YOUTH REGISTERED SHEEP SHOW

(with a Market Lamb Show and Wether Dam Show)

February 3 - 6, 2027

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Educational Opportunities…See Point Categories on page 9

Ownership Deadline.....December 1, 2026

ONLINE Entry Due Date .....December 4, 2026
(No paper entry forms will be accepted for the 2027 Fair)
1st Late Entry Period.....December 11, 2026
(Double Entry Fees)
Final Late Entry Period.....January 11, 2027
(Double Entry Fee plus $100.00)

Deadline for Scholarship Applications December 4, 2026

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

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 10**

YQCA Certification Deadline……..…...Submitted
……..……On or before January 11, 2027
*****Please Note: This is an optional Champion Youth Point Opportunity and NOT a Show Requirement (see page 10)***

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 Sheep Show. (See page 12 for details)**

SHOW SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 3rd
Arrival/Animal Check-in .....2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Champion Youth Check-in.....2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
**All Educational Posters In
** Sign up for Showmanship
**Declare Showmanship Animal
Market Lamb/Wether Dam Weigh In. 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Parent/Exhibitor Meeting (Show Ring)……6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 4th
Hillsborough County Schools Show Pals……10:00 a.m.
Skillathon/Record Book Skills Test……2:00 p.m.
Sheep Obstacles Contest..... 5:00 p.m.
Peewee/Old Timer's Showmanship……..... following Obstacles Contest *(if time permits)*

FEBRUARY 5th
Showmanship .....9:00 a.m.
(Starting with Seniors, followed by Juniors, then Intermediates)
Market Lamb Show.....1 hour after Showmanship
Wether Dam Show ..... following Market Lamb Show

FEBRUARY 6th
Registered Sheep Show..... 10:00 a.m.
Announce Champion Youth Winners,.....End of Show
Youth Sheep Released..... 3:00 p.m.
or conclusion of show if after 3:00 p.m.

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.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Only Florida residents who are bona fide 4-H or YLPA members (8 years old or older, as of September 1, 2026) or FFA members are eligible to enter.
All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H Club Program, YLPA Club Program, or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida. Anyone who has graduated from High School, dropped out of High School, or is currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class but not attending class shall be **ineligible** to enter or show.
2. Entries from the FFA Chapter, YLPA Club, and 4-H Club will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local & state organizations. Chapter/Club animals must be owned by the Chapter/Club.
3. Registered Sheep Show:

A. All registered sheep must be registered in the name of the youth exhibitor, and registration papers must reflect the date of ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026.

B. Registration papers must show the exhibitor to be the **SOLE OWNER** of the animal.

C. Registration papers must be presented at check-in. In the case of papers pending, it will be the exhibitor's responsibility to provide the Fair with a letter from the

breed association stating that the papers have been applied for but have not yet been processed. **No papers pending will be accepted without this letter from the association.**

D. **All registered sheep must meet the breed standards of their association to show at the 2027 Florida State Fair**

4. Market Lamb Show:

- **The Market Lamb Show will be open to any breed or crossbred wether.**
- **Animals that show in the Market Lamb Show must be in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026.**
- **Animals in the Market Lamb Show must submit a record book to prove proof of possession. <u>All Market animals should be included in the same Youth Sheep Record Book as registered animals</u>. Record Books are available on the website and must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before January 11, 2027.**
- **All market lambs must be classified at weigh-in and declared <u>Whiteface Cross</u> or <u>Blackface Cross.</u> Classification will be determined by the show committee. Once an animal has been classified, its classification is final and may not be changed. The decision regarding classification is final and will rest solely with the show committee.**

5. Wether Dam Show:

- **The Wether Dam Show will be open to any breed or crossbred wether dam.**
- **Animals that show in the Wether Dam Show must be in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026.**
- **Animals in the Wether Dam Show must submit a record book to prove proof of possession. <u>All Wether Dams should be included in the same Youth Sheep Record Book as registered animals.</u> Record Books are available on the website and must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before January 11, 2027.**
- **All wether dams must be classified at weigh-in and declared <u>Whiteface Cross</u> or <u>Blackface Cross.</u> Classification will be determined by the show committee. Once an animal has been classified, its classification is final and may not be changed. The decision regarding classification is final and will rest solely with the show committee.**

6. The exhibitor must show as a member of the same organization under which they entered and are a member of.

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

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 Test, Showmanship, and all other competitions. The age of the student(s) will determine the division in which they compete (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior). The Chapter must designate the student(s) by January 11, 2027 (hand-delivered, emailed, or faxed. **<u>If the name is not received by January 11, 2027, the animal(s) will be allowed to show and compete for Animal premiums ONLY.</u> 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

ENTRY

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of 6 animals in the show. If the exhibitor enters more than one animal in a specific class or division, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to have another youth exhibitor show the animal.

