

MAJOR SWINE RULE UPDATE

Per FDACS for 2023 show/sale

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) intends to change multiple rules regarding the sale of livestock beginning late 2022. In anticipation of these changes, livestock programs around the state have been asked to update show and sale rules to be in compliance when the new state statutes are signed (expected any day now). Therefore, this cover page outlines one of the most impactful changes.

Summary: Terminal Swine Shows must require an official ID on every animal. This official ID links the animal to a registered premise ID.

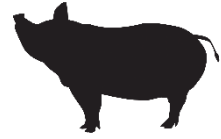
Animals being sold must either:

1. Be bled within 90 days prior to the sale, have blood sent to an approved lab for testing, and have a health certificate written from those lab tests prior to sale **OR**
2. Be sent directly from the sale location to a recognized slaughter establishment or USDA approved livestock market in the slaughter only channel. Livestock Committees must maintain and provide to FDACS a list of official IDs, the name of all transport drivers, the name of the establishment(s) to which those animals went, and sale documentation.

After looking through the state provided list of permitted establishments, the FAWE Livestock Committee has determined there are no local businesses on that list. In addition, they have inquired about veterinarians certified to bleed swine and the costs to have them bled and tested. They have concluded the most viable option is to require all swine sold at the 2023 Expo auction go directly to one establishment for processing. They have communicated with several and the decision in the best interest of all is to have them go to Nettles Processing out of Lake City. They will pick up all swine after the sale and deliver processed products to the buyers. There can be no exceptions. Your registration to participate in the 2023 FAWE Swine Show and Sale indicates your understanding of and compliance with this decision.



**2023 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO
(FAWE) SWINE SHOW AND SALE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**



***Exhibitors must be present for all events. Conflict exemptions must be requested in writing no less than two weeks before the event.**

NEW LOCATION: Rock Lake, 8132 Croom Rital Rd, BV, 34602.

**Entry due: November 10, 2022
Final Weigh-in: March 15, 2023
Showmanship: March 16, 2023**

**Initial tag-in: Nov. 21 – Dec. 9, 2022
Show date: March 16, 2023
Sale date: March 17, 2023**

Entry Form and *non-refundable* \$25.00 entry fee must be turned in to Ms. Williams,, Dr. Moores, or postmarked by 11/10/22. Entry Form is attached to the last page of these rules; it is required that you read and understand **all** the following rules. **Two same species animals (FKA back up animals) can be pre-registered but MUST be registered with separate entry form – Only one entry fee required.** Only one animal can be brought to final weigh in.

1. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1A. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Hernando County 4-H or Hernando County FFA and be in good standing to be eligible to enter. Entrants must meet age level requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

1B. Each exhibitor may show no more than one (1) swine. Exhibitors cannot show at another county fair's terminal show.

1C. All exhibitors will be required to attend a mandatory clinic TBD

1D. Each exhibitor is permitted to participate in up to two (2) market animal projects in the FAWE, defined as steer, pullets, and swine for 2023.

2. INITIAL TAG-IN

2A. TAGS & TATTOOS: Swine are required to be tattooed and ear tagged between November 21, 2022 and December 9, 2022. Leaders or advisors must turn all data into the FAWE by December 12, 2022. Clubs/families must schedule their dates and loaner equipment is available. Please work with Ms. Williams, Dr. Moores, or Ms. Deanna to set this up.

2B. Entries may be barrow or open gilts (no boars or stag).

2C. Recommended beginning weight of swine at initial tagging is 100 pounds.

2D. All swine will be tagged at initial tag-in. If an ear tag is lost, the exhibitor must notify their FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader and/or agent in writing. The Advisor, Leader or Agent must contact the FAWE and advise them of the missing ear tag.

2E. Exhibitors will be issued an official record book which must be completed and submitted at final entry.

