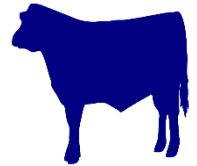




2025 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO (FAWE)
STEER SHOW AND SALE
RULES AND REGULATIONS



Entry due: September 20, 2024
Initial weigh-in: October 5, 2024
Show date: March 17, 2025
Sale date: March 19, 2025

Mandatory Workshop: October 22, 2024
Final Weigh-in: March 15, 2025
Showmanship: March 17, 2025
Mandatory Clean up: March 20, 2025

Entry Form and \$25.00 (*non-refundable*) entry fee must be turned into Ms. Nelson, Ms. Wilson, or Dr. Moores, or postmarked by September 20, 2024. **Two same species animals can be pre-registered but MUST be registered with separate entry forms – Only one entry fee required.**

Only one animal can be brought to final weigh in. Health certificates and RFID required.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, events will occur at Rock Lake, 8132 Croom Rital Rd, BV, 34602.

1. INITIAL WEIGH-IN

1A. Steers are required to be checked in, tattooed, ear tagged and weighed SATURDAY, October 5, 2024, beginning at 7:00 am. Exhibitors/steers must be in line no later than 9:00 am. At initial weigh-in, it is **recommended** that steers weigh a minimum of 550 lbs. NOTE: Vaccinations and other medications will be administered unless otherwise requested on your registration form.

1B. **All steers must be de-horned. Steers with horns more than 1 ½” in length will be disqualified immediately and not permitted to tag-in.** If horns grow after the initial weigh-in, they can be no longer than 1½” long at the final weigh-in. Measurement will be taken from hair line to end of horn. Scurs are permitted.

1C. Animals must be steers. Evidence of testicles remaining on animals castrated by bloodless techniques may result in disqualification. Failure to detect that an animal has not been steered does not qualify the animal for entry.

1D. Steers must not be over 24 months of age on/or before Final Weigh-in or they will not qualify.

1E. Exhibitors will be issued an official record book which must be completed by the exhibitor and submitted by March 7, 2025 at 4:00pm. Estimated final weights will be used. Hard copies and electronic copies will be provided. ***Current year versions must be used.***

2. POST INITIAL WEIGH-IN TO FINAL ENTRY

2A. 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, buckets, and tie ropes, etc.

2B. All steers must weigh at least 900 lb. at the Final Weigh-in.

2C. All exhibitors must attend the mandatory workshop October 22, 2024 beginning at 6:30pm. This event will be held at VFW Post 10209 located at 14736 Edward R. Noll Drive, Spring Hill, 34609. Failure to attend this workshop in person may result in disqualification. Make up dates are possible but not guaranteed.

2D. The FAWE Management and/or Livestock Committee members reserve the right to visit the steer 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.

3. FINAL WEIGH-IN

3A. FINAL WEIGH-IN: March 15, 2025 beginning at 7:00 am. YOU MUST BE IN LINE BY 9:00 am.

-Steers weighing more than 1400 pounds will be sold at 1400 pounds.

-**LIGHTWEIGHT STEERS:** Steers not meeting minimum weight requirements will be referred to as Lightweights. Lightweight steers are eligible for record book and showmanship competitions and will be sold at the end of the auction.

3B. During Final Weigh-in, no equipment/tack/supplies will be unloaded until after the final steer 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.***

3C. 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 warts or external parasites 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.

As of 5/28/24, all steers must have a valid OCVI (health certificate) at final weigh-in per USDA.

3D. **NEW NEW NEW:**

RECORD BOOKS: Each exhibitor must complete a record book on their steer. Record books will be due March 7, 2025 and must be complete including estimates where required. All exhibitors must use the official 2024-25 FAWE Livestock Record Book. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. **ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ORIGINALS.**

3E. No steer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be effectively managed and led by the exhibitor from the scale to the tie area. A reasonable length of time (approx. 1 hr.) will be given to exhibitor of an unruly animal to demonstrate that the animal can be calmed and safely exhibited. If the animal is dismissed from the showgrounds at this time, the exhibitor is still eligible for the record book contest and must obtain their own health certificate before removal. If an animal is unmanageable in the show arena, the animal may be tied or dismissed based on the judge's or livestock committee designee's discretion. No nose tag, nose rings, or other mechanical devices are allowed.

If a judge excuses an animal from the arena, or if the animal is tied or dismissed during the show, that animal will not be permitted to return for showmanship.

3F. Pen spaces will be assigned as club groups at random by the FAWE Livestock Committee.

4. EXHIBIT PERIOD

4A. Steers must be cared for from the time of arrival until steers are removed. Steer Exhibitors - Feeding of animals must be completed daily by 10:00 a.m. and again by 9:00p.m. If there is a show going on, the deadline will be an hour after show is completed in the evening. Steers 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.
- Water containers must be tied in steer pens. Ask livestock committee if you need supplies to tie.

