

Sumter County Fair
Market Livestock Show & Sale Rules 2021-2022

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The Sumter Fair Association, Inc.'s Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, change, or add to, and interpret the following rules and dates at any time and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences connected with or incident to the Fair. 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 and important dates shall be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

The rules (including those listed on the important dates) that are broken, that have no monetary consequences, will result in the exhibitor being ineligible to show and/or sell the animal. Animal must leave premises immediately. Youth will no longer be considered an exhibitor. *Rules with monetary consequences: first offense \$100.00 fine, second offense \$250.00 fine, third offense immediate disqualification.

LIMITED ENTRIES

In order to maintain the quality of the show and sale, the Fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries to **86 swine, 70 steers, and 36 lambs.**

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. A \$40.00 non-refundable application fee will be required with each application. This will include two non-voting passes (value of \$40.00), that may be upgraded to voting membership passes for an additional \$10.00 per pass. **Passes will be mailed out one month prior to fair.**
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, **with exception to those who were exhibitors during the 2021 fair due to an immediate family member owning property in Sumter County.** (Chapters/clubs, please note that a member of named chapter/club must exhibit designated animal.)
3. Completed application and fee are due on or before Friday, May 14, 2021 by 11:59pm. Application must be approved by FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent (fair office will send applicants name to designated organization for eligibility) **(COVID-19).**
4. **Steer exhibitors** must be at least 10 years of age by September 1, 2021
Swine exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 1, 2021
Lamb exhibitors must be at least 8 years of age by September 1, 2021
5. Exhibitors that exhibit at the Sumter County Fair will be required to have completed the Ethics Training Course ONCE to show. This class must be completed, and ethics number provided to the fair office before February 18, 2022 at 11:59pm. Ethics Certification Numbers will be checked against the Florida State Fair's list. To register for the Ethics Course, visit this website:
<http://www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics>
6. Meeting and drawing for show slots will be Saturday May 22, 2021 after the Exhibitor Banquet. Exhibitor meeting is **MANDATORY** for all **first-time exhibitors and at least one parent or guardian of a first-time exhibitor must be present at the initial mandatory meeting.** Any new exhibitor requesting to be excused for not attending the mandatory exhibitor meeting, must provide a written request with the application, to obtain board approval. You will be contacted with approval or denial of the request. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the application being omitted and the exhibitor will be disqualified.
7. If more than 86 swine, 70 steers, and 36 lamb applications are received, a drawing will be held to

determine who will be in the show and sale. If an exhibitor applies for the drawing and is selected to show and does not present an animal at the initial weigh in, they forfeit the opportunity to submit an application the following year. Exhibitors of the Sumter County Fair are forbidden to show a Market Animal in any fair with the exception of the State Fair. A non -Sumter County resident that currently qualifies under rule #2 is prohibited from showing another Market Animal in any other fair, if they do, they are ineligible to submit an application to the Sumter County Fair. If exhibitor has shown in another Florida County fair prior to the Sumter County Fair; or 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. Alternates, at will, may purchase an animal, and present at initial weigh-in and will move up if any exhibitor drops out or does not meet set requirements. Should an exhibitor not make the show/sale, no solicitation is allowed in any manner on the fairground's property. Exhibitors receiving the Herdsman award from the preceding year will have an automatic spot from the same species, provided he/she meets all other requirements. High school seniors (12th grade) that have successfully completed three consecutive individual market animal projects in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades will have TWO balls entered for the drawing. 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.

RULES FOR EXHIBITION

8. Exhibitors must provide all necessary transportation for their animal.
9. 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. All market animals must have a valid health certificate at final weigh-in and will be required to pass state inspection.
10. No mechanical device will be allowed or used, including but not limited to, Big Jim Halters, Nose Rings, or Nose Tongs on the fair grounds at any time.
11. All animals must be clean and free of debris at initial and final weigh in. Exhibitor will only weigh one animal, one time.
12. Initial Weigh-in: Date and time will be listed on the "Important Dates" page. All animals must be weighed/tagged and checked in. Breeder's Certificate (Sumter County animals only) must be turned in at the initial weigh-in. NO BOARS, BULLS, OR RAMS will be accepted. If animal should die **within 120 hours (5 days) after initial weigh-in**, exhibitor must notify chairman within the 120 hours. After exhibitor notifies chairman, exhibitor has 10 days to replace and officially weigh replacement animal. The exhibitor and the animal are required to be present. Once the market animal is tagged, the exhibitor must abide by our rules.
13. Exhibitors must write (3) three new prospective buyer's letters. Copies of the three three buyer's letters including addresses must be turned into the Fair Office by date listed on the Important Dates Sheet. Failure to comply will result in a fine*.
14. Final Weigh-in: Date and time will be listed on the "Important Dates" page. 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 weigh the animal without receiving prior approval from the fair board.

