groom their own animals. NO PROFESSIONALS.
8. **All exhibitors participating in the shows, sale, and awards program will be required to be clean, neat and dressed in dark black jeans, slacks, or skirts, with a solid white collared shirt and dark or green tie. FFA Jacket or 4-H accessories are encouraged. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. No hats or caps allowed. Exception: Horse show participates are required to wear attire, boots and helmet appropriate for their riding style. For Dairy Show dress, see Dairy Show Rules.**
9. **All exhibitors must attend an Animal Ethics class. This may be done through the class that Cindy Sanders teaches or another fair association but proof of attendance is required to the Alachua County Extension office by Feb. 1.**
10. If an exhibitor refuses to cooperate and obey rules, he/she will be contacted, first by president, vice-

president or leader. The second contact will carry a \$50.00 fine; on the third contact, will be asked to leave the show.

11. Each exhibitor must show his own animal unless approved by the appropriate show committee, prior to the show.
12. Showmanship class will be divided as follows: Junior – 3rd-5th grade; Intermediate – 6th-8th grade, and Senior – 9th-12th grade.
13. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean attractive manner for the duration of the show. Exhibitors must feed, water, and maintain proper care and treatment of their animals while at the fair.
14. During Shows, Only Exhibitors are allowed in the barn area.
15. Exhibitors receiving awards are required to personally pick up their awards at the awards ceremony, or appoint a substitute to pick up the awards at the awards ceremony.

### **PARKING**

1. All trucks, trailers, vans and vehicles not used daily must be parked in the back section of the Livestock Parking area.

### **PREMIUMS AND AWARDS**

1. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports.
2. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after judging. Premiums not paid during the Show will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after May 1. All premium checks must be cashed within sixty days of issuance or they become void.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RIBBONS</b>		
	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
Beef Heifer	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Beef Bulls	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Dairy Heifer	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Dairy Goats	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Market Breeding Goats	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Rabbits	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$2.00
Poultry	\$5.00	\$2.50	Ribbon

## **JUDGES AND JUDGING:**

### **GRAND/RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

1. The first place ribbon animal from each class will compete for Grand Champion. There must be a blue ribbon animal in at least one class to have a championship class. The blue ribbon animal which stood second in the class, from which the champion came, will compete with the first place blue ribbon animals of the other classes for Reserve Champion. Grand Champion or Reserve designation will be at the discretion of the judge.
2. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
3. The decision of the judge shall be final.
4. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

### **HEALTH RULES**

1. All health rules as outlined by the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry and under each specific department must be strictly adhered to. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry. A certified state inspector will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the inspector on duty.
2. **All animals must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (except for swine, rabbits, and poultry)** listing permanent identification and must be free of evidence of disease.
3. Any evidence of tampering with animals will automatically disqualify any entry. This includes such things as filling with a foreign substance and the use of tranquilizers or drugs. It is illegal to feed ruminant by-products to any ruminant animals.
4. **Livestock Drug Policy:**
  - This policy is put in place to comply with USDA Food Safety Inspection Service rules. Animals are often tested at the time of slaughter to monitor the illegal use of antibiotics, growth regulators, and other drugs which require a withdrawal period.
  - Exhibitors must read all labels and comply with label instructions (ie. Dosage, proper administration, withdrawal etc.)
  - Types of products that may include withdrawals, but not limited to: Antibiotics, Vaccines, Feeds and feed additives, Dewormers, Pour-on parasite control, Implants
  - Any off label use (contrary to label instructions) must be accompanied with veterinarian prescription. This document must be presented to show chair.
  - In case treatment due to illness is necessary within the specified withdrawal period, exhibitor must contact chair by fair weigh-in. The committee will then arrange an alternant marketing plan provided the animal is healthy.

**If illegal drugs or foreign substances are detected, it will result in forfeiture of all sale proceeds.**

### **RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK**

1. Specific release times are specified by each show committee. Removal of any animals or exhibits prior to designated release time, unless approved by the appropriate show committee, will cause forfeiture of all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the show.

## **LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT**

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes, as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
2. The Show, its officers and employees, cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the ground and articles left therein, and any other property of any nature, whatsoever.
3. Animals are restricted to designated area of Fairgrounds and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animal.

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

1. The Fair Board will not accept a sponsorship for any contest from an individual(s) that did not pay a previous commitment to a sponsorship.
2. Sponsorships need to be paid before fair; the Treasurer will not be billing sponsors after the fair.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

1. Each animal will be sold separately to the highest bidder.
2. Auctioneer will determine the highest bidder and settle all disputes.
3. Persons must be at least 18 years of age to bid on animals and/or sign a sale invoice. Any person buying animals for another person must sign their name and provide a complete billing address on the invoice.
4. **No more than three (3) buyers will be allowed for an individual sale animal. These names will be announced at the sale.**
5. Terms are cash (personal check) due upon receipt of invoice.
6. **The process for collecting will be as follows:**
  - a) Buyers will be billed after the sale and given 30 days to submit their payment.
  - b) If not paid at the end of 30 days a friendly reminder will be sent with 30 additional days to submit their payment.
  - c) If a bill is not paid at the end of 60 days, then a letter will be sent stating that they have 30 days to submit their payment or they will be assigned to small claims court. If a judgment is awarded then the Board will seek remedy by attaching a lien to their property.
7. Make checks payable to Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show Association.
8. Any money that is collected or spent in the name of the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show and Sale must be routed through the Association's general fund.
9. The Treasurer will not invoice any buyer for less than \$100. All add-ons of less than \$100 will be due prior to the end of the sale. These add-ons will be payable as either cash or check, made out to ACYF&LS and accompanied by the completed forms that will be furnished. **The names of individuals contributing less than \$100 will not be announced at the sale.**
10. All checks returned because of insufficient funds will be charged a fee of \$25.

11. **No exhibitor will be paid until 30 days after sale, to allow Treasure for billing and collection.**

12. **Terms and conditions for CUSTOM KILL: Custom kills must be paid in full upfront at the sale. Only the bidder (or one of the three buyers) that buys the market animal will be allowed to purchase that carcass. State law prohibits individuals, other than those designated by the Fair Association, from transporting animals to the designated slaughter facility.**

**STEERS:** Steers for custom kill will be delivered to a processing plant designated by the committee and must be accompanied by a sheet specifying the cutting and wrapping instructions. The bid price must be paid in full and the instructions sheet completed at the sale in order to have the steer delivered to the processing plant.