2. There is a $25 entry fee per exhibitor for the Youth Registered Sheep Show. The entire amount is non-refundable. Hand-delivered or mailed entries **<u>WILL NOT</u>** be accepted this year.

3. Entry Due Date - All entries must be <u>submitted and paid for online</u> on or before December 4, 2026. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair website at <u>Florida State Fair Ag</u>.

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

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 5 and December 11, 2026, is subject to space availability and will be charged double ($50.00) entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries submitted online between December 12, 2026, and January 11, 2027, is subject to space availability and will incur a double entry fee plus a $100.00 fee (for Youth).

4. TO EXPEDITE THE CHECK-IN PROCESS AT THE FAIR, IT IS <u>MANDATORY</u> THAT COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS BE EMAILED, OR UPLOADED TO THE AGRIBUSINESS OFFICE BEFORE THE FAIR (PENDING PAPERS CAN BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN ALONG WITH A LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION – SEE PAGE 1, ELIGIBILITY #3-C).

5. All entries must be submitted through the online submission process. All information is available on our website – <u>Florida State Fair Ag</u>

Please note: Exhibitors MUST collect all the Mandatory signatures required on the Signature Page (Ag Teacher, YLPA Representative, County Extension Agent, 4-H Leader, Parent, and Exhibitor). The Signature Page is located on page 20 and the website. Exhibitors must submit the document to the Ag Office by the corresponding entry due date to be eligible for full entry points. The Signature Page can be uploaded through the Livestock Entry Documents link on the website, located under the Registration tab. Exhibitors can upload, email, fax, or mail their signature page to finalize the process.

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

7. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on stall/pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the timestamp of online submissions.

8. Complete animal information must be included in online entry.

9. Exhibitors MUST indicate during the online entry 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 may result in disqualification.

10. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUMITTED BY CORRESPONDING DUE DATE TO RECEIVE 10 POINTS FOR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.

11. Only animals entered and shown in the Youth Registered Sheep, Market Lamb Show, or Wether Dam Show and checked by the state veterinarian will be allowed in the tent. No exceptions!!!

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE

1. Animals must be in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor as of December 1, 2026. No Lease Agreements will be accepted.

2. Substitutions – Must be received by the Fair by **January 11, 2027**. Substitutions can be made by mail, fax to 813-740-3520, or email to Emily Smith. Please **do not** call the office with a substitution. The ownership deadline of December 1, 2026, will still apply to substituted animals. **No substitutions will be allowed upon arrival.** Additional animals will be treated as a late entry and will not be permitted.

3. Birth dates (month, day, and year) must be designated in online entry. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all sheep for age.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All animals must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

2. 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.

RULES OF EXHIBITION

As required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

5C-4.0015 Definitions.
5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.
5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep
5C-29.002 General Requirements for Movement of Sheep and Goats.

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-4.005 Goats or Sheep.
(1) OCVI Required.
(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition, except lamb or kids less than three months of age and accompanied by their dam.
(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.005, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for entry into and Exhibition and must be dated within 30 days prior to entry.
(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have official individual identification, except lambs or kids under three months of age accompanied by their dam that has official individual identification.
(3) Tests or Certification Required.
(a) All dairy goats imported into the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days are exempted from the import testing
requirements in subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C., provided:
1. The animals originate from:
a. Accredited tuberculosis-free states or herds, and
b. Certified brucellosis-free herds or classified brucellosis-Class A states or areas.
2. The animals return to the state of origin within 30 days of entry into Florida, and
3. The animals' milk is not used for human or pet consumption in Florida.
(b) Dairy goats that remain in Florida for more than 30 days must meet the brucellosis and tuberculosis import testing requirements in the subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C.
(c) There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats, pygmy goats, or Florida-origin dairy goats.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 1-3-19, 12-8-24.

5C-29.002 General Requirements for Movement of Sheep and Goats.
(1) Identification Requirements.
(a) All sheep and goats moved intrastate or interstate for any purpose must be officially identified to their flock/herd of birth. All sheep and goats that change ownership for any purpose must be officially identified to their flock/herd of birth as required by 9 C.F.R. § 79.2 (2008). In cases where the flock/herd of birth cannot be determined, the sheep and goats must be officially identified to the flock/herd of origin.
(b) Official Identification Methods: Only APHIS approved identification methods of sheep and goats as required by the USDA Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-079, June 1, 2005, may be used. Such identification methods must be permanent or tamper evident, secure, carry a unique premises and individual animal number and traceable to flock/herd of birth or flock/herd of origin. Approved methods of identification include:
1. Official USDA-APHIS-VS eartags,
2. Premises identification tattoos (must be legible and contain the flock/herd number and unique animal number),
3. Official registry tattoos (must be accompanied by either official breed registration certificate or an OCVI that includes the corresponding official registration number), or
4. Electronic microchip/implant (must be accompanied by owner statement of ID numbers and chip manufacturer, and agent should have a chip reader for verification of placement).
(2) Responsibility for Identification of Sheep and Goats.
(a) Primary Responsibility. The owner of the flock/herd of origin has the primary responsibility for identification of all sheep and goats before moving their animals and involving them in intrastate commerce and before they are commingled with animals from different flocks/herds of origin. If official identification has not been placed on the sheep or goats by the owner before leaving the flock/herd of origin and moving them for the purpose of involving them in intrastate commerce, the owner must assure that the sheep or goats are officially identified before the animals are commingled with sheep and goats from different flocks/herds of origin and before change of ownership.
(b) Secondary Responsibility. Persons with secondary responsibility to identify sheep or goats include:
1. A person who delivers any sheep or goats to a place where they will be commingled must ensure that the sheep or goats are officially identified to their premises of origin before allowing contact with sheep or goats from different flocks/herds or before change of ownership.
2. A person who receives any sheep or goats that are required to be identified to their premises of origin must ensure that the sheep or goats are officially identified to their premises of origin