Steers must be 25 months or younger at the time of show with a minimum final weight of 1,000 pounds and a minimum daily weight gain of 2.0 pounds per day, from initial weigh-in to final weigh-in.
Swine must weigh at least 240 pounds and not weigh more than 310 pounds.
Lambs must be under (1) one year of age. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and a maximum of 180 pounds with a 15-pound minimum gain at the final weigh in.
15. 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 lambs are weighed in and secured in their pen or stall. Steers must have neck ropes on & tied and exhibitors will be required to bring a bucket and fill with water before exiting the barn.

16. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to judge and sift any unruly animal or exhibitor at any time during the fair. 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. **Any replaced animal will be notified by 12pm Tuesday March 8, 2022**
17. Exhibitors will be required to maintain and care for their animal and attractive quarters daily throughout the fair. Failure to comply will result in the exhibitor being fined* **(per offense)**. Name boards must be displayed by 5:00pm the following day of final weigh in.
18. All exhibitors must turn in a record book to receive an exhibitor pass **and to be included on the sifted list**, even if the animal does not make the show.
19. All steers are required to have a neck rope while tied in the barn, to be provided by the exhibitor (bring to final weigh in). Failure to comply will result in the exhibitor being fined*. A rear rope will be provided by the Fair Board and required to be attached behind the steer in the stall at all times.
20. Animals will be divided into weight classes by the Livestock Committee for the show.
21. No drenching is permitted without the supervision of a Board Director.
22. All Exhibitors will be required to attend a mandatory meeting in the Cow Palace and turn in record books. Time and date will be listed on the important dates page. Check to be sure you have all necessary signatures.
23. Grooming: **All animals must be washed within 24 hours of having the ultrasound, on show, and sale day.** No Professional groomers in the barns. Parents, 4-H leaders/agent, fair board director, FFA advisor, or fellow exhibitor may assist with the animal while exhibitor is grooming. Fair Board will provide the only Fly Spray permitted to be used. This is considered a **Blow & Go** show for all species. **Absolutely no grooming products are to be used, i.e. show foam, adhesive, hoof polish, including these products but not limited to. Shampoo/conditioner only. Animals will be checked for product and the use of these products will result in disqualification.**
Steers must be dehorned. Horn "stumps" shall be no longer than one-half (1/2) inch in length **Horns will be measured from the base of the skull to the tip of the horn** at final weigh in. **Swine** may be clipped only. **Lambs** must be completely sheared prior to the final weigh-in. All market animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alterations or modification.
24. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the barn one hour prior to the show and sale. 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 with their animal. If the exhibitor is NOT present, they will be disqualified.
25. For safety, exhibitors must wear closed toe shoes and appropriate school attire while exhibiting at the Sumter County Fair. This is always required while in barn, cleaning, feeding, grooming, walking, working with animals, and other exhibitor functions. No animal is to be ridden at any time. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine*.
26. Exhibitors will be required to wear official fair dress when exhibiting animals in the show and sale. Official Fair Dress: black pants, white shirt (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.
27. 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.
28. Each exhibitor assumes all responsibilities for his/her animal in case of death, injury or loss until the sale of animal. 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. There is no

guarantee of a place in the show/sale and all expenses associated with animal are at the exhibitor's expense and risk.

29. Exhibitors who purchase an animal at the market sale will be responsible for making payment before exhibitor checks are released. If the invoice has not been paid, the outstanding balance will be deducted from exhibitors check.
30. The livestock shows 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, three percent (3%) for steers will be retained. (does not apply to add-ons)
31. Each exhibitor shall turn in handwritten "thank you" letters with a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope to the Fair Office for buyer(s), buckle and banner sponsors by date listed. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine*, that will be deducted from the sale price of animal and checks will be withheld until letters are turned in.
32. 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 fine.* The amount will be deducted from the sale price of animal and check will be withheld until letters are turned in.
33. **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.**