**SWINE:** Hogs for custom kill will be delivered to a processing plant designated by the committee and must be accompanied by a sheet specifying the cutting and wrapping instructions. The bid price must be paid in full and the instructions sheet completed at the sale in order to have the hog delivered to the processing plant.

**GOATS:** Goats that are not resold, must be picked up by the purchaser, immediately after the sale.

13. A resale price has been established and is \$\_\_\_ for hogs, \$\_\_\_ for market steers, \$\_\_\_ for feeder steers, and \$\_\_\_ for goats. Any buyer reselling a steer, hog or goat will be billed for the announced price less the announced resale value.

14. The maximum sale weight for market steers 1400 pounds, feeder steers is 800 pounds, and 285 pounds for market hogs.

15. Ownership of All Feeder Steers will be **RETAINED BY THE EXHIBITOR.**

- a. Feeder Steers automatically go to Resale.
- b. The Highest bidder in the sale can not take possession of the feeder steer.

#### **NOTES:**

Liability in case of death or injury to an animal remains with an exhibitor until sold.

Every effort will be made to prevent accidents but neither the Association nor its members will be liable in case of accident involving exhibitors or spectators.

**The Fair Board will pay all exhibitors within 90 days after the first billing.** Any exhibitor whose buyer has not paid after 90 days will be paid the average sale price or the bid price, whichever is less, and get the remainder after the "Small Claims" court issue is resolved and collected.

Auction Services by \_\_\_\_\_, Licensed Auctioneer

#### **INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

The Board of Directors of the Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show Association is the governing body of the Youth Fair and all its content. They reserve the right to amend, add to, and interpret the rules and regulations as they see fit, to settle and determine all questions and differences, in regard to or arising from any incident that involves the Youth Fair.

## **BEEF BULLS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Bulls must not exceed 30 months of age as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, the year of the fair. No bulls under the age of 6 months may be shown. Only weaned bulls are eligible to be shown.
2. All bulls must go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Animals that are uncontrollable will not be allowed to show. The Fair Screening Committee shall have the right to mouth animals to determine age.
3. **The show will be open to all bulls recognized by a breed association.** A copy of registration papers must be provided with entry form.
4. Exhibitors must have an entry in the show to compete in the showmanship contest and must show their own bull.
5. FFA Chapter animals will be entered in the Chapter name.
6. Any clipping of beef animals must be done prior to being brought to the fair. No clipping will be permitted on the fairgrounds. The use of any grooming products will not be allowed. Wash and blow-dry only. Animals will be checked when entering the show ring; animals that have grooming products on them will not be allowed to show.

### **OWNERSHIP**

1. Animals must be owned or leased and in possession of exhibitor on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the March show.
2. Exhibitors with lease bulls must personally present the Beef Committee with an Alachua County Youth Fair lease agreement by January 1<sup>st</sup> for approval.
3. Leased bulls may not have been previously shown under another name.

### **CLASSES**

1. Classes and divisions will be divided into age groups according to the number of entries in the show.

# **BEEF HEIFER**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Heifers must be six months old to enter. Heifers cannot be older than 30 months on January 1 of the year of the Fair.
2. All Beef Heifers will go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Animals which are uncontrollable will not be allowed to show. The Fair screening committee shall have the right to mouth animals to determine age.
3. The show will be open to purebred, grade and cross-bred heifers.
4. Exhibitor must have an entry in the show to compete in the showmanship contest, and must show their own heifer.
5. FFA Chapter animals will be entered in the Chapter name.
6. Any clipping of beef animals must be done prior to being brought to the fair. No clipping will be permitted on the fairgrounds. The use of any grooming products will not be allowed. Wash and blow-dry only. Animals will be checked when entering the show ring; any animals that have grooming products on them will not be allowed to show.

## **OWNERSHIP**

1. Animals must be owned or leased and in possession of exhibitor on or before January 1st, prior to the March show.
2. Exhibitors with lease heifer must personally present Beef Committee with Alachua County Youth Fair lease agreement by January 1 for approval.
3. Leased heifers may not have been previously shown under another name or by another exhibitor.

## **CLASSES**

1. Classes and Divisions will be divided into age groups according to the number of entries in the show.

## **GENERAL**

1. All animals must be halter broken and the exhibitor able to handle animals before entering the barn. Show or Fair Committee reserves the right to disqualify unruly animals at any time during the Fair.
2. The committee may visit each exhibitor and their entry approximately 2 weeks after entry deadline.
3. All grievances will be brought before the Beef Heifer Show Committee and all decisions of that committee shall be final.
4. Petitions for exceptions to these rules may be considered by the Beef Heifer Show Committee and their decision will be final.
5. Best Home Grown heifer will be presented to the exhibitor of the highest placing heifer that was calved on the exhibitor's farm (or chapter farm for chapter animals), or parents of the exhibitor(s) farm and exhibitors must be actively involved in the operation through ownership of the dam at the

time of conception to be considered home grown.

# BEEF MATURE COW

## ELIGIBILITY

1. **WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Cows must be older than 30 months of age as of January 1, of the year of the Fair. Cows must have a calf by their side or have a certificate of pregnancy from a veterinarian. Certificate of pregnancy must be presented to the beef committee representative upon arrival at the fair.
2. All beef cows and their calves must go through a screening committee to ensure exhibitors can control their animals. Animals which are uncontrollable will not be allowed to show. The Fair screening committee shall have the right to mouth animals to determine age.
3. The show will be open to purebred, grade and cross-bred cows.
4. Exhibitor must have an entry in the show to compete in the showmanship contest, and must show their own cow.
5. FFA Chapter animals will be entered in the Chapter name.
6. Any clipping of beef animals must be done prior to being brought to the fair. No clipping will be permitted on the fairgrounds. The use of any grooming products will not be allowed. Wash and blow-dry only. Animals will be checked when entering the show ring; animals that have grooming products on them will not be allowed to show.

## OWNERSHIP

1. Animals must be owned or leased and in possession of exhibitor on or before January 1st, prior to the March show.
2. Exhibitors with lease cows must personally present Beef Committee with Alachua County Youth Fair lease agreement by December 1 for approval.
3. Leased cows may not have been previously shown under another name or by another exhibitor.

