

# Washington County Youth Fair

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## Livestock Rule Book

### *Purpose of the WCYF Youth Livestock Show & Sale*

- *To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit the products of their projects before the public.*
- *To teach youth the value of their project and accurate record keeping skills.*
- *To promote and provide the incentive for achieving excellence in livestock production skills and practices.*
- *To encourage sportsmanship, leadership, citizenship and responsibility in members through participation in shows and achievement.*
- *To educate members, leaders and parents through the judging and placing of entries of modern livestock standards.*
- *To make available to the public the superior products produced in 4-H and FFA projects through the Livestock Sale.*

**The Washington County Youth Fair is Washington County 4-H program delivered through UF/IFAS Extension Washington County.**



***An equal opportunity institution***

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## **GENERAL ENTRY INFORMATION**

- The WCYF Livestock Show and Sale is open to
  - 4-H members enrolled in Washington, Holmes **or Bay** County and/or
  - FFA members enrolled in a Washington, Holmes **or Bay** County district school.
- Livestock exhibitors must be at least 8 years old by September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- MANDATORY WEIGH-INS and REGISTRATION
  - Youth exhibitor must be in attendance with the animal.
  - Registration and fee must be paid.
  - In the event of a family emergency, hardship, school, church or sports conflict, the YOUTH must submit a letter to their 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor explaining why they are not able to attend the weigh-in.
  - For weigh-in, registration and fair schedules pertaining to livestock projects:  
**<http://washington.ifas.ufl.edu/4hy/calendar/>**
- Market animals will be tagged with ear tags provided by the Washington County Youth Fair. Existing tags will be removed and destroyed.
- **Lost ear tags:**
  - Notify your FFA Advisor OR 4-H Club Leader immediately.
  - Arrangements will be made to re-tag your project.
- **Project dies:**
  - Notify your FFA Advisory OR 4-H Club Leader immediately.
  - A project may only be replaced within a two-week period after the mandatory weigh-in.
- Entries may be limited if necessary.

## **ENTRY FEES and REGISTRATION FORM**

- \$15 per steer entry – due September 19, 2017 at mandatory steer weigh-in.
- \$15 per heifer entry – due January 19, 2018.
- \$25 per hog entry – due November 30, 2017 at mandatory swine weigh-in.
- **\$25 late fee for each late entry.** Late entries will be accepted for no more than 5 days past the stated due date.
- \$20 service fee charged on returned check. Entry will not be complete until cash has recovered the returned check.
- All entry fees and forms are due at mandatory weigh-ins and are not refundable.

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## **MARKET STEER SHOW**

- An exhibitor may enter no more than two steers.
- Steer entries are required to be weighed-in and registered at the initial weigh-in. 9/19/17
- At the final WCYF weigh-in, steers must make weight:
  - Minimum – 950 lbs. Maximum – none
- Market animals below minimum weight ARE NOT allowed to participate in market show classes.
- Maximum pay weight for steers will be 1400 lbs.
- The USDA mandates that all show cattle be officially, individually identified. All beef entries must be officially, individually identified prior to completing the Washington County Youth Fair entry form. Any official, individual identification tag approved by the USDA is acceptable for the WCYF. Exhibitors may officially identify their projects on their own or with assistance from extension personnel. If assistance is required it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements at least one week before entry forms are due.

## **MARKET HOG SHOW**

- Market hog projects are required to be weighed-in and registered at the initial weigh-in. 11/30/17
- Up to TWO hog entries per exhibitor may be shown at the WCYF.
- At the final WCYF weigh-in, market hog projects must make weight:
  - Minimum – 215 lbs. Maximum – (see below)
- Maximum hog pay weight at the WCYF Livestock Sale will be 300 lbs.
- Hogs in excess of 300 lbs. or more are not eligible for Grand Champion.
- Market animals below minimum weight ARE NOT allowed to participate in market show classes.
- Hogs will be required to be bled 3-4 weeks prior to the WCYF to test for brucellosis and pseudo-rabies. Infected projects will be disqualified.
- Hair can be clipped but no shorter than ½ inch to allow for proper de-hairing at the packing house.

## **BREEDING BEEF SHOW**

- Heifer registration and fee is due on or before January 19, 2018.
- Up to FIVE heifer entries per exhibitor are allowed.
- Heifers and cow/calf pairs up to 30 months of age at the time of the fair are eligible to be shown.
- Projects will be shown by age classes determined by birthdates.
- The USDA mandates that all show cattle be officially, individually identified. All beef entries must be officially, individually identified prior to completing the Washington County Youth Fair entry form. Any official, individual identification tag approved by the USDA is acceptable for the WCYF. Exhibitors may officially identify their projects on their own or with assistance from extension personnel. If assistance is required it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements at least one week before entry forms are due.

