

**2024**



**Parks &  
Recreation**  
Lee County

# **Southwest Florida Ag Expo**

## **Livestock Show Rulebook**

### **February 29 – March 10, 2024**

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Accuracy Statement:

Lee County Parks & Recreation makes a sincere effort to assure that the information presented in the Livestock Show Booklet is accurate but certain circumstances may arise to change the programs and events listed in this guide. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to cancel or change any program listed in this guide.

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# FEES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES



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	Maximum Entries (per Exhibitor)	Registration Fee (per animal)	Registration Deadline (closes at midnight)
Market Animal ◦ Steer ◦ Swine	1 market animal ONLY	<del>\$75*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
Beef Breeding	1 per class (4 max)	<del>\$45*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
Horse	2	<del>\$60*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
Goat	1 per class (5 max)	<del>\$30*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
Small Animal	Poultry: 6 Rabbit / Cavy: 6	<del>\$15*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
PeeWee (Goat)	Goat: 1 per class (2 max)	<del>\$30*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
PeeWee (Small Animal)	Poultry: 2 Rabbit / Cavy: 2	<del>\$15*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023
Cloverbud	Poultry: 2 Rabbit / Cavy: 2	<del>\$15*</del>	Friday, November 10, 2023

**\*All registration fees have been waived for the 2024 Livestock Show. Those previously registered for the 2024 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair must re-register by new deadline.**

# REGISTRATION GUIDELINES



1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of 4-H / FFA program and must reside in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades or Hendry County and must be a minimum of eight (8) years old as of September 1, 2023. \*PeeWee/Cloverbud participants may be 5-7 years old. PeeWees are permitted to show in the Small Animal and Goat division. Cloverbud participants may show in the Small Animal division only.
2. Following the first weigh-in, all animals must reside in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades or Hendry County.
3. Livestock Exhibitors must be 18 years old or younger and still be in grade or high school. Market entries are limited to one market animal per exhibitor. All Exhibitors will be categorized by the following ages and awards/premiums will be given according to these divisions:
  - PeeWee / Cloverbud (Ages 5-7) – *see animal/division restrictions listed above*
  - Junior (ages 8-10)
  - Intermediate (ages 11-13)
  - Senior (ages 14-18)
4. Exhibitors are expected to be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all mandatory meetings and weigh-ins. Any requests for attendance exemptions must receive prior written approval. Requests can be submitted in advance to [Livestock@leegov.com](mailto:Livestock@leegov.com).
5. All animals (except small animals) must have a signed health certificate by an accredited veterinarian dated no more than 90 days prior to the Show. Horses must have a current Coggins certificate dated within one (1) year prior to the Show, and a health certificate dated within 10 days of entering the show. Animal tag number should be verified to match the health certificate. All market animals are considered interstate commerce; therefore, they are required to be officially identified per state by either a National Uniform Ear-tagging System or Animal Identification Number. All tags are the responsibility of the Exhibitor. **\*This rule is subject to further change according to Florida Administrative Code 5C.4, as amended.**
6. Danish System will be used by all judges. Judge decisions are final; Exhibitors and parents/guardians are prohibited from speaking to the judges during the shows.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for preparing hand-written or typed buyer's and add-on invitations no later than two (2) weeks before the Livestock Show.
8. All Exhibitors, ages 8 to 18, are required to complete the Ethics Training to show an animal. When registering for the Livestock Show, the Ethics Training ID should be entered. If this training has not been completed at the time of registration, the Ethics Numbers can be submitted via email to [Livestock@leegov.com](mailto:Livestock@leegov.com) prior to Friday, February 9, 2024. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in disqualification of the animal registered.
9. All livestock Exhibitors, regardless of age, must have a Premise ID with their registration in order to show.

## Accommodations

Lee County Parks & Recreation offers an inclusive program experience. If you would like to request a program accommodation, modification or inclusion service, please contact Christin Carson Bomtempo at (239) 267-2181 or [CCarsonBomtempo@leegov.com](mailto:CCarsonBomtempo@leegov.com).