3. POST INITIAL TAG-IN TO FINAL ENTRY

3A. The FAWE Livestock Committee would like to emphasize general care, grooming, cleaning of stalls/pens, and feeding of projects are the responsibility of the exhibitor, with assistance only from FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, Livestock Committee, Parent/Guardian, or fellow exhibitor. Care and Feeding includes providing feed, water, hay, pails, and tie ropes, etc.

3B. All swine must weigh at least 220 lb. at the March 15, 2023 final weigh-in.

4. FINAL WEIGH-IN

4A. FINAL WEIGH-IN will be held on March 15, 2023 beginning at 5:00 pm. YOU MUST BE IN LINE BY 7:00 pm.

-Swine weighing more than 320 pounds will be sold at 320 pounds

-Swine not meeting minimum weight of 220 lbs will be considered a lightweight swine. Lightweight swine are eligible for record book and showmanship competition only. Lightweight swine will be sold at the end of the auction.

4B. During Final Weigh-in, no equipment/tack/supplies will be unloaded until after the final swine is weighed. Exhibitors having supplies that must be removed to unload their animal will be sent to the end of the line. All equipment must be kept in their designated areas for the duration the FAWE. *Each club/chapter can only have one trailer in the designated area (an additional trailer may be allowed for those with a high number of participants but must be requested); any unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.* If the trailer your animal is riding in is ready to be unloaded, and you are not present, your animal will go to the end of the line.

4C. Health Regulations are subject to the Florida Department of Agriculture regulations in effect at the time. The FAWE Office will keep you informed of these regulations. No animal showing visible signs of illness or infestation will be accepted at the FAWE grounds. Any animal displaying lice at either initial check in or final weigh-in will not be permitted off the trailer (unless approved by a veterinarian or designee) and will be refused entry into the FAWE. Animals will be inspected prior to unloading. All withdrawal times must be observed for any medication given to a market animal. NO HEALTH CERTIFICATES WILL BE REQUIRED IN 2023 for those in the show because we are sending all to a single approved processing plant.

4D. **RECORD BOOKS**: Each exhibitor must complete a record book on their swine. **NEW**: Record books are due to the designated committee members PRIOR to your swine crossing the scale. Once you are given your official final weight, you will be permitted to complete, at the table, the final figures related to this weight. No books will be removed from the committee's possession after a swine crosses the scale. All exhibitors must use the official FAWE Livestock Record Book. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. **ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ORIGINALS.**

4E. No swine may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed by the exhibitor. If an animal is unmanageable in the show arena, the animal may be dismissed at the discretion of the judge.

4F. Pen spaces will be assigned by the Swine Committee.

4G. Exhibitors, nor anyone associated with an exhibitor, shall make abusive comments in any manner to the committee, weighofficials, or judges. To do so may jeopardize exhibitor's future eligibility to show. Questions may be directed to the Committee Chairman or designee.

5. EXHIBIT PERIOD

5A. Swine must be cared for from the time of arrival until swine are removed. No Feed Buckets can be left in pens.

Only secured gravity waterers are allowed to be left in the swine pen. All water buckets, pails, etc. must be removed.

*Swine Exhibitors - Feeding of animals must be completed by 10:00 a.m. and again by 9:00p.m. If there is a show going on, then an hour after show is completed in the evening. Swine are recommended to be exercised daily.

*There will be no feeding or bathing of animals during any livestock show.

*Additional care may be provided at the discretion of the FAWE Livestock Committee.

5B. For safety reasons, exhibitors will only be allowed to wear close toed shoes such as boots (**crocs do not fall into this category and are prohibited**) around animals. We highly recommend that anyone assisting the exhibitor also wear close toed shoes. The FAWE or FAWE Livestock Committee are not liable for injury to anyone assisting the exhibitor. Please wear the proper shoes when assisting with the animals. **Once the barn is closed to exhibitors and helpers only, all footwear must comply with this safety regulation, closed-toed only by youth and adults.**

5C. **FEED AND BEDDING**: Bedding will be provided by Management. Feed and waterers must be provided by the exhibitor. Management reserves the right to stipulate the pail type. Materials that may be dangerous, such as fences, metal pitchforks, metal rakes, hay nets, etc. will not be allowed in the **show** area.

