

# HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST

**Entry should be made as a Chapter, 4-H Club, or YLPA Club group project. Use your imagination! Be creative!**

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| Round hay bale decorating contest ..... | <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> | <u>2<sup>nd</sup></u> | <u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> | <u>4<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>5<sup>th</sup></u> |
|   | \$450                 | \$350                 | \$250                 | \$150                 | \$100                 |

**The 2026 Florida State Fair will be celebrating “America’s Sunniest Celebration”. Let’s showcase your creativity by celebrating America’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**



## RULES

1. FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, or YLPA Clubs must pre-enter by December 5, 2025.
2. All entries must submit a sketch/diagram of the decoration and theme.
3. The Theme for the 2026 Florida State Fair is “America’s Sunniest Celebration”. Get creative with this Patriotic Theme and showcase your red, white, and blue pride. Create a design honoring people, places or moments that inspire and express what is loved about our country.
4. Chapters/Clubs will be notified by email if they have been selected to participate by December 19th. The Top 10 entries will be chosen to create a final Hay Bale.
5. The Florida State Fair will provide a round bale for each participating Chapter/Club to decorate.
6. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials, and creativity.
7. Hay bales may be decorated January 31, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. Entries will be judged on Thursday, February 5, 2026. The bales should be decorated with a good, clean, wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed – this includes people rolled up inside a bale with feet or head sticking out. Please call the Florida State Fair office with any questions at (813) 627-4229.
8. Bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end. This will be your choice. Please specify the position of bale on the entry form. If you will be providing a maximum of 8 small rectangular bales for feet or decoration, please list them on the entry form. For safety purposes, round bales will **not** be stacked on top of each other. Also, please note that not all the hay bale locations are on grass, some will be displayed on concrete.
9. The decorations should be weather and wind-proof.
10. Paint may be applied to hay bales or grass.
11. NO Commercial or Political party signs of ANY KIND are allowed.
12. Decorations may not be removed from bales before 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.
13. All decorations must be removed by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Decorations not removed on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, will be discarded.
14. The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to revise the dollar amount of the premiums.

# NO FEE TO ENTER!

Open to all Florida FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, and YLPA Clubs and their members. Chapters, Clubs, and Individuals must be valid and in good standing with their local and state organizations.



Online Registration must be submitted on or before **December 5, 2025**.  
**No emails accepted.**

For more information on the Florida State Fair, visit our website at [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com)

