

Sumter Youth Livestock Show & Sale Rules 2018-2019

1. A \$40.00 non-refundable application fee will be required with each application. This package will include two non- voting passes (value of \$40.00) along with the Exhibitor's pass. (Pass may be upgraded to voting membership for an additional fee.) If passes are lost they will NOT be replaced.
2. Animals must be owned and shown by a bona-fide Sumter County FFA or 4-H member. See your FFA advisor or 4-H agent for qualifications. Applicant must not have completed the 12th grade. Applicant must be enrolled in a Sumter County school or applicant must live or reside in Sumter County or an immediate family member own property in Sumter County. Applicant must have completed a state certified ethics class within the last three (3) years. (This will be offered in Sumter County).

Ethics Certification: The Sumter County Fair Association believes that all youth exhibitors should receive proper training and information for raising and showing an market animal project. Exhibitors that exhibit at the Sumter County Fair will be required to have completed the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Training Course training class in order to show at the Sumter County Fair. This class must be completed before February 22, 2019.

It is important that youth exhibitors understand:

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

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.

For the 2018/2019 fair season – certification number starting with 17, 18, or 19 are current and valid (for example 17FS0001, 18FS111, or 19FSF2222). All other number have expired and exhibitor will be required to attend a workshop.

Livestock Exhibitors are required to provide a valid Ethics Certification number on the entry form. If the exhibitor does not have their Ethics Certification number at the time of entry form turn-in that exhibitor must provide the Ethics Certification number to the Sumter County Fair office by February 22, 2019. It is the responsibility of the livestock exhibitor to obtain and give their number to the Sumter County Fair office.

Ethics Certification Numbers will be checked against the Florida State Fair's list.

To register for the Ethics Course please visit this website: <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics>

Steer exhibitors must be at least **10** years of age by Sept. 1st of that year. (A copy of birth certificate is required for all 10-year-old.)

Swine exhibitors must be at least **9** years of age, by Sept. 1st of that year. (A copy of birth certificate is required for all 9-year-old.)

Lamb exhibitors must be at least **8** years of age by Sept. 1st of that year. (A copy of birth certificate is required for all 8-year-old.)

3. Exhibitor Meeting:
 - A. Mandatory for first time exhibitors
 - B. Mandatory for any exhibitor wanting to change species of animal, if drawn as an alternate
 - C. At least 1 parent or guardian must be present at the initial mandatory meeting.
 - D. Any first-time exhibitors excuse for not attending the Exhibitors Meeting must have board approval.
 - E. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the application being omitted and the exhibitor will be disqualified.

4. Application must be approved and signed by FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent before turning in to the fair office. Applications are due on Friday May 11, 2018, Mandatory meeting on Saturday May 19, 2018 at the fairgrounds. Swine 8 am-10 am, Steer 10 am-11 am, Lambs 11 am-12 pm. Applications will be numbered as turned in. Application must have a check by the animal to show. Once you choose to move to another application as an alternate, then the primary application becomes void. **Exhibitor is limited to showing one market animal in all Florida county fairs per calendar year, which includes a Chapter and /or Club animal.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in:
 - A. Immediate disqualification from current show year. If exhibitor has shown in another Florida county fair prior to the Sumter County Fair; or
 - B. Disqualification from exhibiting a market animal in the Sumter County Fair the following year; if exhibitor shows in another Florida county after the Sumter County Fair in the same calendar year.

5. The show and sale will be limited to **86 swine, 70 steers and 30 lambs.** Exhibitors receiving the Herdsman award from the preceding year will have an automatic spot from the same species, provided he/she meets all requirements.

6. If more than 86 swine, 70 steers and 30 lamb application are received at the livestock meeting a drawing will be held to determine who will be in the show and sale. The alternates, at their option, may purchase an animal, weigh in at the initial weigh-in and will move up if any exhibitor drops out or does not meet requirements. Should an Exhibitor not make the show/sale, no solicitation is

allowed in any manner on Fair Grounds property. **(There is no guarantee of a place in the show/sale and all expenses associated with that animal are at the exhibitor's expense and risk.)**

7. Individual exhibitors must provide all necessary transportation for their animal.
8. Project animals will be required to comply with state minimum health regulations and USDA regulations including drugs. Exhibitors shall assume all responsibility for said regulations. It is required that the exhibitor and parent/guardian sign the drug certification form on front page of record book prior to acceptance to show or sale. This will be checked and verified. The fair board does not assume any financial responsibility for any contaminated carcass. All animals are subject to a random drug test.
9. Initial Weigh-in: Date and time will be listed on the "Important Dates" page

All animals must be weighed/checked in. Breeder's Certificate (Sumter County Animals Only) must be turned in at the initial weigh-in. If animal should die **within 120 hours (5 days)**, exhibitor must notify chairman within the 120 hours. After exhibitor notifies chairman, exhibitor has 10 days to replace and officially weigh replacement animal. All animals must be clean and free of debris at initial and final weigh in. Exhibitor will only weigh one animal, onetime.