## GENERAL

1. All animals must be halter broken and the exhibitor able to handle animals before entering the barn. Show or Fair Committee serves the right to disqualify unruly animals at any time during the Fair.
2. The committee may visit each exhibitor and their entry approximately 2 weeks after the entry deadline.
3. All grievances will be brought before the Beef Show Committee and all decisions of that committee shall be final.
4. Petitions for exceptions to these rules may be considered by the Beef Show Committee and their decision will be final.
5. **There must be a minimum of 4 entries present at the show to award Grand & Reserve champion trophies. If entries are below 5 then ribbons will be awarded for class placing only.**

CLASSES will be divided into age groups according to the number of entries in the show.

## **BREEDING GOAT**

1. Only females showing meat goat characteristics may be shown.
2. All animals must have horns tipped or removed.
3. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor on or before the last Friday in November.
4. Show will be judged using the Modified Danish System.
5. All animals must be permanently tattooed or tagged.
6. All Goats must have Scrapie Identification tags from USDA.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to show up to TWO (2) animals per class. 5 Goats Maximum (General Rules, Official Entry #7)
8. The classes are:

Class One:	4-5 months
Class Two:	6-11 months
Class Three:	1 year
Class Four:	2 years
Class Five:	3 years
Class Six:	4 years
Class Seven:	5 years and up

## **DAIRY HEIFER**

The purpose of this show is to (1) teach fundamentals of good dairy science, (2) emphasize dairy production, nutrition, reproduction, and health, (3) stress the finer points of showmanship and exhibition, (4) provide exhibitors a fitting climax to their dairy project.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Exhibitors must be present and show their own animals unless otherwise approved by the Dairy Committee.
2. A member may enter a maximum of five (5) animals in the show, but may not show more than one (1) animal per class.
3. All animals must have been owned or leased, and cared for by the exhibitor on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>
4. Animals must be clipped prior to arrival, touch-up only. For Fitting & Grooming entries, exhibitors will have 1 hour in the ring, under the supervision of the judge, to do top-line and finishing touches, No clipping. If the Exhibitor chooses not to compete in the contest then they may groom their animal prior to the show and will not be judged on Fitting and Grooming.
5. The exhibitor is to see that his/her animal is fed, cleaned, etc. for the duration of the fair. If not there will be a \$10.00 per head per day charge.
6. If leasing an animal, and if it is being kept at another location, you must work with that animal at least 2-3 times per week.
7. The Dairy Committee recommends that 4-H exhibitors wear white pants and white dress shirt; FFA exhibitors may show in official dress during the dairy show, No Hats.

### **HORNS**

1. In order to reduce the chances of bodily harm to exhibitors, spectators, and other animals, all animals must be dehorned to enter the show. Animals with horns will be disqualified.

### **CLASSES FOR INDIVIDUAL ANIMALS**

1. Class 1. Junior calves - 4-6 months old  
Class 2. Intermediate calves - 7-9 months old  
Class 3. Senior calves - 10-12 months old  
Class 4. Junior yearlings - 13-18 months old  
Class 5. Senior yearlings - 19-24 months old  
Class 6. Junior Grand Champion  
Class 7. Junior Reserve Champion  
Class 8. Junior two year olds - 25-30 months old  
Class 9. 31 + months (must provide own milking machine). Milk must be disposed of properly. STATE LAW prohibits consumption of raw milk.  
Class 10. Senior Grand Champion  
Class 11. Senior Reserve Champion  
Class 12. Best of Show (overall Grand Champion)  
Class 13. Bred by Exhibitor
2. The animals will be judged by the Modified Danish System.
3. Only females of the five dairy breeds may be shown. Grade animals must possess dairy characteristics. Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey

## FEEDER STEER

- Backgrounding program for a feeder calf show, sale, finishing in a feedyard, and harvesting at a commercial facility.

### **Objective:**

- For 4-H and FFA members to become aware of Florida's role in the beef industry by exposing them to:
  - The proper management practices through selection, feeding and health programs during the backgrounding phase.
  - Commercial feeding of their calves in a western feedyard.
  - Marketing options of the finished cattle
  - Value determined by the end product as determined by quality and yield grade.
  - Become familiar with cattle behavior and how to work properly around cattle.
  - Expose them to proper show ring procedure

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. 4-H & FFA Exhibitors will purchase their own feeder steers, feeder steers will not be provided by the fair board. If you need help in finding a feeder steer, please contact Cindy Sanders or a Beef Committee Member.
2. The Beef Committee recommends that the **initial weights range from 500-600 lb, with optimum being 550 lb. at the initial weigh in, and at the fair range from 650-750 lb., with optimum being 750 lb. The maximum sale weight at the fair is 800 lb. and a required average daily gain of 1.5 lb/day.**
3. If a steer is shown or attempted to be shown in any other market show, the animal cannot be shown in the Alachua County show.
4. All steers must be kept at exhibitors home unless granted permission by the Fair Association by weigh-in date, and signed by an advisor.
5. Management of feeder steers is VITAL; therefore, all feeder steer exhibitors must attend a **Mandatory Nutrition/Feeding, and Animal Ethics meeting**
  - a. **Due to the importance of this information failure to attend may result in disqualification, as a result of mismanagement of the feeder steer. Therefore, those who do not attend must contact Cindy Sanders at the Alachua County Extension Office to obtain meeting information.**
6. All feeder steers will be shown. **Exhibitors may show a feeder steer, market hog, fat steer or market goat. BUT may sell only ONE animal in the market animal sale. The market animal not sold during the sale will be sold at resale price. The exhibitor must designate their sale at the feeder steer weigh in.**
7. Any clipping of beef animals must be done prior to being brought to the fair. No clipping will be permitted on the fairgrounds. The use of any grooming products will not be allowed. Wash and blow-dry only. Animals will be checked when entering the show ring; animals that have grooming products on them will not be allowed to show.
8. After all animals are entered; classes will be determined by show officials.