# WEIGH-INS, CHECK-INS & TAGGING



## **Weigh-Ins / Check-Ins**

Exhibitors and their parent/guardian must be able to unload and load their animal at the first weigh-in or tagging. Assistance is provided by request only. Lee County Parks & Recreation, its staff and its volunteers are not responsible for any injury to animals when assistance is provided. All animals needing to be weighed-in will be weighed on certified scales. Only the Exhibitor and their animal are allowed in the weigh-in area during weigh-ins.

At first weigh-in / tagging, Exhibitors must bring the following documentation:

- Owner's Certificate (with RFID and Premise ID listed)
- Three (3) buyer's letters (in individually addressed envelopes, complete with proper postage)
- Code of Conduct forms

Pictures will be taken to show proof of animal that is tagged in.

## **Final Weigh-Ins**

All animal entries must meet health requirements of the Florida Department of Agriculture pertaining to the animal that is exhibited. Any animals showing signs of illness, hernia, warts, communicable diseases, ringworms, etc. must be approved by an accredited veterinarian before weighing in; or as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture.

# BARN EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS

## Barn Rules

Specific barn rules will be posted in each barn. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to check the barn daily for any changes in the rules or other announcements.

## Pens and Stalls

Exhibitors are required to feed and clean pens/stalls daily for each animal they are exhibiting. Exhibitors are the only individuals permitted to clean/feed their exhibit animals. Any exception must receive prior approval by the respective Barn Lead. Parents/guardians are not permitted to assist. Exhibitors are not to be in the barn except during the approved hours before the fair. All exhibitors must sign in and out with a Barn Lead.

### o Cleaning

- Exhibitors must provide their own cleaning supplies. All equipment should be labeled with the Exhibitor's name and must be kept in show boxes when not in use. Parents/guardians must provide supervision while Exhibitors are on the grounds. All animals must be kept in stalls once fairgrounds open to the public.

### o Feeding

- Feeding times will vary based on barn and will be posted by Barn Leads. Evening feedings must be completed by 6 p.m. as barns are open to the public at that time. Exhibitors must feed once a day on weekdays and twice a day on weekends.

### o Grooming

- Exhibitors are required to groom their own animals, however they may enlist the 'hands-on help' of another Exhibitor (help from parents/guardians is not permitted). Professional groomers are not allowed in the make-up area. Shaving, dyeing or defacing animals in any way will result in disqualification of the Exhibitor and their animal will be removed from the show, deeming it ineligible for sale.

Please note: If an Exhibitor and an animal exhibit are removed for neglect, ALL animals belonging to the Exhibitor on grounds must also be removed. The Exhibitor will also be disqualified to show for the current year and the following year.

### o Workdays

- Exhibitor workdays (such as clean-up days) are mandatory and will be scheduled by each Barn Lead. Exhibitors that do not attend the Barn Clean Up day will not be allowed to show the following year. Barn Leads are responsible for being present and beginning the work day.

### o Show and Sales Attendance

- Exhibitors are expected to remain in the Livestock Pavilion until their show and/or sale, including resale, are complete. Failure to do so may result in loss of all premium monies. Parents/guardians of Exhibitors are not to be in the pens or closed barn areas during shows and sales. The Livestock Advisory Committee will designate personnel for specific show dates and times to assist in these areas. Anyone without prior approval will be asked to leave immediately.

# BARN EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS

## **Animal Tampering**

Use of tranquilizers or other forms of tampering are prohibited. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to test an animal at any time. Nothing may be given to animals except feed, hay and water while on the grounds. Under no circumstances may anyone give anything to calm an animal. No drugs may be administered to the animals while on the grounds unless being administered by a state-certified veterinarian with approval from LCPR staff. No chemicals are to be administered within 30 days of the show unless administered by a certified veterinarian and accompanied by a letter from the vet.