NO BOARS, BULLS, OR RAMS will be accepted.

10. Final Weigh-in: Date and time will be listed on the "Important Dates" page

Steers must be 25 months or younger at the time of show with a minimum final weight of 950 pounds and a minimum daily weight gain of 2.0 pounds per day, from initial weigh-in to final weigh-in. Ultrasound will be used for carcass results only.

Swine must weigh at least 230 pounds and not weigh more than 310 pounds. Ultrasound will be used for grading US number two or better. Swine entries must grade US NO. 2 or better.

Lambs must be under (1) one year of age and still have their milk teeth. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds at the final weigh in. The Fair will mouth lambs to determine age. Wool and hair type lambs must be wethers or ewes that have not lambed. Ultrasound will be used for carcass results only.

All animals will be required to pass state inspection.

11. On the day of the final weigh-in, the barn will be locked. No one will be allowed inside the barn area until all steers, swine, and lamb are weighed in, graded, and secured in their pen or stall.
12. Animals will be divided into weight classes by the Livestock Committee for the show.
13. Grooming:
All animals must be washed on show/sale day. No Professional groomers in the barns, fair will provide Fly Spray. Parents, 4-H leaders/agent, fair board director, and FFA advisor may assist with the animal while exhibitor is grooming. (a fellow exhibitor can assist with grooming)

Steers must be dehorned. Horn "stumps" shall be no longer than one-half (1/2) inch in length at final weigh in. The head of the animal is the only thing required to be clipped (Blow & Go). Absolutely no grooming products are to be used **shampoo/conditioner only**, i.e. show foam, adhesive, hoof polish, including these products but not limited to. **The use of these products will result in a \$100 fine.**

Swine may be groomed only! Absolutely no grooming products are to be used **shampoo/conditioner only**, i.e. show foam, adhesive, hoof polish, including these products but not limited to. **The use of these products will result in a \$100 fine.**

Lambs must be either wool or hair type. All lambs must be sheared prior to the final weigh-in (blow & go). All lambs must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alterations or modification, except for grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of the hoofs. Absolutely no grooming products are to be used **shampoo/conditioner only**, i.e. show foam, adhesive, hoof polish, including these products but not limited to. **The use of these products will result in a \$100 fine.**

14. Initial Weigh - In: The exhibitor entering the animal is not required to handle the animal but must be present. No mechanical devices will be used, including but not limited to, Big Jim Halters, Nose rings, or Nose tongs. Once the market animal is tagged the exhibitor must abide by our rules.

Final Weigh-In: The exhibitor entering the animal must be present to handle their animal, including but not limited to weighing, grading, showing, and selling. No parent, friend or others will be allowed to the animal without receiving prior approval from the fair board. No mechanical device will be used, including but not limited to, Big Jim Halters, Nose Rings, or Nose Tongs.

15. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to judge and sift any unruly animal

or exhibitor. Any animal exhibiting any physical impairment will be subject to sifting. If any animal is being considered for sifting, every effort will be made to contact the exhibitor, the parent or guardian and exhibitor's club leader or advisor so they can be present during the sifting process.