4B. FEED AND BEDDING: LIMITED Bedding will be provided by Management. Feed and water buckets must be provided by the exhibitor. Management reserves the right to stipulate the bucket type. Materials that may be dangerous, such as fences, metal pitchforks, metal rakes, hay nets, etc. will not be allowed in the **show or barn** area. No flowers or plants will be allowed in the exhibit area, except those provided by management. Additional bedding supplied by exhibitors is permitted.

-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.

4C. All steers must be secured with halters AND neck ropes simultaneously while tied in the stall.

4D. MEDICATIONS: The administration of medication for bloat, scours, or other conditions shall be done under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or steer committee member; this includes calf calm. The steer committee chairperson must be notified that medication is being administered.

Unauthorized dispensing of medications is considered unethical and may result in disqualification of the animal and exhibitor.

5. SHOW, SHOWMANSHIP & SALE

5A. Judging will take place March 17, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm. The sale of steers will take place March 19, 2025 beginning at 6:30 pm. **No supplies or tack may be removed until March 20, 2025 between 10:00 and 11:00 am.**

5B. 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 steer standing second in the Grand Champion's class will be eligible to compete for Reserve Grand Champion if earning a blue ribbon.

5C. SHOWMANSHIP participation is voluntary but highly encouraged. Club/Chapter/Family entries are eligible for up to two age divisions, one each. A youth must make an official declaration of participation at final weigh in when their steer clears the scale.

5D. 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. FAWE may charge a late fee on any invoices not paid within the 30 days.

5E. 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.

5F. ALL ANIMALS SOLD MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER. As a condition of acceptance in the sale, Exhibitor (seller) agrees that all animals in the sale must be sold and slated for processing. No buyer is obligated to buy. There is no certain price per pound guaranteed.

5G. 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.

5H: The Hernando County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen will be sponsoring a Hernando Bred competition. A Breeder's Certificate is required. All blue-ribbon Hernando steers will be brought back after showmanship for this event.

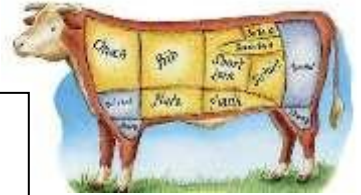
6. POST SALE

- 6A. Loading of animals after the sale will be supervised by the Livestock and FAWE Committee members ONLY and will be done in pre-designated areas. Any individual loading an animal without appropriate personnel in attendance or in a non-designated area will be fined \$250. If said individual has youth participating in the FAWE sales, their checks will be held until the fine is paid. It is not our intention to penalize the youth exhibitors but to stress the importance of these strict policies.
- 6B. No equipment shall be removed until after load-out, during clean-up March 20, 2025. Exhibitors are mandated to be at clean-up for the entire hour of 10:00-11:00am. Exhibitors are asked to tag their halters with a name label after the sale and before load-out. Labels will be provided if necessary. FAWE and the Livestock Committee members are not responsible for lost halters if appropriate labeling is not done.
- 6C. 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.
- 6D. All exhibitors must participate in the mandatory clean-up March 20, 2025 from 10:00-11:00am. Youth must remain present the entire hour and check-in and out at the table. Failure to do so will result in a fine and possibly a loss of premiums.

There are additional rules listed as GENERAL. All exhibitors are responsible for those in addition to these species-specific rules. By signing the registration form attached, all youth and guardians agree to abide by all rules and understand the consequences of all violations.

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STEER SHOW AND SALE
ENTRY FORM



FAWE USE ONLY
Received Date: _____
Received by: _____
Payment Form: _____
Receipt #: _____

FAWE USE ONLY
Steer Tag No.: _____
Initial Weight: _____
_____ lbs.
Final Weight: _____ lbs.

USDA Mandated Identification number (RFID): _____

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, 2024: _____ E-mail: _____

Steer Date of Birth: _____ Address where steer will be housed: _____

Was this steer bred and born in Hernando County: YES NO If yes, additional registration forms will be sent.

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: _____

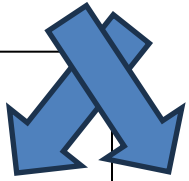
*I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS STEER IN THE FAWE LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. **WE BOTH HAVE READ, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES & REGULATIONS and will pay all fines assigned to our family as a result of violations.***

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibitors may turn entry form and payment by 9/20/24 into Ms. Nelson, Ms. Wilson, or Dr. Moores.
If you choose, you may mail Entry Form and \$25.00 Entry Fee to: FAWE - P.O. Box 12025 - Brooksville, FL 34603

T-Shirt Size (Circle answer)
Youth:
Small Medium Large
Adult:
Sm Med Lg X-L XX-L XXX-L



I permit FAWE or their designated personnel to administer the following at initial weigh-in:
All vaccinations: Yes or No (circle answer)
Dewormer: Yes or No (circle answer)
Parent/Guardian Initials: _____