9. **Showmanship is voluntary and will be combined with the fat steers.**

## **EXHIBITORS**

1. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean attractive manner for the duration of the show.
1. Each livestock exhibitor will be required to feed and water animals at least twice a day.
2. **At the conclusion of the fair, feeder steers will be shipped to an approved feedlot under the supervision of an independent feedlot consultant. Exhibitors will sign an affidavit at the initial weigh-in stating that they will not be allowed to take their steer home from the fair. The steer will be going to the feedlot to be finished.**
3. When steers are ready for harvest in the feedlot, they will be sold through the best market as determined by the feedlot manager and an independent consultant, or the carcass may be bought by the exhibitor at market price.
4. Exhibitors will be paid 30 days after Youth Fair Market Animal Sale: (Sale value- Commission – Photo -Misc. Cost)
5. Liability in case of death of the steer remains with the exhibitor through harvest.
6. **Disclaimer – If there is not a sufficient number of steers going to the feedlot, the project will terminate at the conclusion of the Youth Fair and the steers will be sold at highest bid price.**

# **Horse Show Rules**

## **GENERAL:**

1. Must be a bonafied 4-H or FFA member between the ages of 8-18 as of September 1, 2008.
2. Must show proof of negative coggins before unloading. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. All State of Florida health regulations must be followed.
4. 4-H members must use their 2008-2009 project horse.
5. Entry fees must be paid at time of registration.
6. No refunds on pre-entries unless you show a letter from your veterinarian. Pre-entries must be postmarked by March 14, 2010. Make checks payable to ACYF& LS in the memo write Horse Show. Mail pre-entries to:  

ACYF&LS  
2800 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609
7. Exhibitors must submit "Statement of Risk" to show secretary prior to first class.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct, cruelty to animals, or excessive rail coaching shall be cause for dismissal by judge or show management.

## **SAFETY:**

1. All riders are required to wear an SEI or SEI/ASTM approved safety equestrian helmet with chin harness in all classes and all warm-up areas. This pertains to the entire show grounds from time of arrival until departure. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
2. No stallions will be permitted on the grounds.
3. Management may stop or cancel a class in progress due to storm, accident, or other emergency.
4. The Alachua County Extension Service and the ACYF & LS Association are not responsible for any accident or loss that may occur to any animal, person, or property, nor damage to any vehicle. The exhibitor shall hold harmless and indemnify above against any such accident or loss.

## **CONDUCT OF CLASS:**

1. Fair management may modify or alter any class procedures, obstacles, or patterns due to safety concerns.

## **AWARDS & PLACING:**

1. Decisions of judge are final.
2. First through fifth place ribbons for each class.

3. FREE fun games will begin after the in-hand show. You do not need to pre-register for the fun games. Games will include, but not limited to: obstacle course, box stop, musical bags, ribbon race, brush race, and freezie pop race. This is only for FUN!

## **MARKET GOAT**

1. All animals **MUST** be castrated before crossing the scales at the initial weigh-in.
2. Only animals showing meat characteristics may be entered.
3. An exhibitor may enter one (1) castrated animal (wether).
4. All animals must have their horns tipped or removed.
5. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of the initial weigh-in.
6. Animals must be under 18 months of age at time of sale.
7. Animals **MUST** weigh 60 pounds at final weigh-in.
8. All Animals **MUST** gain a minimum of **.10** pounds a day to qualify for show and sale.
9. Classes will be determined after final weigh-in.
10. Exhibitors must turn in an official up-to-date record book.
11. All exhibitors must keep their area neat and clean until time of release to be determined by chairman; anyone leaving before will forfeit all premiums earned.
12. **ALL** exhibitors must include a minimum of three (3) buyer's letters in their record book.
13. All entries must be shown and sold by the exhibitor, unless approved by the Sale Committee.

## **HEALTH**

All animals for exhibition must be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection. All Goats must have Scrapie Identification tags from USDA.

# MARKET STEER

## GENERAL

1. Each individual, chapter or club must register and show proof of ownership for steer with the show officials by weigh-in date on an official entry form. Animals must be identified by special ear tags and weighed on scales approved by Show Committee. Day and time of initial weigh-in and show weigh-in will be determined by the Association. (The Association recommends that steers weigh a minimum of 650 lbs. at the initial weigh-in in order to reach 975 lbs. by show date.)
2. If a steer is shown or attempted to be shown in any other market show, the animal cannot be shown in the Alachua County show.
3. All steers must be kept at exhibitors home unless granted permission by the Fair Association by weigh-in date, and signed by an advisor.
4. Steers entered in the show must show a predominance of beef breeding.
5. All steers entered in the show and sale must weigh a minimum of 975 pounds gross at the time they are weighed at the show and have gained a minimum of 2.0 pounds per day for the feeding period. If steer fails to weigh 975 pounds at weigh-in, **then scales will be rebalanced and re-weighed at that time, and at no other time.** (The Association recommends a steer to have .3 to .5 outside fat cover.) Steers failing to meet the minimum entry requirements may participate in Showmanship and must be sold at resale price through the Fair. **Steers that fail to meet the minimum weight at the fair WILL NOT be allowed to drop down to the feeder steer show.**
6. **Any clipping of beef animals must be done prior to being brought to the fair. No clipping will be permitted on the fairgrounds. Slick shearing of steers is prohibited and may be subject to a fine at the beef committee's discretion.** The use of any grooming products will not be allowed. Wash and blow-dry only. Animals will be checked when entering the show ring; any animals that have grooming products on them will not be allowed to show.
7. **It is recommended that steers be less than 24 months of age at show; if second incisors are lost (24-30 mos.), carcass will be discounted due to BSE regulations.**
8. After all animals are entered; classes will be determined by show officials.
9. In order to reduce the chances of bodily harm to exhibitors, spectators, and other animals, all steers must be dehorned to enter the show. Any visible horns may be grounds for disqualification from the show as determined by show committee.

## EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean attractive manner for the duration of the show.
2. Each livestock exhibitor will be required to feed and water animals at least twice a day.
3. Exhibitors are required to furnish the names and addresses of their potential buyers to the Sales Committee. The President (with assistance of the Sales Committee), will send a letter to all potential buyers relating to how the sale is conducted and the Terms and Conditions of the Sale. This letter will include such things as:
  - i. The Association is a 501-C-3 organization, and contributions are tax deductible.

