Florida State Fair
Ag Mechanics Show Rules

The purpose of the FSF Ag Mechanic Show

- **To provide an opportunity for Florida 4-H, FFA, and YLPA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs and/or at home under the supervision of an Agriculture Teacher, 4-H Leader, or YLPA Representative.**
- **To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.**
- **To recognize individual accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.**
- **To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of Florida Youth Programs.**

Entry Fee: **$10.00 per Exhibitor per project**

Schedule:

Entry Application Deadline -	**January 11th, 2027**	
Project Delivery Dates –	**Thursday, January 21**	**9 am – 5 pm**
	Friday, January 22	**9 am – 5 pm**
	Saturday, January 23	**9 am – 1 pm**
Judging	**January 25 – 9, 2027**	
Florida State Fair Exhibition Dates – February 4 – 15, 2027		
Showmanship	**Saturday, February 6**	**11 am – 12 pm**
Showmanship Announcements	**Saturday, February 6**	**1 pm**
Project Pick Up -	**Tuesday, February 16**	**8 am – 3 pm**
	Saturday, February 20	**9 am – 12 pm**

Age Division:

Junior – 8 to 10 years old as of September 1st, 2026
Intermediate – 11 – 13 years old as of September 1st, 2026
Senior – 14 and over as of September 1st, 2026

Projects will be judged on the following point system:

Workmanship	30 points
Design & Materials used	20 points
Practicality	20 points
Degree of Difficulty	10 points
General Appearance and Finish	10 points
Documentation & Presentation	10 points
	100 TOTAL

Rules:

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 having currently graduated from or dropped out of high school or currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class but not attending class shall be ineligible to show. Both FFA Chapter, YLPA Club, and 4-H Club entries will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local & state organizations.

3. Entry Application Due Date – All entries must be submitted online on or before **January 11, 2027**. 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 https://floridastatefairgrounds.com/competition/specialty-events/
No Paper Entries will be accepted.

4. There is a $10.00 Entry Fee per project. Payments will be accepted online at the time of entry. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.

5. Projects must have been constructed by the youth exhibitor who entered them.

6. Projects may be built of either wood or metal only. Extra products can be added (i.e. shingles) if necessary for the project but will not be accounted for in the judging process.

7. Projects should be built from either published drawings or drawings of original design.

8. Projects exhibited must have been constructed by FFA students, 4-H, or YLPA Members either as a part of their agricultural mechanic's instruction in vocational agriculture or as part of a supervised work experience program or project.

- No exhibitor may enter more than four (4) projects in total.
- Exhibitors are allowed to enter 2 projects per class.
- Substitution of projects will not be allowed.
- Exhibit space and location will be at the Florida State Fair Staff and Superintendents' discretion.

9. Projects must have been constructed within **a year prior to delivery** (for example, January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026). A project can be exhibited only once at the Florida State Fair.

10. All projects must be clean, painted, or properly treated and in a presentable condition even though they have been used. Articles designed to be hung should have a hanging method attached (wire, bracket, etc.).

11. If a project is entered in the wrong division, it will be scored but will not be eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion. NOTE: Judges will make the final determination of proper classification.

12. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered, however neither the Florida State Fair, its directors, superintendents nor judges will be responsible for any losses or damage to projects.

13. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to display projects as space and quality allow. Due to space availability, projects may be located at various locations within the Fairgrounds area.

14. All judge's decisions and announced results will be final.

15. Once the project is delivered, it cannot be removed or used until it has been released from the show. Projects can be picked up on Tuesday, February 16th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, February 20th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. You must contact the Agribusiness Department to make any other arrangements for pick up.

16. Exhibitors will receive two admission passes to attend the Fair. If participating in Showmanship, exhibitors will be given two additional admission passes for Saturday, February 6th

17. 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.

18. The Fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries based on the availability of space. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.