## **Safe Handling / Control of Animal**

All animals must be handled / managed safely by the Exhibitor. Repeated loss of control of the animal will result in removal from the show and the grounds at the discretion of Lee County Parks & Recreation staff. Bovine must be double tied with halter and neck ropes.

## **Service Animals**

Aside from the animals in a show, service animals are the only animals allowed in the barn(s). Absolutely no pets are allowed.

## **Dress Code**

Exhibitors are required wear dark black or dark blue pants/jeans with a long-sleeved, buttoned dress shirt and closed-toed shoes or boots during all shows and sales. Only official 4-H or FFA jackets are permitted. Hats/caps will not be permitted to be worn during any show or sale. Exhibitors are expected to wear proper attire in all barn areas during feeding and cleaning/grooming (no crocs permitted).

## **Exhibit Signs**

An Exhibit Sign containing the Exhibitor's name, Club affiliation, animal weight and breed must be displayed on the pen or stall by 5 p.m. on the day of animal check-in. Signs should be 8 ½" x 11" (may not exceed 21" x 21") and must be approved by the respective Barn Leads.

## **Ask Me Booths**

The 'Ask Me Booth' is designed to provide an opportunity for the public to meet and speak with youth about their Livestock Project. Participation in the 'Ask Me Booth' is not required but is encouraged; participation may provide additional competition points in various barns. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their participation and interaction with the public and are required to wear 4-H or FFA attire (includes club shirts).

## **Program Book Ad Sales (Encouraged for all Steer and Swine Exhibitors)**

For the 2024 Livestock Show, Exhibitors are encouraged to sell a minimum of \$80 worth of ads for the Program Book. Premiums will be awarded for the highest amount of ads sold and the highest dollar amount of ads sold. Program Ad Forms will be available starting Tuesday, November 14, 2023 and are due by Friday, December 15, 2023.

## **Premiums and Sale Payouts**

All sale proceeds and other premiums will be mailed to Exhibitors following the closeout of the fair.

Lee County Parks & Recreation will make every effort to provide for the safety and wellbeing of guests and animals; however, the management assumes no responsibility in case of injury, illness of death to the exhibits, Exhibitors or general public.

# MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION

## Market Animal Auction – Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 2 p.m.

- Lee County Parks & Recreation make no guarantee for the price paid for market animals. Each Exhibitor is responsible for finding a buyer.
- Exhibitors may only sell one market animal per show.
- The Sale is open to the public and all animals are sold to the highest bidder. Each buyer must complete a buyers form to be eligible to purchase a market animal. Multi-buyers are permitted with forms completed. Buyer's must pay on the day of the sale. Payments can be made via check, cash or credit card.
- Add-On's must be a Registered Buyer and have a Buyer's Number. All add-ons must be paid no later than the end of sale day. If not paid by the end of the sale day, along with the completed form, the Contributor will pay the funds directly to the Exhibitor(s).
- All market steer and market swine must be sold and sent to designated processor. There is no live animal pick-up.
- Buyer's must pay on the day of the sale. Payments can be made via check, cash or credit card. A 3% commission will be retained from all sales and does not apply to add-on's. A \$100 cap will be established on all sales.

**All market animals must be processed for meat by designated processor following the sales.  
There are no exceptions to this rule.**



# MARKET ANIMAL DIVISION INFORMATION



## **AWARDS & PREMIUMS – MARKET ANIMALS**

Blue Ribbon	\$20
Red Ribbon	\$15
White Ribbon	\$10

## **WEIGHT INFORMATION – STEER**

1st Steer Weigh-In	*No minimum
Final Steer Weigh-In	1000 lb minimum (2 lb per day for gain)

## **DIVISIONS – STEER** (\*DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ARE DETERMINED AFTER FINAL WEIGH-IN)

Light  
Medium  
Heavy

## **AWARDS & PREMIUMS – STEER**

Supreme Champion Steer	\$125, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Supreme Reserve Champion Steer	\$100, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Division Champion Steer	\$75, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Division Reserve Champion Steer	\$50, Trophy, Rosette
Class Winner	\$25, Blue Rosette

## **WEIGHT GAIN- STEER** (\*Weight from final weigh-in will be used. The highest average gain per day during the feeding period will determine the winner.)

