YOUTH POULTRY & WATERFOWL SHOW
(Fancy Purebred and Commercial Egg Production),
& EGG SHOW
FEBRUARY 9 – 15, 2027

NEW Rabbit & Poultry Barn Superintendent ..... Roy Thompson
Youth Show Co-Coordinator ..... Mike Schmidt
Youth Show Co-Coordinator ..... Jennifer Walters
Secretary ..... Judy Schmidt
Champion Youth Coordinator..... Cheryl Thompson

NEW **Poultry Committee Members**

Jackie Koedatich — Erma Yerdon
Joe Walters — Kyle Yerdon

Educational Opportunities..... Point Categories - pages 6-7

Ownership Deadline..... December 1, 2026

Deadline for Scholarship Applications: December 4, 2026

ONLINE Entry Deadline..... December 11, 2026
(No paper entry forms will be accepted for the 2027 Fair)
1st Late Entry Period..... Dec. 18, 2026
..... (Double Entry Fees)
Final Late Entry Period..... Jan. 11, 2027
..... (Double Entry Fees plus $100.00)

Youth Livestock Grant Application ..... January 11, 2027

NEW **Signature Page Final Due Date ..... January 11, 2027**
(Signature pages must be received by corresponding due date to receive achievement points.)
Signature Pages not turned in by January 11th will cause exhibitor to be disqualified from showing.

Record Book Deadline ..... Hand Delivered or Postmarked ..... On or before January 11, 2027
****No Record Books will be accepted at Check-in – See Rules on page 8**

YQCA Certification Deadline ..... Emailed Or Uploaded ..... On or before January 11, 2027
*****Please Note: This is an optional Champion Youth Point Opportunity and NOT a Show Requirement (see pages 7-8)***

Chapter/Club must notify the Fair of Designated Student..... January 11, 2027

Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop Deadline ..... January 18, 2027
*****This workshop is REQUIRED for ALL students entered in the Youth Poultry Show. (See page 9 for details)**

SHOW SCHEDULE

Arrival/Check-in ..... Feb. 9, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
All Educational Posters In..... Feb.9, 9:30 p.m.

Judging of Youth Purebred Poultry..... Feb. 10, 10 a.m.
Vol. in Ask Me Booth..... Feb. 10, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Judging of Youth Purebred Poultry..... Feb. 11, 10 a.m.
Skillathon/Record Book Skills Test ..... Feb. 11, 10 a.m.
Vol. in Ask Me Booth ..... Feb. 11, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Vol. in Ask Me Booth ..... Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Showmanship (Jr., Int. & Sr.)..... Feb. 12, 10 am – 4 p.m.
Judging of Youth Commercial Poultry..... Feb. 12, 2 p.m.

Vol. In Ask Me Booth..... Feb. 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Announce Champion Youth..... Feb. 14, 6 p.m.

Show Awards ..... before release Feb. 15, 3 p.m.

Release ..... Feb. 15, 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Youth Purebred Poultry Judge – TBD

Youth Commercial Poultry Judge – TBD

Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of 2 Youth Livestock Shows at the 2027 Florida State Fair.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to, and interpret the following Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

1. Only Florida residents who are bona fide 4-H or YLPA members (8 years old or older as of Sept. 1, 2026) or FFA members will be eligible to enter. All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H or YLPA Club program or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida.

2. Anyone who has graduated from or dropped out of high school or is currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class but not attending class shall be ineligible to show. All FFA Chapters, YLPA Clubs, and 4-H Clubs will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local and state organizations.

3. The Youth Exhibitor must be the SOLE OWNER of the birds and in the possession and care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026. The birds must be entered by breed, variety, and sex.

4. Unavoidable changes in entries, which an exhibitor finds necessary to make, must be in the hands of the Superintendent no later than 5 p.m., **January 15, 2027. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER JANUARY 15th.**

NEW **Contact Judy Schmidt, Show Secretary, by phone 772-260-6120 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. or by email at statefairpoultry@att.net.**

5. Chickens may be entered in the fancy purebred category or the commercial (egg production) category. Only purebred classes will be provided for ducks and guinea.

The Goose and Turkey Show will continue for the 2027 Fair. However, space is limited, so entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the online submission timestamp.

6. Only Fancy Purebred Birds will be accepted for competition in the Youth Fancy Purebred Poultry Show. Commercial quality birds should be entered into the Commercial class and will be judged by a Commercial Standard for laying birds. All Fancy Purebred birds will be judged in accordance with the appropriate standards issued by either APA or ABA.

Non-recognized breeds and/or varieties can be shown but will only be eligible to be judged as Best of Breed/Variety; only first place will be awarded.

7. Birds eligible in the Commercial Egg Production category are female White Leghorn and Rhode Island Red, as well as black or red sex links. **Commercial males are not eligible.**

8. Exhibitors must be present at Poultry check-in unless special permission has been requested in writing to Emily Smith by January 11, 2027. The Agribusiness Department will notify the exhibitor if permission is granted.

9. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

ENTRIES

1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be submitted and paid online on or before December 11, 2026. Hand-delivered or mailed entries WILL NOT be accepted this year.

It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at Florida State Fair Ag.

Entry fee will be determined by the date entries are submitted online.

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 12 and December 18, 2026, is subject to space availability and will incur double entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 19, 2026, and January 11, 2027, is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees plus a $100.00 fee (for Youth).

It is advisable to make entries earlier so that any questions may be cleared up before the closing date.

2. An Entry fee of $5.00 per bird will be charged and must be paid online. If you request to double coop your large birds, you must pay double entry fees. Single or Double Cooping will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, due to the limited number of coops. **Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.**

3. Exhibitors will be limited to a total of thirty (30) birds.

4. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the entry timestamp.

5. All cocks, cockerels, hens, and pullets must be entered as singles.

6. All entries must be submitted through the Online submission process. All information is available on our website – Florida State Fair Ag

Please Note: Exhibitors when registering online **MUST** collect all the Mandatory signatures required on the **Signature Page** (Ag Teacher, YLPA Representative, County Extension Agent, **and** 4-H Leader, Parent, and Exhibitor). The Signature Page is located on page 16 and the website.

7. Exhibitors must submit the Signature Page to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. The Signature Page can be uploaded in the Livestock Entry Documents link on the website under the Registration tab. Exhibitors are able to upload, email, mail, or fax to finalize the entry process.

8. Signature pages not received by January 11th will cause the exhibitor to be disqualified from showing at the 2027 Florida State Fair.

9. Exhibitors MUST indicate during the online submission process whether or not they plan to keep their animal(s) at a location other than the home place of the exhibitor or the Land Lab for FFA Chapter animals. Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification.

10. ALL INFORMATION, SIGNATURES AND ENTRY FEE MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ACCEPTED AND QUALIFY FOR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.

CHAPTERS/CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) who will enter and compete in all events. That student will be the representative for the Show, Skillathon, Record Book Skills Test, Showmanship, and all other competitions.
The age of the student(s) will determine the division in which they compete (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior). Chapters/Clubs must designate student(s) by January 11, 2027 (hand-delivered, emailed, or faxed. **If the name is not received by January 11, 2027, the animal(s) will be allowed to show and compete for animal premiums ONLY. The Chapter/Club will not qualify for Achievement Premiums or participation in the Champion of Champions program.** The appropriate form can be found on the website.

CHAPTER/CLUBS MUST ENTER SEPARATE ONLINE ENTRIES FOR EACH EXHIBITOR

LEG BANDS

1. It is strongly recommended that all birds have leg bands, but they are not required. It is recommended that the color and number of the leg band be recorded on the entry form at check-in.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All animals must meet health requirements as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. Updates to health requirements will be posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website as they are available. Any birds with external parasites will not be allowed in the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

2. A State Poultry Inspector will be present to test birds for pullorum/typhoid upon arrival.

3. A Percentage of your birds will be examined upon arrival for any external parasites.

4. All sick birds will be isolated and not eligible for competition or awards. **Birds must be removed from the premises immediately.**

5. Contact the Florida Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry, District 4 Office at (863) 578-1863 with questions pertaining to Health Regulations and/or Rules of Exhibition.

To insure the health of all birds, entered in the Open and Youth Poultry shows, the cages will be disinfected before each show.

RULES OF EXHIBITION

5C-4.0015 Definitions

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl and Ratites

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

(1) Accredited tuberculosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(2) Accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(3) Accredited veterinarian. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(4) Approved livestock facility. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(5) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(6) Certified brucellosis-free state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(7) Certified brucellosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(8) Classified brucellosis-Class A state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(9) Department. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(10) Electronic Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ECVI). An electronic certificate provided by USDA Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System or a third-party vendor approved by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) ECVI Data Standards Subcommittee and issued by licensed and accredited veterinarians in animal's state of origin.

(11) Exhibition. Any fair allowing the displaying or presenting livestock, including poultry, to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show.

(12) Fair(s). Annual public fair as defined in F.S. 616.001, that exhibits domestic animals.

(13) Group. One or more Animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

(14) Isolation. Separation of individual Animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one Animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another Animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another Animal.

(15) Market class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals.

(16) Official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(17) Official individual identification. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(18) Official test. A test conducted by a licensed and accredited veterinarian with method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(19) Owner. The owner of the animal or herd or the owner's authorized agent.

(20) Pseudorabies. A contagious, infectious herpesvirus, causing communicable disease of livestock and other animals also known as Aujeszky's disease or mad itch.

(21) Recognized slaughtering establishment. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(22) Swine brucellosis. An infectious bacterial disease caused by Brucella suis (B. suis) biovars 1 or 3, most frequently affecting swine but able to cause disease in other animals and humans.

(23) Terminal swine show. An exhibition market class consisting of swine that are isolated and housed separately from all other
animals and designated for slaughter only channels.