16. Exhibitors will be required to maintain and care for their animal and attractive quarters throughout the fair. Failure to comply will result in the Exhibitor being fined \$100.00 per offense.
17. All steers are required to have a neck rope while tied in the barn, to be provided by the Exhibitor. Failure to comply will result in the Exhibitor being fined \$100.00 per offense. A rear rope will be provided by the Fair Board and required to be attached behind the steer in the stall at all times.
18. All Exhibitors will be required to attend a mandatory meeting in the Cow Palace AFTER the final weigh-in with completed Record Books. Time and date will be listed on the important dates page. Check to be sure you have all necessary signatures.
19. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the barn one hour prior to the show and sale and the barn will remain closed during the show and sale. On show night, exhibitors who place 1st or 2nd in their class, Sumter County Bred By, Best of Sumter County, or are a Showmanship finalist must remain in the barn. If the exhibitor is NOT present, you will forfeit your opportunity to show.
20. The Livestock Show and Sale are listed in the "Important Dates". All animals will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for slaughter. Five percent (5%) of the selling price for swine and lamb, (3%) for steers (**does not apply to add-ons**) will be deducted for advertising, buyers' dinner, judges and other related expenses.
21. Exhibitors will be required to wear official Fair dress when exhibiting animals in the **show and sale**. Official Dress: black pant, **white shirts (tucked in)**, dark shoes or boots accompanied by official tie and jacket/vest of either the FFA or 4-H club. No entry into show ring without official dress. The correct show halter and show stick to be used.
22. The Fair Board does not assume any financial responsibility for the sale of the animal other than reasonable effort to collect the money from the buyer and add-on people. If a buyer does not pay for the animal, the fair board, at its option, may pay the exhibitor resale value of the animal.
23. Each exhibitor shall turn in handwritten buyer, buckle and banner sponsor "thank you" letters with a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope to the Fair Office (Listed in "Important Dates".) Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$100.00 fine deducted from the sale price of animal and checks will

be withheld until letters are turned in.

24. Sale pictures for the exhibitor and buyer will be available at the awards banquet, and will be hand delivered to the buyer within 21 days and return the signed form to the fair office on or before the 21st day. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$100.00 fine for all exhibitors and this amount will be deducted from the sale price of animal and checks will be withheld until letters are turned in.
25. Each exhibitor assumes all responsibilities for his/her animal in case of death, injury or loss until animal is delivered to packer.
26. Any exhibitor with current application may turn in a record book to be judged for competition and receive an exhibitor pass, even if the animal does not make show or sale (this means that if animal does not make grade or minimum weight, but exhibitor has met all other requirements).
27. Exhibitors who purchase an animal at any of the market sales will be responsible in making payment before exhibitor checks are released. If payment has not been paid then outstanding invoice will be deducted from exhibitors check.
28. Exhibitors showing misconduct, possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, misrepresentation or failure to cooperate with the Livestock Committee in any matter may forfeit any prizes or premiums, may be eliminated from the show and sale, banned from showing the following year, or any other punishment deemed necessary by the Fair Board.
29. Exhibitors must write (3) three new prospective buyer's letters. **Copies** of your (3) three buyer's letters including addresses must be turned into the Fair Office by due date listed on the Important Dates Sheet. Failure to comply will result in a \$100.00 fine.
30. For safety reasons, exhibitors will only wear covered toe and closed heel shoes while exhibiting at the Sumter County Fair. This includes at all times while in the barn, cleaning, feeding, grooming, walking, or working with animals. No animal is to be ridden at any time. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$100.00 fine.
31. The Fair Board reserves the right to amend, change, or add to any of the above rules at any time provided notice of such amendments, changes, or additions shall be furnished to all registered exhibitors, FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents. Final interpretation, consideration, enforcement, and intent of the rules shall be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Sumter Fair Association, Inc.

32. Your signature on the application indicates that you have read and understand the above rules and consequences. You are stating that there is not a rule listed above that you feel you cannot abide by.

2019 Sumter County Youth Livestock Application

(Please print legible and complete)

Please include \$40.00 Application fee made payable to Sumter Fair Association

FFA

4H

Exhibitor Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age on 9/1/18 _____ Shirt Size: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Steer _____ Swine _____ Lamb _____ (Check One)

FFA Advisor _____ 4-H Agent _____

Signature

Signature

Date: _____ Ethics Class Certification # _____

I have read and understand the rules for participating in the Sumter County Market Show and Sale and hereby agree to abide by it. I further agree to hold the Sumter County Fair Association, Inc. harmless for any damages or injury to or caused by my animal or any other animal.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibitors Entry Statement

I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Rings Ethics as stated in the premium list of events. A separate copy may be obtained on request from show organization.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Breeder's Certification
(Sumter County Bred Animals Only)

I, _____ breeder of _____
Breeder's Name Exhibitor's Name

Steer _____

Swine _____

Lamb _____

State that this animal was born on _____ (Month, day, year), in
Sumter County, Florida.

Breeder's Signature: _____

Date: _____

This certification is for the "Best Sumter County Steer/Swine/Lamb" trophy. If your animal was not bred in Sumter County, this form is not applicable and does not need to be completed and returned. If your animal was bred in Sumter County, the completed form must be turned in at the initial weigh-in.