No flowers or plants will be allowed in the exhibit area, except those provided by management.

-Show boxes or other tack may NOT be placed in the animal pen, wash rack, or show area.

-Each club will be designated a trailer area for supply and equipment storage.

5D. Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor, or anyone associated with the exhibitor, will, at the discretion of the Management, result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the swine and the exhibitor from the FAWE grounds - with the loss of awards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege. Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the grounds. Profanity in the show ring by the exhibitor will result in a \$250 fine or disqualification. Profanity at any event associated with the Swine Show could result in disqualification.

5E. In the event of an Emergency (defined below) that results in the FAWE Board of Directors necessarily cancelling any show or sale considered a part of the "Livestock Area Events" (defined below), the Exhibitor agrees to hold the FAWE harmless for any financial or other loss by the exhibitor that occurs because of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s) or plant(s) at the FAWE. The preceding statement pertains to the entire period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other loss, refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the FAWE and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.

"Livestock Area Events" may include the Swine Show and Sale, the Steer Show and Sale, the POM Show and Sale, Pullet Show and Sale, Poultry Show, Rabbit Show, Open Beef Show, Open Goat Show, Open Horse Show, and events associated with the aforementioned shows and/or sales.

"Emergency" refers to any National, State, Local occurrence or occurrences that results in the cancellation of Livestock Area Events normally taking place during the FAWE. The cancellation may be dictated by National, State, or Local government agencies that have the authority to decree such cancellations to protect the safety of patrons and/or participants or quarantines necessary to protect animal and human health. The Board of Directors of the FAWE also reserves the right to cancel any and all Livestock Area Events that, in the Board's sole discretion, threaten the health and/or safety of the patrons or participant of the event.

5F. **MEDICATIONS:** The administration of medication for scours, or other conditions shall be done under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or swine committee member this includes pig calm. The swine committee chairman must be notified that such medication is being administered. Unauthorized dispensing of medications is considered unethical and may result in disqualification of the animal and/or exhibitor.

6. SHOW & SALE

6A. Judging will take place March 16, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm. The sale of swine will take place March 17, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm. **No supplies or tack may be removed until March 18, 2023 between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.**

6B. Final classes will be determined by weight as necessary to assure manageable numbers in Show Classes. Premiums will be paid in all weight classes. All blue-ribbon class winners will compete for Grand Champion. The swine standing second in the Grand Champion's class will be eligible to compete for Reserve Grand Champion if earning a blue ribbon.

6C. Exhibitors will be issued 3 arm band passes - one for the exhibitor and two for parent(s) or guardian(s). **Additional passes/membership can be purchased up to three weeks prior to the FAWE. Prior to initial entry, the exhibitor must provide the name of the parent, guardian, or approved sibling, selected to help. No one, other than those approved as a helper, parent/guardian issued an arm band, uniformed law enforcement officers, or FAWE officials, will be allowed in the barn immediately prior to and during the Show and Sale. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE SHOW THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN PARENTS, APPROVED SIBLINGS, OR THOSE APPOINTED BY THE FAWE, TO HELP EXHIBITORS CAN HELP TO RESTRAIN AND MANAGE ANIMALS. THE WASHING, FEEDING, WATERING OF SWINE MUST BE BY THE EXHIBITORS OR HELPER (PARENT OR DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN).** The swine committee will provide help for exhibitors whose parents, or approved sibling, are unable to assist physically.

6D. OFFICIAL DRESS DURING THE SHOW AND THE SALE IS REQUIRED.