(24) Validated brucellosis-free herd, as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2024). This definition of validated brucellosis-free herd is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17727.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions, and Limitations.

(1) OCVI Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number and, if applicable, the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals, an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days.

(3) Inspection. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be made available for inspection by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required Official Individual Identification of the Animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(4) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any Animal in noncompliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any Animal not meeting the Official Individual Identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined at the owner's expense, by a Florida-licensed accredited veterinarian who certifies by a signed, written

statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious diseases and pests. The accredited veterinarian's examination must take place within 24 hours of the initial inspection by the authorized representative.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.003, 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 585.162 FS. History–New 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.
(1) OCVI Requirements.
(a) An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites imported into Florida as specified per Rule 5C-3.012, F.A.C. An OCVI for entry into exhibition is required and must be dated within 30 days of entry or the animals must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.
(b) Florida origin poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated within 90 days prior to exhibition or must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(33), F.A.C.
(2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (Jan. 2018), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (JAN 2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10045.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.36(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS.
History–Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

GENERAL

1. Please note: Due to health and safety concerns, cooking is not permitted in the barns. Food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas. Exhibitors are required to wash their hands after handling animals.
2. The Florida State Fair will take every precaution to ensure that birds are fed and watered and will provide the best possible care in accident prevention for the birds.
3. Carrying cases cannot be left on the Fair premises.
4. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this premium list will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. **Failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**
5. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.
6. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
7. NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARN.
8. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.
9. The use of alcohol is prohibited in barns and livestock areas.
10. The Poultry & Rabbit Barn Superintendent will address Showroom problems.

ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare, and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.
2. Adults (other than parents, siblings, FFA advisors or 4-H/YLPA club leaders) or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in the preparation or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.
3. All preparation will be done in a designated area.
4. The Florida State Fair HIGHLY recommends that all clipping be done prior to arrival at the Fair.
5. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.
6. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, achievement premiums, etc. will be forfeited.

HANDLING OF EXHIBITS

1. Only those persons authorized by the show officials or the owners will be allowed to handle birds without written permission on file with Show Management from the owner unless the owner is present. **Violators will be escorted off the grounds by Fair Security and banned from future shows.**
2. All eggs are the property of the Florida State Fair. **Only Fair Officials can remove eggs from cages.**

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 Fair, its officers, and its 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 grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

ARRIVAL

1. Birds will be received from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on February 9, 2027. The barn will close at 9 p.m.
2. A State Poultry Inspector will be present to test birds until 9:00 p.m. upon arrival.
3. All birds entered must arrive and depart through the Livestock Gate at the Orient Road entrance located on the west side of the Fairgrounds.
4. Birds will be cooped by class, breed, variety, and sex for purebred.
5. All exhibitors are required to water and feed their birds upon arrival.
6. Do not remove unused coop cards.
7. Upon arrival, check the information board at the poultry office for times on special events during the Fair.

ADMISSION

1. Each exhibitor will be issued three (3) armbands for the duration of the show. These are intended for use by exhibitors and parents. The exception will be made when more than one exhibitor is from the same family. Any additional exhibitors from the same family will be issued one (1) armband.
2. Armbands will be picked up at check-in. Additional armbands CANNOT be purchased. Single-day admission tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. Please see the Advance Ticket Form on our website for details. Tickets

will be for sale at the gate.
3. Vehicle/Trailer Parking Passes: All Trailers will be parked in the designated areas within the interior of the grounds. Exhibitors will receive a Vehicle Pass for the duration of the show, allowing them to park in the Ag Lot outside Gate 3. Only vehicles with the appropriate tags are permitted in this area.
4. Each passenger must wear an armband or have an admission pass.
5. Red Gate Drop-Off Times (In addition to arrival): Vehicles will be allowed to enter through the Red Gate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to drop off necessary feed and/or supplies. After unloading supplies, vehicles will proceed to the Ag Lot for parking.
6. A parking map and Detailed Instructions will be posted on the Agribusiness Website before the Fair.
7. Reserved parking is provided; exhibitors must park in the assigned Ag Lot. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle being subject to towing.
8. Champion of Champions Lot: Limited Parking Spaces can be purchased by Exhibitors within the interior of the grounds. All information will be posted on the FSF Agribusiness website. Spaces will open for purchase on January 1, 2027. All proceeds will go towards the Youth participating in the Champion of Champions program.

JUDGING

1. The Judging of Youth Purebred Poultry will be held on Wednesday, February 10th, and Thursday, February 11th. Judging will take place at 10 a.m. on both days.
2. The Judging of Youth Commercial Poultry will be held on Friday, February 12th at 2 p.m.
3. The Youth Purebred Poultry Show will be judged utilizing the APA-ABA standards ONLY. The Youth Commercial Poultry Show will continue to be judged on the Danish System. Results will be available following judging.
4. The judging of birds will be conducted using the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection or the American Bantam Association Standard for the fancy purebred category. The commercial egg category will be judged according to the criteria found in "Judging Commercial Egg-Type Chickens at the Florida State Fair."
5. During the selection of champions, exhibitors and parents shall refrain from speaking with the judges.
6. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
7. The decision of the judge shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see General Disputes Policy).
8. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition; after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
9. All animals must be evaluated by the judge to receive premiums.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes which may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause, and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form, and shall be accompanied by payment of $50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and nullity, and in such event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal in order to be considered.
2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent) and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the

Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submission, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.