- ii. All money generated in the name of the Fair must go through the general fund.
  - iii. Terms and conditions for custom kill animals.
  - iv. Recognition of buyers by the Association.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible for securing a buyer for their animal. Therefore, each exhibitor must write a minimum of three letters prior to the show to prospective buyers, one of which must be to a potential buyer who did not purchase a steer the previous year. A copy of these letters must be included in the record book.
  5. All exhibitors are required to write a thank you letter to the buyer of their steer. A copy of this letter must be presented to the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Association at the Carcass Program before a check for sale of the animal is issued.
  6. Exhibitors must show their own steer during the show, showmanship and the sale, unless approved by the Sale Committee, by final steer weigh-in. Petition must be made in writing.
  7. Exhibitors must attend at least three (3) mandatory meetings; Feeding, Marketing, & Carcass Contest.

### **SALE**

1. All steers must be consigned to sale. A 7.5% sales commission, a \$1.00 BEEF CHECK OFF and a hauling and entry fee will be charged to the total receipts received by the exhibitor.
2. Liability in case of death or injury to an animal remains with exhibitor until loaded.
3. Steers may be shrunk 3% for the sale. Resale price will be based on shrunk weight.
4. The maximum sale weight is 1400 pounds. Any steer with a shrunk weight over 1400 will be sold as weighing 1400 pounds.
5. Exhibitor will be paid as follows: BUYERS SALE PRICE -7.5% COMMISSION - \$1.00 BEEF CHECK OFF - HAULING FEE - ULTRASOUND EXPENSE - ENTRY FEE.
6. All steer exhibitors must remain in the stands with the buyers during the sale, except when their animal is being sold.
7. Petitions for exceptions to these rules may be considered by the Steer Show Committee and their decision will be final.

### **JUDGING**

1. The Modified Danish System of judging will be used with prizes awarded accordingly.
2. Breeders Award will be presented to the breeder of the Grand Champion or Reserve Champion steer if the breeder of the Grand Champion is unknown.
3. Best Home Grown Steer Award will be presented to the exhibitor of the highest placing steer that was calved on that exhibitor's home farm (or chapter farm for chapter steers) and parents of the exhibitor, or exhibitors, must be actively involved in operation through ownership of the dam at the time of conception to be considered home grown.

### **VALUE ADDED CONTEST**

The purpose of this contest is to recognize those animals that excelled in economic value through management decisions.

Factors may include:

1. Selection/Genetics
2. Feeding
3. Weight Gain
4. Calf Value
5. Yield Grade, Quality Grade, Carcass Weight, Carcass Value  
Final Value – Initial value / # days on Feed

### **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. Showmanship Contest will be conducted and all exhibitors will be entered.
2. In showmanship contest, contestants must show his or her own animal. No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show. Exhibitor of Chapter or Club steer may compete in the Showmanship Contest.

### **RECORD BOOK CONTEST**

1. Up-to-date and complete record books are required.
2. All record books should contain copies of bills, receipts of any items purchased for the project. Items given should receive a value for record purposes.

### **CARCASS CONTEST**

1. All steers entered in the on-foot Market Steer Show will be entered in the carcass contest.
2. All steers will be ultra-sounded by certified technician.
3. Ultra-sound data will include external fat, ribeye area, and % Intra-muscular fat, from this data yield grade and quality grade will be determined.
4. Carcass contest rules will be the final decision and responsibility of the Carcass Contest Committee.
5. Carcass contest results will be available to exhibitors, sponsors and buyers.
6. State carcass contest guidelines will be used to determine the winner. The winner will compete in State Carcass Program.

# MARKET SWINE

## GENERAL

1. Exhibitors will be disqualified if not present for Mandatory meetings. Any grievances should be presented to proper committee.
2. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules.
3. All grievances will be brought before the Swine Show Committee and all decisions of that committee shall be final.
4. **No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show. The exhibitor of the chapter or club animal will be allowed to compete in the Showmanship Class.**
5. The 4-H and FFA leaders and advisors must verify individual ownership, identification of the animals, and sex of the animals. No boar hogs will be allowed to enter the show.
6. All hogs must be reared at the exhibitor's home unless granted permission by the show association by tag-in date, and signed by an advisor.
7. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three letters prior to the show to prospective buyers, one of which must be to a potential buyer who did not purchase a hog the previous year. A copy of these letters must be included in their record book.
8. **All hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds.** Weight gain will be computed and classes established by weight. Exhibitors may show gilts or barrows. If a hog is within 10 lbs. of making minimum weight, options will be presented to the exhibitor, which are a, b, and c. If a hog is more than 10 lbs. from making weight, only option b and c will be available to the exhibitor. Animals that are to be re-weighed will be sent to a designated area specified by the swine committee. There will be a maximum sale weight of 285 pounds.
9. If animal does not make weight, options will be presented to exhibitor, which are:
  - a. Attempt to re-weigh hog once. May be reloaded on trailer and re-weighed once, prior to the end of weigh-in.
  - b. Declines re-weigh. Once re-weigh is declined and hog goes into the barn, it will not be re-weighed for any reason.
  - c. Exhibitor will be notified that they have the option to compete for showmanship if their hog does not make weight. If they choose to exercise this option, their hog will go in the barn and must go to slaughter according to State law.
10. Exhibitors must provide total care for their animals for the duration of the Fair.
11. All hogs are expected to be clean and ready for show. They may be washed in designated areas only, not in the pens.
12. All entries must be shown and sold by the exhibitor, unless approved by the Sale Committee by final hog weigh-in. Petition must be made in writing.
13. The Modified-Danish System of judging will be used with prizes awarded accordingly.
14. Best Home Grown Hog Award will be presented to the exhibitor of the highest placing hog that was farrowed at that exhibitor's home (chapter or club for FFA and 4-H chapter or club hog) by

a sow owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family (FFA chapter or 4-H club). If the highest placing is not evident from individual placings, then all home grown hogs will be returned to the arena to be placed by the judge. For this award to be relevant there must be at least 2 different homegrown breeders exhibiting.

15. All hogs will be sold and sent directly to slaughter by ONLY the individuals appointed by the Swine Committee and to the designated slaughter facility. No buyer will be allowed to haul the animal they purchased for any reason.
16. All exhibitors are required to write a thank you letter to the buyer of their hog. A copy of this letter must be presented before a check for the sale of the animal is issued.
17. In the Showmanship Contest, exhibitor must show their own animal unless the animal is physically unable to perform.
  - a. Situation must be presented to the Swine Committee for decision.
  - b. Replacement animal will be chosen by Swine Committee.
18. All exhibitors must provide and use an automatic waterer for their hog at all times during the Fair.
19. Hogs may be shrunk 3% for the sale. The resale price will be based on the actual shrunk weight.
20. We expect exhibitors to groom their own animals. NO PROFESSIONALS. **Clipping** – all hair on the hogs must be at least ½” and no less. Preferably no clipping, only trimming.