19. Participants MUST complete a Florida State Fair Ag Mechanic Project Record Book for each entry. Project Record Books will be collected on Delivery Dates with projects. Florida State Fair Project Record Book is available on Florida State Fair Agribusiness Website – https://floridastatefairgrounds.com/competition/specialty-events/

20. For additional information or questions, please contact the Agribusiness Office at (813) 627-4346 or Raelyn.Hudson@FloridaStateFair.com

Ag Mechanics Classification

Competition will be available in Wood Division and Metal Division

JUNIOR DIVISION - **ONLY** open to exhibitors 8 to 10 as of September 1st, 2026

- **JUNIOR PROJECT – PROJECT MUST MEASURE LESS THAN 2 FEET IN HEIGHT, LENGTH AND WIDTH.**

Class 1 – Junior Wood Project

Class 2 – Junior Metal Project

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR DIVISION

- Intermediate – 11 – 13 years old as of September 1st, 2026
- Senior – 14 and over as of September 1st, 2026

SMALL WOOD PROJECT	**LARGE WOOD PROJECT**
SMALL METAL PROJECT	**LARGE METAL PROJECT**

- **SMALL PROJECT – Projects that measure less than 3' in height, length, and width.**
- **LARGE PROJECT – Projects that measure 3'1" to 6' in height, length, and width.**

Class 3 – Intermediate Small Wood Project

Class 4 – Intermediate Large Wood Project

Class 5 – Intermediate Small Metal Project

Class 6 – Intermediate Large Metal Project

Class 7 – Senior Small Wood Project

Class 8 – Senior Large Wood Project

Class 9 – Senior Small Metal Project

Class 10 – Senior Large Metal Project

Awards

Premiums and Ribbons will be presented to the 1st – 3rd place projects in each class.

1st Place	**$30.00**
2nd Place	**$20.00**
3rd Place	**$15.00**

Grand Champions will be chosen for each Division and will receive Premiums and Banners

Grand Champion	**$50.00**
Reserve Grand Champion	**$25.00**

Showmanship

A Showmanship Division will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2027, from 11 am to 12 pm for exhibitors who would like to participate. This is an optional event but an exciting way to talk to the judges and public about your project. Showmanship Winner Announcements will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, February 6th.

Showmanship will be divided into Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions.

- Exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and dressed according to the standards of the youth organization they are representing. FFA – Black jeans, white collared shirt, FFA Jacket and Tie. 4-H – Black/dark jeans, white collared shirt. 4-H vest, jacket, and/or tie is strongly recommended. YLPA – Dark blue jeans, black collared shirt with logo patch. No caps or hats. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.
- Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project.
- Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions when their project is being viewed either by the judge or fairgoers. Knowledge of the project will be evaluated at that time. Exhibitors should be well-informed about the project they are representing.

Prizes/Awards will be awarded for 1st – 3rd place showmen in each Age division.

Exhibitors can register for Showmanship during the online entry process.

Class 11 - Junior Showmanship

Class 12 – Intermediate Showmanship

Class 13 – Senior Showmanship

Specific Showmanship information will be emailed after all entries are received and processed

CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR
YOUTH AG MECHANICS SHOW
SIGNATURE PAGE

Entry process for the 2027 Youth AG Mechanics Show:

Step #1: Collect all Mandatory Signatures. (Ag Teacher, 4-H Leader or YLPA Representative, Parent, and Exhibitor). Signature Page MUST be uploaded, emailed or faxed on or before January 11th.

Email: Raelyn.Hudson@FloridaStateFair.com, Fax: 813-740-3520, or Mail: Florida State Fair, Ag Mechanics, PO Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680

Name of Exhibitor _____

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

For 4-H members - 4-H Leader _____County_____
** 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 project is intended for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida State Fair contained in the 2027 AG Mechanics Show rules by which I, the undersigned, understand & agree to abide by. 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 Ag Mechanics 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 to 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.

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR – MANDATORY!!

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITOR – MANDATORY!!!