5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

RELEASE

1. During the period of exhibition, no specimen may be removed, except by the consent of the Show Coordinator.

2. Birds will be released from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2027. Birds removed before this time forfeit all premium monies won.

3. A request for early release must be submitted in writing at check-in.

4. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST CHECK OUT THEIR OWN BIRDS. If a bird is sold to a new owner during the fair, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to handle this exchange *AFTER* birds have been released by fair staff.

5. Release Procedure - Vehicles will not be permitted to line up for release until 3:30 p.m. At that time, vehicles can line up along the perimeter road. A limited number of vehicles will be allowed behind the barn at a time. As soon as you have finished loading your animals, please move your vehicle so that others can load out. If you arrive before 3:30 p.m., you must park in the Ag Lot or outside the gate until 3:30 p.m. at the Livestock Gate.

6. All birds must be removed by 9 p.m., February 15, 2027, or the exhibitor will forfeit their ownership of the bird(s). Release times will be strictly enforced.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which the judge and coordinator must sign.

2. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2027.

Checks will be void six months from the date on the check. After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.

3. The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to revise the dollar amount of the Premiums.

Premiums for Cocks, Cockerels, Hens, and Pullets in the Purebred Classes:

1st Place.....$6.00
2nd Place.....$5.00
3rd Place.....$4.00
4th Place.....$3.00
5th Place.....$2.00
Class Champion – Rosette
Reserve Class Champion – Rosette
Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions- There must be three (3) or more birds in the class to be eligible for the award.
Champion Bantam - $10.00
Reserve Champion Bantam - $5.00
Champion Large Fowl - $10.00
Reserve Champion Large Fowl - $5.00
Champion Waterfowl - $10.00
Reserve Champion Waterfowl - $5.00
Champion Turkey - $10.00
Reserve Champion Turkey - $5.00
Champion Goose - $10.00
Reserve Champion Goose - $5.00
Champion Guinea - $10.00
Reserve Champion Guinea - $5.00
Champion Duck - $10.00
Reserve Champion Duck - $5.00
Best Purebred of Show - $10.00 and Banner
Reserve Best Purebred of Show - $5.00 & Banner

Premiums for the Commercial Classes:

Blue Award $5.00
Red Award $3.00
White Award $1.00
Champion Female – Commercial (Egg Prod.) - $10.00
Reserve Champion Female – Commercial (Egg Prod.)- $5.00
Best Commercial of Show - $10.00 and Banner

Best Exhibit: - $10.00
Best Exhibit shall be determined by the overall quality of birds (based on the color of the ribbon), the number of different breeds, and the placing of eggs in the Youth Egg Show. This exhibit shall receive an individual award.
Judged Poultry and Waterfowl:
BLUE Ribbons .....10 points
RED Ribbons.....5 points
WHITE Ribbons.....3 points
Each Breed exhibited by a Single Exhibitor .....1 point
Egg Contest:
BEST DOZEN.....5 points
RESERVE BEST DOZEN.....3 points
BEST OVERALL EGGS .....10 points

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM!!

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. The Champion of Champions program is the means by which exhibitors can capitalize on these opportunities. By participating in the various activities listed below, exhibitors may earn additional monies, which we call Achievement Premiums. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in the educational events listed below. Participation in the Champion of Champions Program is optional. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event in which they participate, and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionally for their involvement.

The point system will be as follows:
- **Entry** correct & complete.....0 or 10 points
- **Educational Seminars or YQCA**.....0 - 30 points*
- **Record Book (Mandatory)** .....0 - 100 points
- **Record Book Skills Test (Mandatory)**.....0 - 100 points
- **Skillathon (Mandatory)**.....0 - 100 points
- **Educational Poster**.....0 -30 points

- Volunteer in Ask Me Booth..... 0 - 90 points
(1 hour for 30 points - up to 3 hours)
- Showmanship ..... 0 -100 points
Blue Award……..…… .80-100 points
Red Award……70-79 points
White Award……69 and below points
560 Total Points possible
**Please note: Exhibitors can only do one of these two events.*

- All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of point totals.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM OPPORTUNITY!!

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS:

Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. Please note that some areas of participation are mandatory, while others are optional.
All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of their total points.