before commingling with sheep or goats from different flocks/herds or before change of ownership.
(3) Retagging Sheep and Goats with Lost Identification.
(a) If a sheep or goat loses its identification to its flock/herd of birth or origin while in intrastate or interstate commerce the person that has control or possession of the sheep or goat is responsible for identifying the animal before commingling with sheep or goats of different flocks/herds of origin.
(b) The person retagging the sheep or goat shall record the identification number and the flock/herd of origin of the animal. If the flock/herd or origin cannot be determined all possible flocks/herds of origin shall be listed in the records.
(4) Removal of Official Identification Prohibition.
(a) No person shall remove or tamper with any official identification device.
(b) Official identification devices which are damaged and are no longer functional may be replaced provided all possible flocks/herds of origin are listed in the record associated with the application of the new official identification.
(5) Violations. Sheep and goats entering the state, moving within the state, or changing ownership in violation of the provisions of this chapter may be stopped by an agent, or employee of the Division or by any FDACS law enforcement officer of the state of Florida or any subdivision of the state. Any person, firm, or association having charge, custody, or control of animals imported or moved in violation of this rule will return the animals to the state or flock/herd of origin as directed by the Division.

SCRAPIES

All sheep entered in the 2027 Florida State Fair Youth Sheep program must be registered in the USDA Sheep and Goat Scrapies Education Program. Each exhibitor must have a USDA premise ID number. The USDA tag must be listed on the entry form. Ear Tags will be checked at the appropriate Ear Tag Validation.

NATIONAL SHEEP AND GOAT SCRAPIE ERADICATION PROGRAM
Effective July 1, 2004

Requirements for Identification of Sheep and Goats in Shows, Exhibitions and Fairs

This information is presented to clarify the mandatory identification requirements for sheep and goats under the National Scrapie Eradication Program. There are two components of the identification requirements that must be met before sheep and goats are allowed to move into the state or within Florida (intrastate) for shows, exhibitions, and fairs.

1. **Premises Identification** – Before official individual animal identification tags can be issued, the owner/agent must register the premises on which the animal is located and obtain a premises identification number from USDA.
2. **Individual Animal Identification** – Once the premises is registered, the owner/agent will receive official individual animal identification tags for identifying each sheep and goat.

Applicator pliers will be provided to FFA, 4-H, or YLPA leaders and/or the fair, livestock, or show committee for assisting exhibitors in applying the official ear tags.

NOTE: Sheep and goats must be officially identified before commingling with other groups of animals. For registered purebred sheep and goats identified with a permanent official breed registration number, official ear tags are not required. However, when presenting such animals for exhibition, a copy of the breed registration certificate must accompany each animal. Regardless of the method of official identification, each animal must be associated with a premises identification number.

The premises must be registered before the exhibitor can receive the official individual ear tag for each animal. The official tags must be applied to the exhibitor's animals before presenting them for exhibition. Official ear tags must be affixed by FFA, YLPA, or 4-H leaders or by a representative of the Livestock Show committee or veterinarian.

CONTACT FOR PREMISES AND INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND TAGS
USDA Veterinary Services Area Office
8100 NW 15th Place
Gainesville, FL 32606
SCRAPIE TAGS FOR SHEEP AND GOATS:
866-USDA-TAG (886-873-2824)
Tommy.G.Brown@APHIS.USDA.GOV

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.

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2. Lambs may be full-body sheared at the fairgrounds prior to exhibiting, provided that they have a maximum of **1/2 inch of wool remaining on their body prior to check-in**. (Lambs **must be rough sheared**.) Failure to meet the shearing requirements will result in the lamb being **denied check-in and not permitted to exhibit at the fair**. The show committee will have final authority in determining whether a lamb meets the shearing requirements.

3. No painting of sheep is allowed.

4. Filling sheep with any substance other than water or electrolytes is prohibited. All ewes must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of hooves.