- For 4-H: White collared shirt, dark pants (denim ok), dark boots, and a 4-H clover representation.
- For FFA: Official Outside FFA Dress

6E. **All Exhibitors and Helpers** are banned from using electronic devices in the livestock areas during show times. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine of \$100 for the exhibitor and removal of the helper for remainder of shows. 4-H Leaders and/or FFA advisors can take pictures using electronic devices for record/promotional purposes.

6F. NO CAPS, HATS, GLITTER, OR OTHER PARAPHERNALIA (OTHER THAN OFFICIAL PLACING RIBBONS) WILL BE ALLOWED TO DECORATE SWINE. NO CAPS OR HATS CAN BE WORN BY EXHIBITORS IN THE SHOW RING DURING THE SHOW OR SALE. See 6D for permitted attire.

6G. Exhibitors must exhibit and sell their animal. It is the management's intent to consider waiving this requirement only in the event of a medical emergency.

6H. All who bid and purchase must be pre-registered and must have a buyer number. Buyers are requested to pay the night of the sale. If the buyer requires an invoice to pay, invoices will be mailed no later than 7 days after the sale and payment is expected in 30 days.

6I. Buyers gifts are highly recommended for your projects. These gifts do not have to be expensive it is the thought that counts.

Examples: Plants, BBQ supplies, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets of anything you feel your buyer will love.

6J. Advise the Prospective Buyer to enter the Expo through Main Gate, where they and one (1), guest will receive FREE admission. Once inside the GATE, the prospective Buyer needs go to the Livestock Office, so they can register themselves, or their company. (*Registration does NOT commit them to purchase an animal*).

6K. **ALL ANIMALS SOLD MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER at Nettles Processing of Lake City. As a condition of acceptance in the sale, Exhibitor (seller) agrees that all animals in the sale must be sold. No buyer is obligated to buy. There is no certain price per pound guaranteed. Transportation after the sale will be provided by the processor and no other persons will be permitted to pick up.**

6L. Swine may be sold a maximum of three times. Bidders will be encouraged to do add-ons after the third sale.

6M. All Exhibitors will pay their bills relating to their project within 30 days of checks being issued. The FAWE Livestock Committee reserves the right to refuse entry into the show, or subsequent shows, because of any failure of Exhibitor to uphold their financial responsibilities relative to their project. This includes any monies owed to a farmer, rancher, individual, feed mill, or store who supplied/provided an animal, boarding, tack, feed, or hay to an Exhibitor, with the promise of payment to them, once monies were received from the FAWE, and said promise has not yet been fulfilled. The exhibitor will **NOT** be allowed to show any animals at the FAWE until said debts have been paid in full. The debtor must contact the FAWE to advise that said debt has been paid in full.

6N. **SHOWMANSHIP participation is OPTIONAL.** Club/Chapter/Family entries are eligible for up to two age divisions, once each. Exhibitors must declare whether they are participating by final swine check-in on March 15, 2023.

7. **POST SALE**

7A. Loading of animals after the sale will be done by the Committee members and approved volunteers. No equipment shall be removed until after load-out is completed, March 18, 2023. **Exhibitors will be REQUIRED to participate in clean-up from 12:00 to 1:00 pm** and will be permitted to remove their equipment from 1:00-3:00 pm. All trash must be removed from tack storage area.

7B. Any livestock exhibitor earning a belt buckle must submit a thank you letter. For swine exhibitors, those are due March 18, 2023, between 1:00 and 3:00 pm at the FAWE Livestock Office. See next page for letter instructions

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYERS AND BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS:

Thank you letters for Buyers and/or Belt Buckles are due on March 18, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

*Letters MUST be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor. Place letter in STAMPED, UNSEALED envelope.

*Buyer and Belt Buckle Sponsor Addresses will be provided on check-out day March 18, 2023.

*All letters should have a greeting/salutation, body paragraph (age appropriate), and a closing/valediction.

*Exhibitors should sign each letter.

REMINDER: Exhibitors will be charged \$50 per letter not received or deemed inappropriate for any buyer, add-on, and/or belt buckle. Youth are encouraged to turn letters in early so they can be reviewed and replaced if necessary.