# POULTRY

## HEALTH

1. Health requirements covering admission of poultry for exhibition, in compliance with the Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, are as following:
  - a. All chickens shall have negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition and must be accompanied by a certificate.
  - b. All other chickens will be tested for pullorum-typhoid, at no charge, by a representative of the Florida Departments of Agriculture. Birds that react positively to this test will not be allowed to be return to the home flock.
  - c. Broilers, which originate from a US Pullorum-Typhoid Clean free hatchery will not require testing.
2. Entries must also be free of all external parasites such as mites, fleas and lice. Any infected bird shall be dismissed.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Birds must be owned by the exhibitor and raised at their home or school at least 14 days prior to the show.
2. Eligible breeds are those recognized by the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection or the American Bantam Association. Female black or red sex-links are eligible for entry in the production category
3. Exhibitors less than 8 years old will be awarded a participant ribbon only for exhibiting their birds.

## ENTRIES

1. All chickens except broilers will be entered as singles. Boilers shall be entered as pens of 2.
2. Each exhibitor may have up to, but not more than five (5) entries. A pen of broilers is considered as one entry. Only two (2) of the five entries may be broilers.
3. Poultry Entries must complete an entry form furnished by the Youth Fair Committee. Entries must be mailed to the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Association, 2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609. **Poultry entries with fees are due postmarked by Jan. 15th. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed if the entry forms are received after January 15th. No late entries will be accepted after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. No substitutions or changes after late entry deadline.**
4. Broiler orders are due to Cindy Sanders on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Broiler pick up and workshop will be on February 9, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Alachua County Extension Office.
5. The Superintendent may decline any entry or entries from any exhibitor.
6. Overly aggressive chickens will not be allowed to remain at the Fair and premiums will be with withheld.
7. **A completed record book**, by the individual exhibitor, either FFA or 4-H, must be turned in by the **due date, prior to the show**, otherwise the entry will not be exhibited.

No group record books accepted for competition.

8. There will be two broiler contests. One contest will be with chickens that are raised at the exhibitor's home and the other contest will be with chicken raised at school. Home raised chickens will be eligible for Best Broiler Contest. School raised chickens will be eligible for the FFA Challenge Trophy. Entries for both contests will be eligible for premiums awarded.
9. All eggs shown must be white or brown chicken eggs, selected by the exhibitor.
10. They need not be produced by the exhibitors flock but not purchased at a grocery store.
11. All eggs must be entered as single dozen with the maximum of 2 dozen and will be judged on interior and exterior quality.

### **GENERAL**

1. Poultry must be fed and watered twice a day (by 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. except Sunday at 7:00 pm).
2. Poultry cages must be cleaned out and bedding replaced by 10:00 a.m. each day.
3. Feed for poultry will be brought to the fair. All feed will be labeled with exhibitor's name and cage number.
4. The Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Association will not be responsible for any loss that may occur but will exercise every reasonable care of exhibits.
5. All eggs laid by exhibitor's chickens become the property of the show, unless other arrangements are made with the show chairman.

### **ARRIVAL & RELEASE**

1. Exhibits will be received from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. All chickens must be properly housed by 6:00 p.m.
2. During the period of exhibition, no chickens may be removed, except with the written consent of the Superintendent or his representative.
3. At the time of release of birds you will tear down and clean the chicken pens.

### **JUDGING**

1. A modified Danish System is used whereby each chicken gets a ribbon. Chickens are awarded a blue, red or white ribbon depending on their quality. In the purebred category, the chickens are judged according to the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection. Broilers and commercial birds are judged according to Industry standard.
2. The decision of the judge shall be final.

### **CLASSES**

1. Production - Both male and female chickens associated primarily with egg production. Acceptable chickens are Rhode Island Red, Leghorns, Plymouth Rock, New Hampshire, and Sex Linked females (Sex Linked males will not be allowed).

2. Purebred - Both male and female chickens raised mainly for show. This class includes Bantam and Standard breeds.
3. Broiler - Both male and female meat-type chickens between 6 and 8 weeks of age.
4. Classes will only be awarded 1-3 places if merited.
5. Best Home Grown Broiler Exhibit and Best School Grown Broiler Exhibit must receive a blue ribbon to qualify.

Special Awards

Best Production Male Class-----	\$25.00
Best Production Female Class-----	\$25.00
Best Exhibition Male Class-----	\$25.00
Best Exhibition Female Class-----	\$25.00
Best Home Grown Broiler Exhibit-----	\$30.00
Best School Grown Broiler Exhibit-----	\$60.00 to winning school
Best Dozen Eggs-----	\$25.00
Showmanship -----	\$20.00

## RABBIT SHOW RULES

### Open Show

1. The exhibitor must OWN and CARE for (daily feeding and general care) each rabbit that they enter in the fair. Ownership should begin no later than the first week in December.
2. All exhibitors are responsible of getting their own rabbits to the judging table. Youth not adults must bring their rabbits when their breed is called. Rabbits not brought when called for will not be judged.
3. There is a \$1.00 fee per entry; this must accompany the registration form. Pre 4-H exhibitors are not required to pay this fee.
4. **All exhibitors must attend the mandatory meeting on January 11, 2010 to be eligible to show at the youth fair. Entry forms are due by this meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact the chairman prior to the meeting.**
5. Each exhibitor must turn in a 4-H or FFA rabbit project book to be eligible to show. Record books are due at check-in before rabbits will be accepted. A project book may be submitted without a rabbit entry.
6. Total entries per exhibitor are 5. Limit of two pet class entries.
7. All rabbits must have an identification mark in their left ear.
8. Any sick or diseased rabbit will be automatically disqualified and will not be allowed to remain at the fair.
9. No pregnant or nursing does allowed.
10. Animals that bite will be disqualified and not allowed to remain at the fair.
11. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing clean water and feed for their rabbits while at the fair. Cages are not equipped with feeders or water bottles. Please do not bring plastic containers that the rabbits can chew or tip easily. Please do not bring dirty containers, you will be asked to take them home and clean them. If the exhibitor is unable to feed and water their rabbits every day they are responsible for finding someone to assist them.
12. Pet class entries are not eligible for Best in Show or Runner-up awards.
13. Judge will be using a modified ARBA standard for judging and a modified Danish system for awarding ribbons.