5. HANDLING: All sheep must be trained for show and controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly by the exhibitor will not be accepted and will be disqualified.

6. The feed, care, and management of animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Sawdust will be provided for bedding. Exhibitors may also use straw at their own expense. **Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

7. The sheep tent closes at 11:00 p.m. No one is to be in the area after this time. In case of emergency, please contact a committee member to gain access to the tent.

8. Only animals being shown will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

9. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get in the show ring on time.

10. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and must not be taken from the designated areas. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animals and the exhibitor will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. NO DOGS ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARNS/TENT.
14. Smoking is not permitted in the barns/tents.
15. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns, tents and the livestock area.

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. If an exhibitor requires help during the grooming process from someone who is not authorized, they MUST request approval from the Show Coordinator or the Assistant Coordinator. Professional fitters are not allowed to fit, groom or otherwise administer any products to sheep that are registered in the show. Professional fitters found in the sheep area will be escorted from the property and the exhibitor will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
4. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, and all premiums, Achievement Premiums, etc., will be forfeited.
5. All preparation will be done in a designated area.
6. Lambs may be full-body sheared at the fairgrounds prior to exhibiting, provided that they have a maximum of **1/2 inch of wool remaining on their body prior to check-in.** (Lambs **must be rough sheared**.) Failure to meet the shearing requirements will result in the lamb being **denied check-in and not permitted to exhibit at the fair**. The show committee will have final authority in determining whether a lamb meets the shearing requirements.

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 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. Sheep will be received from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2027. In the event of an emergency, please call the Agribusiness Office at (813) 627-4229.
2. Animal check-in will be from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Champion Youth check-in will be from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. All sheep must enter by the Livestock Gate at the Orient Road entrance, which is located on the west side of the Fairgrounds. See the map on the website.
4. All Trailers will be parked in a remote location adjacent to or near the Fairgrounds.
5. A meeting for parents and exhibitors will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Show Ring.

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 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 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to drop off needed 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, and exhibitors must park in the assigned Ag Lot or your vehicle will be 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 become available for purchase on January 1, 2027. All proceeds will go towards the Youth participating in the Champion of Champions program.

PENS, FEEDING, AND BEDDING

1. All sheep will be bedded on sawdust.
2. The exhibitor must provide feed, water pails, and hoses.
3. Exhibitors must be present while animals are eating, and feed must be removed immediately following the feeding.
4. All exhibitors will be required to maintain their stalls and spaces in a clean and sanitary condition by removing any filth and/or litter and placing it in designated pickup areas. The sanitation department of the Fair will remove refuse from designated pick-up areas only.
5. All pens must be left free of any material other than the sawdust provided. Saturated sawdust must also be removed. Water buckets must be dumped outside of the tent area.
6. Exhibitors will be required to Sign-Out. All exhibitors must have a signed Release Form in order to leave – release forms will be issued when pens have been checked and approved for cleanliness. Anyone not signing out will forfeit all premiums monies.
7. Exhibitors not properly feeding, caring for, and/or managing their animal from the time the exhibit arrives at the Fair until official release time will forfeit the right to all premiums/Achievement monies won by exhibitors.
8. Exhibitors will have assigned pen spaces for the 2027 Youth Registered Sheep Show. Please email Emily Smith on or before January 11th to submit a "Pen Together" request.
9. Exhibitors are NOT to dismantle any portion of the pens. This includes the dividers in the middle, as well as the fronts and backs. Please see the Show Superintendents if you have any questions or need further assistance.
10. Exhibitors are prohibited from spending the night in livestock tents, barns, or stalls.

JUDGING

1. Animals should be shorn & groomed in whatever manner is appropriate for breed and age, with a **maximum** of 2" of wool on any part of the body. Animals will be checked at the Exhibitor Check-in on Thursday, February 3rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2. All registered sheep must meet the breed standards of their association to show at the 2027 Florida State Fair.

3. The American System of judging will be used for the 2027 Fair.

4. Unworthy Exhibit: It is the intent of the Sheep Committee that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is exhibited in a class, the Judge shall make awards in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited. The Judge must not award a premium to any unworthy animal.

5. The judge's decision shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see GDP).

6. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging process will be promptly excluded from the competition; if this occurs after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

7. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge to receive premiums.

8. Animals should not be lifted off the ground by the head or neck. All four feet should be left on the ground at all times. A warning will be issued on the first offense. On the second offense, the exhibitor will be taken to the side and placed last in the class.

9. The Fair has the right to break a class if it has more than 15 animals.

NEW **10.** Spotters will be allowed in during the Registered Show, Market Lamb Show and Wether Dam Show only. The exhibitor **MUST** be on the animal's head and the spotter **MUST** be another exhibitor. Spotters are **NOT** allowed during showmanship.