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## **SHOWMANSHIP**

- Exhibitors must show their own animal in WCYF Livestock Showmanship classes.
  - Beef Showmanship
  - Swine Showmanship
- Exhibitors will be grouped by 4-H age groups for competition:
  - Junior 8-10 years old
  - Intermediate 11-13 years old
  - Senior 14-18 years old
- Official dress is required during showmanship classes:
  - FFA official dress – FFA jacket, FFA tie or kerchief, white button up shirt
  - 4-H official dress - White, long-sleeve oxford shirt embroidered with the official 4-H clover logo
  - Consult your 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor if you have any questions.
  - Dark blue/black jeans
  - Closed-toed shoes or boots
  - DO NOT tuck jeans into boots
  - Exhibitor cards must be pinned to the back of the exhibitor's shirt
  - Other than a brush or comb, no items are allowed in exhibitor's pockets or looped in belt
- Market animals below minimum weight **ARE allowed** to participate in showmanship classes.

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & HEALTH CERTIFICATES**

- All livestock must have a current health certificate at WCYF check-in.
- Livestock will be checked for proper health certificates, signs of communicable disease, external parasites, any unsightly disease condition and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious.
- Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from the fairgrounds as soon as possible.
- Any animal sold in the State of Florida must be in compliance with existing Florida Department of Agriculture Health Requirements.
- All beef exhibits require a certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All market animals must remain in the barn at the close of the sale and will not be released without barn manager's permission.

## **PROTESTS / DISAGREEMENTS**

### ***PROJECT WEIGHT***

- If a question arises over project's weight, a protest must be made while it is in the weight chute.
- The animal will be removed from the scales and remain in the weight chute.
- Scales will be zeroed. A second weight will be taken and will stand as the given weight.
- After the animal leaves the scale chute without a protest being registered, the first scale weight will be considered official.
- At no time may an underweight animal be taken from the fair barn and brought back into the barn to be re-weighted.

### ***JUDGING***

- At all times of judging, animals may be sifted (removed from the class) by the judge for type, quality and finish.

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- Judges decisions are final in all cases and cannot be protested.
- If fraud, misrepresentations, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given out, a review board will be convened and may make a decision regarding final placement.
- No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judges during their adjudication or to offer any criticism of any exhibit.

## **DISAGREEMENT**

- In the event of a disagreement, an **exhibitor** must
  - Complete a protest form, and make three copies.
  - Submit form and \$50 cash deposit to the barn manager within six hours of the time the protested incident occurred.
- A review board will be convened.
- The deposit will be forfeited and decision is final.

## **SAFETY**

- Work with the barn manager to ensure safety measures are taken. Our goal is to ensure safety of all involved.
- All fans, blowers, hand clippers and electrical appliances must be equipped with a ground wire.
- Use of electrical appliances is limited to plug in outlets provided in the barn.
- Stapling, attaching or extending any extension cord in an unsafe manner is prohibited.
- All extension cords must be Underwriter Laboratory (UL) approved for outdoor use.
- All walkways will be kept clear during public viewing times.
- No wires, extension cords, chairs, feed bags, etc. can be left in or positioned across the common walkways in such a manner as to create a hazard for people or animals.
- Any items found in the common areas during peak public viewing times will be removed.
- Exit gates are not locked at any time during the fair hours.
- Panels are to be used to aid in the safe movement of animals.
- The barn layout can and will be rearranged during periods of inclement weather.
- If an exhibitor, parent/relative of an exhibitor or any visitor on the premises displays behavior(s) violating the 4-H Code of Conduct for youth or 4-H Code of Conduct for adults, the following consequences may be put into action:
  - Forfeiture of premiums
  - Dismissal from premises (with aid of local authorities if necessary)
  - Exclusion from further competition.

## **CARE of ANIMALS**

- All animals must be cared for and fed during and after the show and sale at the expense and time of the exhibitor.
- Feeding, grooming, cleaning, walking and caring for livestock projects are essential duties of the livestock project and therefore are the responsibility of the youth exhibitor.
- Remember, this is a YOUTH project – adults should serve in an ASSISTANT role and not as primary caregiver in livestock projects.
- TEAMWORK (youth and adult partnerships) should be discernable to the average observer.
- All livestock pens and stall areas shall be kept clean and free of litter at all times.
- All pens should be cleaned by 8am each day of the fair.