7C. Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up from your FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent no later than March 21, 2023.

- Should the FAWE receive any add-ons for an exhibitor after they have picked up their add-on list, then the exhibitor will be contacted.

- Appropriate and proper (**handwritten in pen by the exhibitor**) thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to FAWE, your 4-H Agent, or your FFA Advisor no later than March 30, 2023. All thank-you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, and addressed envelope.

7D. **CHECKS** will be sent to exhibitors **AFTER** payments for swine and add-ons are received. Any add-ons not received by that date shall be deducted and the responsibility of collection shall be with the exhibitor.

7E. Exhibitors agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of you and/or your animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the FAWE Livestock Show & Sale. Should you have a privacy issue, please let a Member of the FAWE Livestock Committee be aware of your situation, along with a letter to the office for documentation.

7F. The FAWE is not responsible for, nor assures the buyers of carcass quality grade, meat color or palatability. The FAWE is not responsible for spoilage after slaughter. Any carcass that is condemned due to disease damage, drug residue, or injury incurred prior to the loading after the Sale is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

7G. Up to six percent (6%) of the actual price will be deducted by the Show to help defray expenses. An additional \$1.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor for the Pork Check-Off as required by law.

8. General Statements

8A. Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be vested in Show Management and their decision will be final. Any evidence of fraud coming to the attention of Show Management will be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

8B. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or their animal must be submitted in writing to the swine Show Chairman within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction along with a \$100 fee. The FAWE Swine Committee and/or Management may investigate possible infractions of rules at any time. If your protest is upheld, your fee will be returned. If your protest is unfounded, your fee is forfeited to the FAWE.

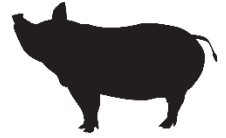
8C. The FAWE Management and/or Livestock Committee members reserve the right to visit the swine at the location disclosed as their place of housing with 24-hour notice to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Notice will be in writing to the email address as listed on the entry form.

IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of FAWE or livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by FAWE or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at FAWE or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violator drug residues. 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 analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the 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 are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to 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 time after an animal arrives on the FAWE or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal 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 similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external application 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, FAWE 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 duty, all judges, FAWE and livestock show management, or other show officials 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 disciplinary action taken by the FAWE or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the FAWE or livestock show without recourse against the FAWE or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the FAWE or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action 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.



2023 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO (FAWE)
SWINE SHOW AND SALE ENTRY FORM



FAWE USE ONLY
Received Date/Time:
Received by:
Payment Amt.: /Rct #:

FAWE USE ONLY
Swine Tag No.
Ending Wt:

Every swine must have an official ID. Enter the tag # here or indicate one is needed:

Exhibitor Name:

Mailing Address: City: Zip

Residential Address, if different: City: Zip

Home#: Cell#:

Date of Birth: Grade: School:

Your age as of September 1, 2022: E-mail:

Address where swine will be housed:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Contact #: E-mail:

4-H or FFA Member: Club/Chapter:

FFA members require one signature; 4-H members require two signatures:

FFA Advisor Signature: Date:

or

4-H Club Leader Signature: Date:

and

4-H Extension Agent Signature: Date:

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS SWINE IN THE FAWE LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. WE BOTH HAVE READ, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY, ALL RULES & REGULATIONS.

Exhibitors Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

Exhibitors may turn entry form and payment into Ms. Williams or Dr. Moores. If you choose, you may Mail Entry Form and \$25.00 Entry Fee, and to: FAWE - P.O. Box 12025 - Brooksville, FL 34603 (Must be turned in or postmarked NO LATER THAN November 10, 2022)

T-Shirt Size (Circle Appropriate Size for Exhibitor)

Youth: Small Medium Large

Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large XXXX-Large

If registering a club/chapter/family animal, multiple shirts are permitted