REGISTERED SHEEP SHOW CLASSES

1. The Registered Sheep Show will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m..

2. FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH REGISTERED SHEEP SHOW, IT IS MANDATORY THAT COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS BE UPLOADED TO THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR WEBSITE OR EMAILED TO THE AGRIBUSINESS OFFICE (PENDING PAPERS CAN BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN ALONG WITH A LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION – SEE PAGE 1, ELIGIBILITY #3-C).

3. The Registered Show will be separated by breeds –

-Hampshire	-Southdown	-Dorset Advantage
-Dorper	-Katahdin	-Natural Colored

4. Each breed in the Registered show having a minimum of 8 animals shown by at least two exhibitors the previous year will be eligible for a separate Breed Show. If the Breed did not meet the minimum requirement at the previous show, it would go on Probation for one year. If, in the second year, the breed has fewer than eight animals, that breed will automatically be moved into the "All Other Breeds" Class.

** For 2027, the following breeds will show in the **ALL OTHER BREEDS SHOW**:
Babydoll, Babydoll Southdown, Barbados Blackbelly, Cheviot, Dorset, Florida Cracker, Oxford, St. Augustine, Suffolk, and Tunis.

NEW **5. Show Order:** Southdown, All Other Breeds, Dorper, Dorset Advantage, Hampshire, Katahdin, Natural Colored.

6. Classes:

Ewes

1. September – December 2026
2. May – August 2026
3. April – April 2026
4. March – March 2026
5. January – February 2026
6. September – December 2025
7. **January – August 2025
8. **January – December 2024
9. **January – December 2023
10. Grand Champion Ewe
11. Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

**** Ewes in Classes 7, 8, and 9 are required to have "Lambed" by the time they are 2 years old.**

Rams

12. March – December 2026
13. September 2024 – February 2026
14. January – August 2025
15. Grand Champion Ram
16. Reserve Grand Champion Ram

17. OVERALL SUPREME CHAMPION EWE
18. SUPREME EWE 1ST RUNNER UP
19. SUPREME EWE 2ND RUNNER UP
20. OVERALL SUPREME CHAMPION RAM
21. SUPREME RAM 1ST RUNNER UP
22. SUPREME RAM 2ND RUNNER UP

ANIMAL PREMIUMS

1. Animals will be judged according to the American system of Judging.

1st Place	$50.00
2nd Place	$45.00
3rd Place	$40.00
4th Place	$35.00
5th Place	$30.00
6th Place – 10th Place	$25.00

Grand Champion	Banner
Reserve Champion	Banner
Supreme Champion Ewe	$100.00 & Banner
Supreme Ewe 1st Runner Up	$75.00 & Rosette
Supreme Ewe 2nd Runner Up	$50.00 & Rosette
Supreme Champion Ram	$100.00 & Banner
Supreme Ram 1st Runner Up	$75.00 & Rosette
Supreme Ram 2nd Runner Up	$50.00 & Rosette

MARKET LAMB SHOW

1. This show is open to any breed or crossbred wether.

2. Animals that show in the Market Lamb Show must be in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026. Animals in the Market Lamb Show must submit a record book to prove proof of possession. Record Books are available on the website.

NEW **3. All Market Lambs must be classified at weigh-in and declared Whiteface Cross or Blackface Cross. Classification will be determined by the show committee. Once an animal has been classified, its classification is final and may not be changed. The decision regarding classification is final and will rest solely with the show committee.**

4. Wethers shown in the Market Show may not be shown in the Youth Registered Sheep Show.

5. All lambs must be carrying all milk teeth at the time of the weigh-in. Lambs showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to show.

6. Number of entries: A maximum of six (6) sheep can be

shown in the Youth Show.

7. Class Weight: Lambs will be divided into three (3) classes by weight: Light, Medium, and Heavy.

8. Market Lambs may be weighed on Wednesday, February 3rd, between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

9. Animals will be judged according to the American system of Judging.

1st Place……...$30.00
2nd Place……...$25.00
3rd Place……...$20.00
4th Place……...$15.00
5th Place – 10th Place……...$10.00

Grand Champion……...$35.00 and Banner
Reserve Champion ……...$30.00 and Banner

10. All 1st place winners will be called back for the Grand Champion selection.

11. Please note – exhibitors are NOT required to show a breeding (registered) animal to participate in the Market Lamb Show.

WETHER DAM SHOW

1. This show is open to any breed or crossbred wether dam less than 1 year old or older than 1 year but not lambed.

2. Animals that show in the Wether Dam Show must be in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026. Animals in the Wether Dam Show must submit a record book to prove proof of possession. Record Books are available on the website.

NEW **3. All Wether Dams must be classified at weigh-in and declared Whiteface Cross or Blackface Cross. Classification will be determined by the show committee. Once an animal has been classified, its classification is final and may not be changed. The decision regarding classification is final and will rest solely with the show committee.**

4. Wether Dams shown in this show may not be shown in the Youth Registered Sheep Show.

5. All ewes must be carrying all milk teeth at the time of the weigh-in. Ewes showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to show.