#### Open Show Premiums:

Blue	\$5.00	Red	\$2.50	White	\$2.00
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#### Awards if merited:

Best in Show  
Runner-up  
Best of Class

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 4-H and FFA record book  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in judging and showmanship in each age division  
All Around

### **Judging Contest Rules**

1. Contest is open to participants in grades 3-12. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the rabbit project.
2. Contestants must be able to handle rabbits they are unfamiliar with. Anyone mishandling a rabbit in a way that could cause injury will be disqualified.
3. Consists of a breed ID and animal judging
4. Divisions: Jr. (grades 3-5), Int. (grades 6-8), and Sr. (grades 9-12).

### **Showmanship Contest Rules**

1. Contest is open to participants in grades 3-12. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the rabbit project.
2. Consists of a written test and animal showmanship. (Must use own rabbit for showmanship or have permission to use another exhibitor's)
3. Divisions: Jr. (grade 3-5), Int. (grades 6-8), and Sr. (grades 9-12).

### **All Around Contest**

Point Schedule:

- 5 pts for each county project meeting attended
- 1 pt for each ARBA or State 4-H show attended.
- 5 pts for raising a homegrown rabbit, rabbit must be entered in youth fair to qualify.
- 1 pt for best of class
- 5 pts for Best in Show
- 3 pts for Runner-up
- 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Judging, Showmanship and Record Book, 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 1 pt for participating (but not placing) in Judging and Showmanship

## **BEEF HERDSMAN AWARD**

This award is being offered to show appreciation to beef exhibitors (bulls, heifer, mature cow, market steer, & feeders) for their cooperation in making the best possible presentation of their projects to the public, and for their help in keeping fair facilities attractive. The winning exhibitors will be chosen by a committee designated by the beef committee. The award will be presented to three individuals. All exhibitors will be eligible for the individual awards. Awards will be presented at the annual awards banquet. Awards will be based on daily appearance of exhibit(s), creativity of exhibit, sportsmanship, and willingness to assist fellow exhibitors and cooperate with fair officials.

## **ALL AROUND AWARD**

The same format for the beef breeding all around winner is used for steer, swine, and beef. Points are awarded according to a participants placing(s) in each category and/or class within a show for which awards are given (i.e. on-foot placing, Showmanship, Record Book, Homegrown, Herdsman, Carcass, Cattlemen's Contest, Swine Sense, Feed Efficiency, Grand or Reserve Champion, etc.)

- a. Individuals exhibiting more than one animal in the Beef Heifer division of the Beef Breeding Animal show may only receive points for their highest placing heifer. Therefore, one individual exhibiting multiple animals in all three divisions of the Beef Breeding Animal Show may only receive "on-foot" placing points for their best placing heifer, or mature cow, or bull.
- b. For individuals exhibiting more than one animal in the Beef Breeding Show, only one record book score will be allowed. The highest scoring or placing will be used to determine points awarded in the Best All Around.
- c. Only blue ribbon awarded animals are eligible to receive the "on-foot" placing points for both the class and in the Homegrown contest.
- d. Points within each category or class will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 5 Points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 4 Points; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 3 Points; 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 2 Points; 5<sup>th</sup> Place = 1 Point
- e. Bonus points will be awarded to individuals placing in more than one category within a show.
- f. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest score in recordbook, then showmanship.

# Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program

## Goals and Objectives:

To provide an educational experience that will create an opportunity for youth to develop the following through traditional 4-H dairy education programs.

- To develop character, knowledge and a sense of responsibility in 4-H members
- To provide 4-H youth an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with dairy animals through a 4-H project
- To maintain or increase the number of youth working with dairy animals
- Concentrate on the management components of raising dairy heifers
- To provide the opportunity for 4-H youth to become more familiar with contracts and lease agreements.

## Rules:

1. The Leasing Program pertains to registered and non-registered female breeding stock of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein or Jersey
2. The program is available to 4-H youth hereafter referred to as lessee, in good standing as a member in a local club. The lessee must remain in good standing as a member in a county 4-H or dairy club during the period of this lease contract. The lessee must attend regular club meetings during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend dairy educational meetings. The lessee will be required to keep a project record on each dairy animal and submit this record each year to their club leader.
3. A 4-H club member in good standing may utilize a lease agreement for project animals for a maximum of three years. New dairy project members that start as a senior 4-H'er may utilize the lease agreement program for a total of two years.
4. All leased animals must be a bona fide 4-H project. A 4-H member may lease a maximum of two animals during the project year.
5. The owner hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will jointly determine with the lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee. The responsibilities will be recorded on the Lease Agreement and will include such things as:
  - a. Duties and Responsibilities while working with the animal(s)
  - b. Working schedule for carrying out the specified duties
  - c. Assistance provided to the lessee by sponsor
  - d. Where will animal(s) be cared for (sponsor's or lessee's farm)
  - e. Who will provide feed and medical supplies
  - f. What monetary compensation will be provided and when it will be paid
6. Leased animals may be exhibited in the appropriate calf classes at any show with approval from the show management where you wish to exhibit. Animals may be shown in the cow classes only if the 4-H youth leased the animal as a calf or yearling.

All animals must be leased for the first time before the heifer is 18 months of age.
7. Animals enrolled in the leasing program will be exhibited only by the lessee in Florida shows during the contract year.

8. Leased animals may be housed and maintained at the farm facilities of either party.
9. The title of ownership as stated on the registration or grade identity certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the sponsor. Lessee must have a copy attached to the lease agreement. Some shows will require the original papers.
10. The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from accidental injury or death to the leased animal. The lessee can be held responsible for lost or injury due to neglect or poor management. It is strongly suggested that insurance be purchased by one or both of the parties to cover the value of the animal.
11. The sponsor is not responsible for financial liability from any injury, which may incur to the lessee while involved in working with leased animals.
12. The lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animals, such as veterinarian fees, transportation and other miscellaneous expenditures. The lessee may keep any premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.
13. The Lease Agreement must be signed and filed in the State Dairy Extension Office and will be in effect for a 12-month period. A copy must be kept on file in the county 4-H Extension office.
14. The signed Lease Agreement must be postmarked or in the State Dairy Extension Office by 45 days prior to exhibition of the animal.
15. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of Lease Agreement.
16. The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party or until the end of the project year. The Lease Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as:
  - a. Failure for Lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Lease Agreement
  - b. Changes in the Farming operation for the sponsor.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the project year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the State Dairy Extension Office.

17. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the sponsor and lessee prior to entering animals at any dairy show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out by the lessee. A copy of the signed Lease Agreement should be attached to all entry forms. A signed Approval to Show form for each show must be provided at check in.

### **Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement**

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_  
 between the owner (sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(address) (telephone #)  
and 4-H youth (lessee) \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address) (telephone #)

The Sponsor hereby agrees to lease to the 4-H member listed above the following animal(s): (Maximum of two animals) (Please attach appropriate registration or grade identity papers to this lease)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name or Identification number) (date of birth)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name or Identification number) (date of birth)

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(owner/sponsor) (date)

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H youth/lessee) (date)

I have read and understand the contractual agreement entered into by the lessee and sponsor and agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury or financial liability that may incur to the lessee during this contractual agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Legal Guardian) (date)

The lessee is a member in good standing of the 4-H Program and has a Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement on file.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Agent or County Agent) (date)

The leased animal must be a bona fide 4-H project and the lessee assumes responsibility for the care and management of the project animal mutually agreed upon with the sponsor as stated below: For guidelines see number 5.

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The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program or until the end of the project year. Failure to have a lease agreement on file by the appropriate time with the County Extension office or the State Specialist office will result in the animal not be eligible for shows within the state.

**Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Program**  
**Approval for Show Form**  
*(Must be provided at check-in for each show)*  
*(Form to signed no more than 10 days prior to check-in)*

The following animals have been leased by the 4-H youth (lessee) \_\_\_\_\_.

All obligations and requirements agreed upon by the Lease Agreement have been met and therefore are approved to show at (name of fair)\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name or Identification number)                      (Date of Birth)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name or Identification number)                      (Date of Birth)

I agree that all of the obligations and requirements set forth by the 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Program have been met and the 4-H'er has met all of the responsibilities recorded on the Lease Agreement therefore I the sponsor agree that the animal can be shown at this show.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(owner/sponsor)    (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(phone number)

The lessee is a member in good standing of the 4-H Program and has a Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement on file in the county and state office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Agent or County Agent)    (date)

## **ALACHUA COUNTY 4-H & FFA BEEF HEIFER/BULL LEASING PROGRAM**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. To develop character, knowledge and sense of responsibility in 4-H & FFA youth.
2. To provide non-farm youth and youth from farms without beef cattle, the opportunity to work with beef heifers as a fair project.
3. To maintain or increase the number of beef heifers/bull carried as 4-H & FFA projects.
4. To provide the opportunity for 4-H & FFA youth to become familiar with contracts and lease agreements.

### **RULES:**

1. Animals must be leased and in possession of exhibitor on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The signed Lease Agreement must be in the County Extension Office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. Entries are due by January 15th. An entry fee of \$10.00 per animal will be due with entry.
4. The Leasing Program pertains to Purebred and Crossbred beef heifers or purebred bulls.
5. The program is available to youth, hereafter referred to as lessee, in good standing as a member in a county 4-H club or FFA chapter. The lessee must attend regular club meetings during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend project educational meetings.
6. The lessee will be required to keep a project record on each animal. The record must be submitted to his/her local club leader, chapter advisor, or lessor as requested.
7. All leased animals must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA project. **The lessee may lease a maximum of two animals during the project year.**
8. The owner, hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will jointly determine with the lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee. The responsibilities will be recorded on the Lease Agreement and will include the following:
  - a. duties and responsibilities while working with the animal(s) at the farm,
  - b. working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
  - c. assistance provided to lessee by sponsor,
  - d. where the animal(s) will be cared for (sponsor's or lessee's farm),

- e. who will provide feed and medical supplies,
  - f. what monetary compensation will be provided.
9. Leased animals may be exhibited in the appropriate calf or yearling classes. Animals may be shown in the cow classes only if the lessee showed the animal as a calf or yearling.
10. Animals enrolled in the leasing program will be exhibited by the lessee only during the contract year.
11. Leased animals will be housed and maintained at the farm/facilities of lessee unless approved by the Beef Committee.
12. The title of ownership of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the sponsor.
13. The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from injury or death to the leased animal except in case of negligence.
14. The sponsor is not responsible for all financial liability from any injury which may occur to the lessee while involved in working with leased animals.
15. The lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal(s), such as veterinarian, transportation and other miscellaneous expenditures. The lessee may keep any premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.
16. The Lease Agreement must be signed and filed in the County Extension Office and will be in effect for a 12-month period.
17. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of the Lease Agreement.
18. The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party or until the end of the project year for reasons such as:
- a. failure of lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Lease Agreement,
  - b. changes in the farming operation of the sponsor.
19. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the sponsor and lessee prior to entering animal(s) at any show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out by the lessee. The sponsor will sign the Lease Agreement to confirm compliance and a copy will be attached to the entry form.

(date)

between owner (sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address) (phone no.)

and 4-H/FFA youth (lessee)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address) (phone no.)

The Sponsor hereby agrees to lease to the lessee listed above the following animal(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ (coloring) (ear tag #) (breeding)

\_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate) (Bull/Heifer)

The leased animal must be a bona fide 4-H/FFA project and the lessee assumes responsibility for care and management of the project animal mutually agreed upon with the sponsor as stated below:


The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Alachua County 4-H/FFA Beef Heifer Leasing Program or until the end of the project year.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Alachua County Beef Heifer Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

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Owner (sponsor) (date)

I have read the understand the rules and my responsibilities of the Alachua County Beef Heifer Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

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4-H/FFA Youth (lessee) (date)

I have read and understand the contractual agreement entered into by the lessee and sponsor and agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury or financial liability which may occur to the lessee during this contractual agreement.

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Parent or Legal Guardian (date)

The lessee is a member/student in good standing of the 4-H/FFA Club/Chapter.

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4-H Leader/FFA Advisor (date)

Copy of lease agreement on file in the County Extension Office.

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Extension Agent (date)

I certify that the lessee is in compliance as outlined in the Alachua County Beef Heifer/Bull Leasing Agreement.

Show/Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor

Date \_\_\_\_\_