CHAMPION YOUTH

A Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the Florida State Fair. This exhibitor will be chosen based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

SENIOR AGE CATEGORY**

Champion Youth -	**$500 cash award**
2nd Place -	**$400 cash award**
3rd Place -	**$300 cash award**
4th Place -	**$200 cash award**

INTERMEDIATE AGE CATEGORY
Champion Youth - $100 cash award

JUNIOR AGE CATEGORY
Champion Youth - $75 cash award

PLEASE NOTE: Only Senior Exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the Champion of Champions Round Robin contest. Intermediate and Junior Exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skillathon and Record Book Test that are designated for their age levels. See "Champion of Champions Information" on the website for additional information.

- Available achievement premium dollars will be allocated based on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total achievement premium dollars, thus determining a dollar value per point.)

Tie breakers will be in this order: 1) Skillathon, 2) Record Book Test, and 3) Record Book.

PLEASE NOTE: Champion Youth - an exhibitor can only place in the top four twice within a show.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

IMPORTANT!!!!!
CHAMPION YOUTH
&
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
The top four (4) Senior Exhibitors based on Achievement Premium points will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions Round Robin competition. See the "Champion of Champions" section on the website for additional information.

***Senior exhibitors must compete in the Final Round Robin Champion of Champions Contest to receive cash monies. ***

PLEASE NOTE: Champion of Champions - an exhibitor can only win 1st place in the Champion of Champions Contest one time – after that, they will qualify for Achievement Premiums only.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2027 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap, they will be provided with the names and addresses of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a thank-you letter to the sponsor.
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair.

Checks for Achievement Premiums will be issued upon receipt of a copy of the thank-you letters to the sponsors. Checks will be void six months from the date on the check.

After six months from the date on the check, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS - YOUTH POULTRY POINT CATEGORIES

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/CAMP:

1. PLEASE NOTE: There will be multiple seminar sessions offered this year.
2. The Educational Seminar will be held as follows:

Florida State Fairgrounds

September 12, 2026 –	**Dairy Goat Camp**
September 19, 2026 –	**Swine ABC's**
	Dairy All-Breeds Field Day
September 26, 2026 –	**Rabbit Clinic**
October 3, 2026 –	**Lamb Camp**
	Boer Goat Camp
October 10, 2026 -	**Cattle ABC's**
October 17, 2026 -	**Poultry Clinic**
	Dog Project Camp
	Camelid Camp

3. Exhibitors can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Poultry 101 workshop on October 17th only.
4. Please note: Registration will begin 30 minutes before the seminars.
5. For pre-registration, visit our website:
Florida State Fair Ag.

See pages 6-7 for the modified Point Opportunities for the Youth Poultry Show.

YQCA - YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (Alternative to Attending the Seminar) - YQCA is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21, focusing on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA is available as an online program for youth everywhere in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where state 4-H, YLPA, or FFA offices, or state or national livestock organizations have partnered with qualified trainers to offer in-person workshops.

1. All exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by completing this online certification.

2. A maximum of 30 points can be earned by becoming YQCA certified.

3. YQCA certification information and online training are available at YQCA Program. **Please note that a fee will be incurred for this program.**

4. A copy of the exhibitor's YQCA certificate must be uploaded, emailed, or faxed to the Agribusiness office on or before January 11, 2027.

5. Contact the Florida State Fair Agribusiness office with any questions at 813-627-4229.

RECORD BOOK –
MANDATORY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. The NEW Youth Poultry Record Book is available on the website.

2. PLEASE NOTE: The Fair will be collecting/judging all the Record Books before the Fair. Record Books must be postmarked or hand-delivered on or before January 11, 2027. Please note: You must turn in a completed record book to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions competition. **NO RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN.** The completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Club Leader, YLPA Representative, or Agriculture Teacher.

3. Mail completed record books to Florida State Fair, Youth Poultry Show, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, Florida 33680.

4. All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 - 100, and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.

5. A Record Book is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not turn in a record book will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

6. The Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.

7. The ZSuites Record Book will not be available for the 2027 Youth Poultry Show.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST –
MANDATORY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Exhibitors will be given a Record Book Skills Test. The test will cover all aspects of record-keeping on their animal project.

2. Juniors answer Junior-designated questions. Intermediates answer Junior and Intermediate designated questions. Seniors answer questions designated for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors.

3. The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not take the test will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

SKILLATHON –
MANDATORY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. A Skillathon will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Skills Test.

2. The Skillathon is a series of "hands-on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.

3. A Skillathon study guide is available on the website.

4. Junior exhibitors only need to demonstrate Junior-level skills, while Intermediate exhibitors need to demonstrate both Junior and Intermediate-level skills. Senior exhibitors must do ALL level skills.

5. The Skillathon is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not participate in the Skillathon will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.

2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.

3. Posters must be submitted during the designated check-in period.

4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. Acceptable poster size:
- a. 22" x 28"
- b. 20" x 30"

6. Acceptable material for poster:
- a. Posterboard
- b. Foam board

7. No attachments to the poster to extend the acceptable size of the poster.

8. Poster attachments must be within the poster size, not exceeding 1' in depth.

9. Posters must relate to the 2027 skillathon topic of Nutrition. Posters are not to be on showmanship.

10. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in the current year or future years. Once the poster is judged and displayed, it is disqualified from additional competition within the current year or future years. Posters are either photographed or marked as submitted. The judge's decision is final.