6. Wether Dams must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.

7. Number of entries: A maximum of six (6) sheep can be shown in the Youth Show.

8. Class Weight: Ewes will be divided into three (3) classes by weight: Light, Medium, and Heavy.

9. Ewes may be weighed between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd.

10. Animals will be judged according to the American system of Judging.

1st Place……...$30.00
2nd Place……...$25.00
3rd Place……...$20.00
4th Place……...$15.00
5th Place – 10th Place……...$10.00

Grand Champion……...$35.00 and Banner
Reserve Champion ……...$30.00 and Banner

11. All 1st place winners will be called back for the Grand Champion selection.

11. Please note – For the 2027 Florida State Fair, exhibitors are NOT required to show a breeding (registered) animal to participate in the Wether Dam Show.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and/or the department superintendent or clerk.

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 after 6 months from the date on the check. After 6 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.

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 a 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 Submittal, 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. Youth Sheep will be released on Saturday, February 6th, at 3 p.m. or the conclusion of the show, if it occurs after 3 p.m.

2. Any exhibitor removing animals from the barn before the official release time forfeits all prize monies they may have won.



3. All pens must be left free of any material other than the sawdust provided. Saturated sawdust must also be removed. Water buckets must be dumped outside of the tent area.



4. Exhibitors will be required to sign in and sign out. All exhibitors must have a signed Release Form in order to leave – release forms will be issued when pens have been checked and approved for cleanliness. Anyone not signing out will forfeit all premium monies.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPION 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 enables exhibitors to capitalize on these opportunities. By participating in the various activities listed below, exhibitors may earn additional monies, which we refer to as 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 Seminar or YQCA ..... 0 – 30 points*
-Record Book (Mandatory) ..... 0 – 100 points
-Record Book Skills Test (Mandatory).....0 – 100 points
-Skillathon (Mandatory).....0 – 100 points
-Showmanship .....0 – 100 points
1st place (Jr., Int. & Sr.) .....20 points
2nd place (Jr., Int. & Sr.) .....15 points
3rd place (Jr., Int. & Sr.).....10 points
4th place (Jr., Int. & Sr.).....5 points
Blue .....80 points
Red .....70 points
White.....60 points



-Stockyard Story .....0 – 100 points
-Educational Poster .....0 – 30 points
570 Total Points Possible

**Please note: Exhibitors can only participate in one of these two events to receive points.*

*All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of their 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: Some areas of participation are mandatory, while others are optional.

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

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 -	**$500.00 cash award**
2nd Place -	**$400.00 cash award**
3rd Place -	**$300.00 cash award**
4th Place -	**$200.00 cash award**

INTERMEDIATE AGE CATEGORY
Champion Youth - $100.00 cash award

JUNIOR CATEGORY
Champion Youth -$75.00 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 Skills 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 prizes. ***

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 when a copy of the Thank You letters to the sponsors has been received.

Checks will be void after 6 months from the date on the check. After 6 months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS -
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 Seminar.
4. Please note: Registration will begin 30 minutes before the seminars.
5. For pre-registration, visit our website:
Florida State Fair Ag

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 submitted 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 Sheep 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. A Record Book is available on the website. **Mail completed record books to: Youth Sheep Show, Florida State Fair, 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 that 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 Sheep 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 for their animal project.
2. Juniors answer Junior-designated questions. Intermediates answer Junior and Intermediate designated questions. Seniors answer Junior, Intermediate, and senior-designated questions.
3. The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that 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 that do not participate in the Skillathon will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.

SHOWMANSHIP - Optional

1. All exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by participating in the Showmanship Contest.

2. The Showmanship Contest will be held on Friday, February 5, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sheep Show ring. This event is optional, but all exhibitors are encouraged to enter and must sign up at check-in.

3. Exhibitors must adhere to the Attire Statement as outlined in the Youth Sheep Rules.

4. Exhibitors must show their own animal.

5. Exhibitors must declare their showmanship animal at check-in. Up to two (2) animals can be declared. Their scrapies tag number will be noted on the exhibitor's showmanship tag and will be checked before entering the ring. Anyone showing someone else's animal will be disqualified.

6. Judging will be on the American System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded to 2nd through 4th place in each age category; 1st place will receive an award.

7. Age Divisions as of Sept. 1, 2026:

Junior (Ages 8 - 10)
Intermediate (Ages 11 - 13)
Senior (Ages 14 and over)

8. Spotters are **NOT** allowed during Showmanship.

ATTIRE

For showmanship and show, all 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/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

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional

The Educational Poster may earn a maximum of 30 points.

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. Poster board
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 and not exceed 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 a poster is judged and displayed, it is disqualified from additional competition within the current year or in future years. Posters are either photographed or marked submitted. The judge's decision is final.