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- Beef projects – feed and water may not be left in the stalls overnight or for extended periods of time.
- Work with the barn manager and fellow exhibitors to create a schedule that allows for feeding of animals and attendance at school.
- Hay bags may be used; however, they must be positioned on the **gate of the stall** so as to not pose a hazard for other animals. Properly used hay bags may be left in stalls overnight.
- Hay bags are the only acceptable method of providing hay to animals.
- Hay cannot be used as bedding.
- The penalties for an exhibitor not conforming to the above rules are:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense – WARNING
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – DISQUALIFICATION
- Humane treatment of animals is expected. Any abuse of animals is grounds for immediate disqualification, expulsion from the show and sale and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.
- Nose leads are not allowed.
- To enter, show or sell, animals must be properly cleaned, fitted and manageable by the exhibitor.
- Animals that are not sufficiently trained to be handled safely may be disqualified.

## **SALE of ANIMALS and AFTER the SALE**

- Steers, heifers, and swine that receive a blue or red ribbon are eligible to be sold through the Washington County Youth Fair Sale.
- At the final weigh-in exhibitors will be required to declare if their animal(s) are to be included in the sale or not. **This declaration will be final.**
- Heifers will be sold to the highest bidder as breeding stock (by the head). The heifer's age, weight, and pregnancy status will be announced at time of sale.
- Steers and swine will be sold to the highest bidder as market animals (by the pound).
- Contact with buyers should start at the beginning of the project year – **youth are responsible for selling their project.**
- Transportation of market animals to local slaughter houses will be provided through the Washington County Youth Fair.
- Animals not going through the sale should be removed from the premises after the conclusion of the market show. All animals not going through the sale should be off the premises no less than 2 ½ hours before the beginning of the sale.
- Exhibitors with an animal that went through the sale should feed their animal after the sale and leave a bag of feed and bale of hay (beef animals only) with the barn manager.

## **PREMIUMS and RIBBONS**

- Danish system will be used.
- Premiums will be awarded according to adequate funding.
- Premium amounts may vary from year to year.
- Livestock premium checks will not be available until at least one month after the close of the sale.

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## **THANK YOU LETTERS**

- Thank you letters to buyers and sponsors are MANDATORY.

## **PROJECT RECORD BOOKS**

- Project record books are a REQUIREMENT of the WCYF Livestock Show and Sale.
- Due to Washington County Extension Office by 4 pm on the FRIDAY immediately following the fair.
- Available from your 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor or may be downloaded from the Washington County 4-H website.
- Record books will be issued per species. (Example: If exhibitor has two hogs, complete one market hog record book).
- Youth will forfeit livestock show premium money if the record book is not received on time.
- Record books may be typed or handwritten.
- Photographs may be digitally imported into the record book or created using other computer software.
- Only BLUE RIBBON record books, earning a 90 or above in points, will earn premium monies.

## **DISQUALIFICATION of ANIMALS**

- Unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibitors in the class is prohibited.
- Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
- Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge of having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with the intent relative to the animal's soundness, will be disqualified.
- Any animals showing signs of sickness or abnormalities after ear-tagging, weigh-ins or entrance to the show will not be allowed to show.
- Any animal may be disqualified at any time during the show when sickness or abnormalities develop.
- All sick animals must be reported and checked by the barn manager who will notify a veterinarian.
- Livestock must be manageable by their exhibitor. Animals that pose a danger to the exhibitor, other exhibitors or the public will not be allowed in the show or sale.

## **EXHIBITOR RESOURCES**

All documents referenced in this rule book can be found at:

**(<http://washington.ifas.ufl.edu/4hy/washington-county-youth-fair/>)**

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## Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior 8-10      \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate 11-13      \_\_\_\_\_ Senior 14-18

Address, City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H    \_\_\_\_\_ FFA    County where you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_ Washington    \_\_\_\_\_ Holmes    \_\_\_\_\_ Bay

Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### STEER

TAG #	AIN	BREED

**Entry Fees: \$15 per steer due at registration**

\_\_\_\_\_ # steer X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to WC4HA.**

**Entry fee and form is due at time of mandatory weigh-in.**

#### EXHIBITORS:

I agree to follow the rules of the Washington County Youth Fair and maintain conduct becoming a 4-H and/or FFA member.

#### PARENTS:

I agree to support my child's project and maintain conduct becoming a 4-H volunteer and/or FFA volunteer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### SWINE

TAG #	BREED

**Entry Fees: \$25 per swine due at registration**

\_\_\_\_\_ # swine X \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to WC4HA.**

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and turn into the UF IFAS Washington County Extension Office with registration fee by Dec 2.

### BREEDING BEEF

DATE OF BIRTH	AIN	BREED

**Entry Fees: \$15 per heifer due at registration**

\_\_\_\_\_ # heifer X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to WC4HA.**

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