11. Other requirements:
- a. Poster must have a title
- b. The poster must have your name and age as of Sept. 1, 2026, on the back in the upper right-hand corner.
- c. If the poster is a game/activity, it must have instructions and an answer key **on the front**.
- d. If other resources (such as journals and websites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.

12. See page 15 at the end of the Rules and Regulations for the **NEW** Poster Scoring Rubric.

13. Posters will be disqualified for:
- a. Incorrect Poster Size
- b. Not on the current year Skillathon topic
- c. Plagiarism (use of a complete article from a web or sourcebook).
- d. Previously judged poster in other category, current year, or past years.
- e. AI generated material

VOLUNTEER IN ASK ME BOOTH – Optional

The purpose of the Ask Me Booth is to offer the public an opportunity to meet and speak with Youth Livestock Exhibitors.

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by volunteering in the Ask Me Booth.
2. Exhibitors will use Signup Genius to sign up for the Ask Me Booth at the 2027 Fair. Registration will be open from January 1, 2027, to January 31, 2027. Times will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Any changes, corrections, or adjustments to the selected time slot can be made online during the active registration timeframe or at Arrival/Check-in .
3. Exhibitors must complete a one-hour segment to earn points.
4. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their participation and interaction with the public, scoring a range of 0 to 30 points.
5. Exhibitors are required to wear Official Show Attire or a State Fair T-shirt when manning the booth. Exhibitors must wear blue jeans or long pants with no holes; shorts and flip-flops are not permitted. Closed-toe shoes **ONLY**! **No food or drinks are allowed in the booth.**

SHOWMANSHIP - Optional

1. A Youth Poultry Showmanship Contest (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) will be held on Friday, Feb. 13, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2. Exhibitors will use Signup Genius to sign up for showmanship at the 2027 Fair. Registration will be open from January 1, 2027, to January 31, 2027. Times will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Any changes, corrections, or adjustments to the selected time slot can be made online during the active registration timeframe or at Arrival/Check-in .
3. Exhibitors will demonstrate their showmanship skills individually to a judge.
4. Exhibitors must use and be able to handle their own bird.
5. Judging will be in accordance with 4-H rules. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Ribbon.
6. Age Divisions as of Sept. 1, 2026:
Junior Division (between the ages of 8 and 10)
Intermediate Division (between the ages of 11 and 13)
Senior Division (14 and over)
7. Showmanship guidelines can be found in the Skillathon manual.

ATTIRE

For showmanship, all exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and properly dressed in accordance with the standards of the youth organization they represent. FFA – Black jeans, white collared shirt, FFA Jacket, and Tie. 4-H – Black/khaki jeans, white collared shirt. 4-H vest, jacket, and/or tie are strongly recommended. YLPA – Dark blue jeans, black collared shirt with logo patch. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. Exhibitors not conforming to the Dress Code will not be allowed to enter the Show Ring.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understands:

- **The purpose of youth livestock projects**
- **The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects**
- **Proper animal handling and management**
- **The difference between animal welfare and animal rights**
- **Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture**

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2027 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for a three (3) year Fair Season, not three (3) calendar years.

For the 2026/2027 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 25, 26, or 27 are current and valid.
The requirements are as follows:

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERED IN THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

- **THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE ON JANUARY 18, 2027.**

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

**Please note: Even though you have attended an Ethics Workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.

NEW You may check your current certification number at: FL Ethics Certification Program - Florida State Fairgrounds

NEW **We will offer On-Site Workshops to new exhibitors and anyone who needs to be renewed. Zoom classes will NOT be offered.**

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, and dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops, which will be held around the state. Please check the website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

All YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP, THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRANT PROGRAM
See Rules & Application on the website

GRADUATING SENIOR YOUTH POULTRY EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE YOUTH POULTRY SCHOLARSHIP.

See Rules & Application on page 14.

CAMPGROUND

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.

2. ALL GOLF CARTS MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO BE DRIVEN ON FAIRGROUNDS.

3. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.

2. All animals are subject to testing at any time:

- **A.** To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.
- **B.** To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.
- **C.** To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).

4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED.** The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.

5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including the sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitors and/or families at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

YOUTH EGG SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Click on "Selecting Eggs for Show" for information
Please note: the information on the above website does not pertain to Marans and teal eggs.

ENTRIES

1. All exhibitors must be entered in the Youth Poultry Show.
2. There is no entry fee.
3. There shall be no identification marks on the eggs, but an Egg Information Card must be attached to **each** carton. Egg Information Cards are available below and must be used. Copies of the Information Card should be made for each carton entered.
4. Eggs should arrive on Feb. 9th between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. with a completed Egg Information Card attached.