11. Other requirements:

a. Poster must have a title
b. Poster must have your name on the back and age as of September 1, 2026
c. If the poster is a game or activity, it must include instructions and an answer key on the front.
d. If other resources (such as journals or 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.

STOCKYARD STORY VIDEO – Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by submitting a Stockyard Story Video.

Individual videos only. No team videos are allowed.

2. Videos must be registered for each animal project. In the case of Beef & Steer, it **CANNOT** be the same video.

3. Exhibitors must compose an original video based on their own research and use of Skillathon materials. Assistance in recording the video is allowed.

4. Topic of Stockyard Story Videos must relate to the Skillathon topic of **Nutrition** as related to Beef. This does not include showmanship.

5. Length of Video: 45 seconds to 1 minute. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will follow the same video requirements.

6. It is highly recommended that exhibitors wear official show attire, 4-H, FFA or YLPA association or club shirt when recording the videos. Review the Attire section on the Stockyard Story Rules on page 17.

7. Failure to adhere to the rules may result in disqualification.

8. Since all videos will be judged prior to the Fair, **all video registration forms with video links or uploaded file (.MP4 or .MOV formats only) must be submitted on or before January 11, 2027**. Each exhibitor must complete the Online Registration Form which is located on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website – Stockyard Story Video Application

9. Videos become the property of the Florida State Fair with the right to be published for promotional, educational, marketing or training purposes.

10. Please refer to pages 16-18 of the rules and regulations for additional information on video requirements and page 19 for the judging rubric.

CHARLIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of Charlie Moore and his many years of dedication to the Florida State Fair. One High School Senior recipient will be selected to receive a

$300.00 Scholarship. The money will be awarded in one payment upon receipt of proper certification that the student is enrolled in some form of continuing education beyond high school at an accredited college or university in the State of Florida.

YOUTH SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP

The Youth Sheep Committee has established a scholarship fund. One High School Senior recipient will be selected to receive this Scholarship. (value – up to $300.00) The money will be awarded in one payment upon receipt of proper certification that the student is enrolled in some form of continuing education beyond high school at an accredited college or university in the State of Florida.

See page 14 for application. All applications must be submitted during the Check-in on Wednesday, February 3rd, by 5:30 p.m.

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 understand:

- **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.

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 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 only 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, including times and dates, on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops that will be held throughout 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

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 sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family 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.

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 which 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 exhibition 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 sample taken form 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 individual 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 ace 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 of 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 which 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 anyway 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 same are incorporated by reference herein.

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Florida State Fair
CHARLIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP &
YOUTH SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
(High School Seniors Only)

Application deadline: FEBRUARY 3, 2027, by 5:30 p.m.

Instructions: Please complete this application as thoroughly as possible.

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone (_____)_____

4H Club, YLPA Club, or FFA Chapter_____

Year of Graduation _____

In addition, on a separate page, please describe your:

1. Career Plans: Describe your future education and career plans.
2. Student Activities: Summarize your school activities (begin with the most important and include offices you've held).
3. Community Activities: List community activities and describe your involvement in each.
4. Sheep Activities: Describe your involvement in the sheep program, including the number of head owned and raised, the period of time, a description of your breeding program, and goals that you have met.
5. References: Attach references from two adults who are not related to you.

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
STOCKYARD STORY VIDEO

Achievement Premium Points Opportunity for Beef, Steer, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, and Sheep

PURPOSE

The Florida State Fair Champion of Champions Stockyard Story Video encourages exhibitors to share their knowledge, passion, and experiences through engaging educational videos. This challenge helps youth exhibitors develop communication, creativity, leadership, and agricultural advocacy skills while educating others about the livestock industry.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

- Videos must be between 45 seconds to 1 minute in length.
- Video can be edited on TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, or a third-party app (Canva, Adobe Express, CapCut, InShot, iMovie, etc.)
- Must be in either .MP4 or .MOV format.

PARTICIPANT RULES

- Exhibitors must compose an original video based on their own research and use of Skillathon materials. Assistance in recording the Stockyard Story Video is allowed.
- Topic of Stockyard Story Video must relate to the Skillathon topic of Nutrition as related to your project of Beef, Steer, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, and Sheep
- Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will follow the same video requirements.
- Individual videos only. No team videos are allowed.
- For Beef and Steer, the same story **cannot** be used for both submissions. Participants must submit two different videos with distinct storylines.
- Failure to adhere to the rules may result in disqualification, which is the decision of the judges.
- AI-generated images/videos/clips will cause the video to be disqualified.

VIDEO TOPICS

- Topic of Stockyard Story Video must relate to the Skillathon topic of Nutrition as related to your project of Beef, Steer, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, and Sheep.

VIDEO CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

- Include educational information related to the livestock project.
- Demonstrate the exhibitor's knowledge.
- Be appropriate for all audiences.
- Feature the exhibitor as a meaningful part of the story.
- Promote positive agricultural practices and sportsmanship.

CREATIVE STYLE ENCOURAGED

Popular formats include:

- Day in the Life
- POV (Point of View)
- How-To Tutorials
- Myth vs. Fact
- Before & After Transformations
- Quick Facts or Did You Know?
- Story Time
- Behind-the-Scenes Content
- Mini Documentaries
- What People Think vs. Reality

Creative elements may include voiceovers, text overlays, interviews, time-lapse footage, photos and video clips, transitions and effects, fast-paced editing, humor, and personality.

The best videos do not feel like a school presentation. They feel like content someone would stop and watch while still learning something about agriculture.

ATTIRE

Official show attire is not required, but it is highly recommended that exhibitors wear official show attire, a 4-H, FFA, or YLPA association or club T-shirt. Appropriate everyday clothing can be worn, but videos may be disqualified if an exhibitor is dressed inappropriately. Please refer to your county school district's dress code guidelines for acceptable attire.

MUSIC, COPYRIGHT, AND CONTENT USE

All music, sounds, photos, graphics, and other media must comply with copyright laws. Audio available through TikTok, Instagram, YouTube Shorts, or other licensed platforms may be used when permitted by those platforms. Florida State Fair reserves the right to disqualify entries that violate copyright or trademark regulations.

VIDEO QUALITY

Videos may be filmed using a phone, tablet, or camera. Creativity and communication are valued more than professional production quality.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Deadline: January 11, 2027

All videos must be submitted through the official Florida State Fair Stockyard Story Video submission form. Upload the video file at the link below. It must be in either .MP4 or .MOV formats

A list of resources must be cited on the submission form.

SUBMIT HERE: Stockyard Story Video Application

JUDGING

The rubric on the following page lists the criteria for the judging of your video and is used as the scoring tool for the judging. It was developed to inform you as to how your video will be evaluated.

OWNERSHIP AND USE

Submitted videos become the property of the Florida State Fair and may be used for promotional, educational, marketing, and training purposes.

EXAMPLES OF STOCKYARD STORIES – COMING SOON!!!

2027 Florida State Fair
Stockyard Story Judging Rubric

Exhibitor Name:	Age Category: Jr. Int. Sr.
	Species:

Tier One

Does the video follow the following guidelines?

REQUIRED ELEMENTS	Yes	No
1. Does the story run within the 45-60 second time limit? Time: _____	15	0
2. Is a list of resources on the submission form?	15	0
3. Was the information in the story accurate and related to the topic of nutrition?	15	0
4. Are there any AI-generated images, videos, or clips in the story?	0	15
5. Is the exhibitor dressed appropriately for the story?	10	0
6. Was the entry complete with all necessary information?	10	0
COLUMN TOTALS		
TOTAL SCORE		

Tier Two

If the Total above is 80, continue with the Tier Two Judging Rubric.

Category	5	4	3	2	1	Score
Hook & Attention Grabbing Opening	Immediate attention-grabber; highly engaging and makes viewers want to keep watching	Strong opening that creates curiosity and interest	Adequate opening that captures some attention	Slow, unclear, or predictable opening	Fails to engage viewers in the first few seconds	
Education & Message Delivery	Topic is explained clearly, accurately, and creatively; strong educational value with a memorable takeaway	Clear and accurate educational message with minor gaps	Information is understandable but lacks depth or clarity	Educational message is somewhat confusing, incomplete, or difficult to follow	Topic is unclear, inaccurate, or lacks educational value	
Visual & Audio	Exceptional visuals, editing, and composition; Clear voice, balanced sound, appropriate music	Strong visual presentation; Good audio with minor issues	Acceptable quality; Understandable but average	Distracting quality issues; Frequent audio distractions	Poor visual experience; Difficult to hear or understand	
Audience Relevance & Engagement	Highly engaging and well-suited for social media; effectively connects with the target audience and encourages interest	Relevant and engaging for most viewers; educational goal achieved	Moderately engaging; audience interest maintained at times	Limited audience appeal or unclear purpose	Little engagement value; fails to connect with the audience	
					TOTAL SCORE	

Judge's Comments:

2027 FLORIDA STATE FAIR
YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW SIGNATURE PAGE
For the 2027 Fair – Entries and fees must be submitted ONLINE!

Online Entry Process for the 2027 Youth Livestock Shows:

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, 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 ($50) late entry fee. Entries submitted during the Final Late Entry Period will incur a double ($50) 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 using the QR Code below, email to Ag@FloridaStateFair.com or fax to 813-740-3520 it to finalize the entry process.

Exhibitor's Name or Club or Chapter _____

Circle Show(s): Youth Beef Youth Dairy Youth Sheep Youth Dairy Goat Youth Boer Goat

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.

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 you are participating in 4-H. ***

Print 4-H Leader Name _____ Phone Number _____

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

For YLPA members – YLPA Representative _____

*** This signature is mandatory if showing YLPA!*

Print 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 Livestock 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 animals 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 Livestock Shows are 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.

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