EGG SPECIFICATIONS

1. All eggs shown must be chicken eggs and selected by the exhibitor.
2. Eggs **MUST** come from the exhibitor's flock and **MUST NOT** be from a grocery store.
3. Exhibitors can enter 6 OR 12 eggs. A separate Egg Information Card must be filled out and attached to each carton entered. Double points will be deducted for imperfection and/or damage for 6 pks. (for example, a cracked egg for a dozen will be 4pts. and a 6pk will be 8pts.) Dozens will compete against dozens, and 6pks against 6pks. One overall will be chosen from the pair.
There will be a Pee Wee (X-Small), Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, and Jumbo Class for white and brown eggs.
4. Suggested Carton Weights are as follows:

	6pk (g/oz)	Dozen (g/oz)	Individual Egg (min)
PEEWEE	231g = 7.5oz	425g / 15oz	33.1g/ 1.17oz
SMALL	256g / 9oz	510g/ 18oz	40.2g / 1.42 oz
MEDIUM	300g / 10.5 oz	595g/ 21oz	47.3g/ 1.67oz
LARGE	341g / 12oz	681g/ 24oz	54.4g/ 1.92 oz
EXTRA LARGE	383g/ 13.5 oz	766g/ 27oz	61.5 g/ 2.17oz
JUMBO	426g / 15oz	852g /15oz	68.6g/ 2.42 oz

5. Eggs will be judged on consumer Grade AA. For specific guidelines for selecting eggs, See the "Selecting Eggs" PDF or contact: Kyle Yerdon, yerdonkyle13@yahoo.com
6. Marans eggs will be graded according to the Marans Association Rules. www.maranschickenclubusa.com
7. Green/Teal eggs will be graded according to the Ameraucana Association Rules.

DISPLAY AND JUDGING

1. The Superintendent of the Youth Poultry & Egg Show will see that the exhibits are properly displayed.
2. Judging will be on February 13th. Results will be available on February 14th.
3. The eggs become the property of the Show.
4. All Grievances on judging must be brought to Kyle Yerdon on February 14th.

EGG SHOW PREMIUMS

Blue Award Group .....$2.50 & Ribbon
Red Award Group .....$1.50 & Ribbon
White Award Group .....Ribbon

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Dozen White, Brown, Green, & Marans Eggs.....Rosette & $5.00
Res. Best Dozen White, Brown, Green, & Marans Eggs.....Rosette & $ 2.50
Best 6pk White, Brown, Green, & Marans Eggs.....Rosette & $5.00
Res. Best 6pk White, Brown, Green, & Marans Eggs.....Rosette & $ 2.50
Overall Best Eggs.....Award & $10.00

EGG INFORMATION CARD Please Check One:

FFA _____ Chapter _____

Youth Egg Show, Florida State Fair

4-H _____ Club _____

P.O. Box 11766

YLPA _____

Tampa, FL 33680

NAME OF EXHIBITOR:						
Circle one:	1 dozen	6 pack			**Weight**	
Color-circle one	Brown	White	Green	Maran		Oz/ grams
Size- Circle one	PeeWee	Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large	Jumbo

Use a Separate entry form for each dozen. Bring this card with eggs attached to the Egg Carton.

FOR JUDGES USE ONLY

Entry Number: _____ **Score:** _____ **Ribbon:** _____

Comments:

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations that they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample or urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action that contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in any way be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees, or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person, or property. AUTHORITY, its officers, or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST, and the same are incorporated by reference herein.

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FLORIDA STATE FAIR
YOUTH POULTRY SCHOLARSHIP
In Remembrance of Ronnie Reed
(High School Seniors Only)

Application Deadline: February 9, 2027, by 9:00 pm

1. Graduating Senior Youth Poultry Exhibitors are eligible to enter.
2. The application form is located below.
3. The top 5 exhibitors, if necessary, will be interviewed by a selection committee.
4. The money will be paid after the Fair to the recipient.
5. This scholarship will not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Florida State Fair & Youth Poultry Committee, applicants have not submitted a sufficient application.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ATTEND: _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **AGE (AS OF SEPT. 1, 2026)** _____

SUMMARIZE YOUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE 4-H, FFA, SPORTS, ACHIEVEMENTS IN RAISING POULTRY)

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PLEASE ATTACH A HANDWRITTEN ESSAY ON WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHOICE TO RAISE POULTRY, YOUR FUTURE PLANS AND HOW YOU CAN PAY IT FORWARD IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF EXHIBITORS.

I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

NEW FSF 2027 Educational Poster Rubric

This rubric outlines the criteria for judging your poster and serves as the judges' scoring tool.
It was developed to inform you how your poster was evaluated.

Required Elements	• **Size –** 22”x28” 20”x30” – less than 1” thick • **Front –** Poster title, current skillathon topic, Game/activity must include directions and answers on the front. • **Back** – name and age as of 9/1/2026 • **Resources citation –** examples: *Citation of Online Resource Name/Title – URL Link Ex: Florida State Fair Boer Goat Skillathon Manual - https://floridastatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Goat-Skillathon-2026-Health-and-Wellness-FINAL.pdf **Citation of Professional Contact – Full Name, Area of Expertise, Date of Contact Ex: Professional Contact – John Brown, Swine Nutritionist, November 9, 2026 ***Put quotation marks (“ ”) around any words you copy exactly and say where you got them from so everyone knows it is not your own writing. Ex: “Water is the most essential nutrient and is involved in all body functions.” – 2027 Florida State Fair Poultry Skillathon Manual.	/5
Layout and Design	• Gets the attention of the person viewing the poster. • Labels are used and visible from 3 feet away. • Well organized, use of space, and clear. • Graphics are neat, concise, and large enough to be seen easily. • All components must be securely attached to the board. No push pins or protruding staples. • No BRAND names.	/5
Degree of Difficulty/Effort	• Effort • Planning • Subject topics reflect age division topics • Grammar and spelling	/5
Educational Component	• Informs the public. • Take what you have learned and explain it clearly in your own words. • Uses charts, models, or supplies to help explain the topic (Note: anything attached cannot exceed 1 inch or be harmful) • Graphics are appropriate to add clarity/meaning to the understanding of the poster. • Information is correct and current. • Clear learning message. • Logical flow of information that adds meaning to the content of the poster.	/15
TOTAL		/30

Keep in mind that the poster should assist in youth readiness. The content should directly prepare the youth for the hands-on assessment.

DQ: See above for size and thickness. All others will be DQ.
DQ: Not the current Skillathon topic
DQ: Previously judged posters in another category, current year, or past years.
DQ: Plagiarism (Use of others’ images or words) For example: Copying the skillathon manual, a website, magazine, etc. and gluing it on the poster, etc. Not using quotation marks and citing resource at the quote.
DQ: AI generated materials and/or poster.

2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR

YOUTH POULTRY SIGNATURE PAGE

For the 2027 Fair – Entries and fees must be submitted ONLINE!

Online Entry Process for the 2027 Youth Poultry Show:
Step #1: Collect all Mandatory Signatures. (Ag Teacher, 4-H Extension Agent & 4-H Leader or YLPA Representative, Parent and Exhibitor). For the 2027 Fair - Signature Page MUST be uploaded, emailed, or faxed by the time of the corresponding entry due date to qualify for full points for the Achievement Premium program.

Step #2: Visit the website at https://fsf.fairwire.com and complete the Online Registration on or before 11:59 p.m. **on the show's Entry Due Date. Entries submitted during the 1st Late Entry Period will incur a double late entry fee. Entries submitted during the Final Late Entry Period will incur a double late entry fee + $100.00.**

Hand-delivered or mailed entries and payments will NOT be accepted for the 2027 Fair.

Step #3: Exhibitors must submit their Signature Page to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. Exhibitors can upload the document to the Florida State Fair website or email, fax, or mail it to finalize the entry process.
Email Ag@FloridaStateFair.com or fax the page to 813-740-3520.

Name of Exhibitor_____

Parent Phone (_____) _____Parent E-Mail Address_____

Chapter/Club_____ 4-H Exhibitor _____ FFA Exhibitor_____ YLPA Exhibitor_____

I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid and active member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.

For FFA members - Vo. Ag. Teacher _____
** This signature is mandatory if showing FFA!

Print Vo-Ag Teacher Name_____ Phone Number _____

I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide paid member of the aforementioned organization.

For 4-H members - 4-H County Extension Agent _____County_____
** This signature is mandatory if showing 4-H!

Print County Extension Agent Name _____ Phone Number _____

I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide active member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.

For 4-H members – 4-H Leader _____
** This signature is mandatory if showing 4-H!

Print 4-H Leader Name _____ Phone Number _____

I hereby certify that the entrant is a bona fide active member of the aforementioned organization and I have reviewed the entry form.

For YLPA members – YLPA Representative _____
** This signature is mandatory if showing YLPA!

YLPA Representative Name _____ Phone Number _____

I hereby certify that this animal is intended for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair contained in the 2027 Youth Poultry Show rules by which I, the undersigned, understand & agree to abide by. I also agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the General Disputes Policy as stated in the rules. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida State Fair. I understand that the 2027 Youth Poultry Show is held in conjunction with the 2027 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2027 Florida State Fair due the following force majeure events: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, or explosion.

Date _____Signature of Exhibitor**_____
*** This signature is mandatory!*

Date _____Signature of Parent or Guardian**_____
*** This signature is mandatory!*

**** Upload completed Signature Page using the QR Code, at this link: Livestock Entry Documents OR email to ag@floridastatefair.com by corresponding entry date to qualify for full achievement points.** If you have any questions about this form, please contact the office at 813-627-4229.

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Signature Pages not turned in by January 11th will cause exhibitor to be disqualified from showing.