First Place	\$75, Blue Rosette
Second Place	\$50, Red Rosette
Third Place	\$25, White Rosette

## **WEIGHT INFORMATION – SWINE**

1st Swine	*No Minimum
Final Swine Weigh-In	240 lb minimum (1.75 lb per day for gain)

## **DIVISIONS – SWINE** (\*DIVISIONS AND CLASSES ARE DETERMINED AFTER FINAL WEIGH-IN)

Division 1  
Division 2  
Division 3

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Supreme Reserve Champion Swine	\$100, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Division Champion Swine	\$75, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Division Reserve Champion Swine	\$50, Trophy, Rosette
Class Winner	\$25, Blue Rosette

# MARKET STEER DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
November 10, 2023	midnight	Steer Re-registration Closes *2024 Steer competition open to those previously registered for the 2024 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner's Certificate</li> <li>• Buyer's Letters</li> <li>• Photo Release Form</li> <li>• Exhibitor Photos</li> <li>• Sign Ups for Showmanship / Grooming</li> </ul>
December 15, 2023	5 p.m.	Program Ad Forms Due Graduating Senior Information Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
January 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Proof of Mandatory Prospect Show Deadline	Submit via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	Encouraged but not MANDATORY for 2024
February 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Exhibitor Season Pass Purchase Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
March 6, 2024	1 - 4 p.m.	Steer Check-In and Final Weigh-In		
March 6, 2024	6 p.m.	Steer Exhibitor MANDATORY Meeting		
March 6, 2024	to follow Exhibitor Meeting	Steer Screening		
March 7, 2024	6 p.m.	Steer Show and Showmanship	Show Ring	
March 8, 2024	5 p.m.	Steer Grooming Show (Optional)	Show Ring	
March 9, 2024	2 p.m.	Market Animal Auction	Show Ring	
March 10, 2024	9 a.m.	Pens and Stalls Cleaned	Steer Barn	Exhibitors must Sign-In
April 19, 2024	5 p.m.	Receipt of Buyer's Plaque Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	

# MARKET STEER RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. Steer must be owned by the Exhibitor by the first weigh-in date. The Livestock Owner's Certificate is required at first weigh-in. Steers being entered for competition must be 24 months old or less; age verification may be requested. Exhibitor photo and tail hair sample will be collected at first Steer Weigh In.
3. Steer do not have a minimum weight at the first weigh-in but must gain a minimum of 2 pounds per day for the feeding period and weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at the final weigh-in. Any animal will be re-weighed if it is within 10 pounds of the required weight. There are 164 feeding days from first weigh-in to final weigh-in.
4. Prior to weigh-in, steer must be wearing a halter and be able to be led to scale. No breaking halters will be permitted. Each animal must have no more than one (1) rope attached during screening and/or show. Steer horns may be no longer than 2". Dehorned steers must be completely healed.
5. Steer will be screened for disposition and Exhibitor's ability to manage their animal. Each Exhibitor must be able to demonstrate they can lead, handle and present their animal for show in the setting/area that the Steer Barn Leads designate. An Exhibitor will be given no more than three (3) opportunities to pass the screening process during the scheduled screening times. If an Exhibitor is not able to manage his/her animal, the steer must be removed from the grounds and will be ineligible to show.
6. Exhibitors are required to bring three (3) buyer's letters to their first weigh-in. Buyer's Letters are intended to invite potential buyers to the Steer Show & Livestock Sale. Letters may be deemed unacceptable due to content, spelling, poor grammar or messiness. In these cases, the Exhibitor will be notified of the rejected letter(s) and will be responsible to produce replacement letter(s). Letters should be in pre-addressed envelopes with proper postage.
7. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or parent to notify the Livestock Office when an ear tag has come out or is lost. This can be done via email at [Livestock@leegov.com](mailto:Livestock@leegov.com). In this case, the steer will be retagged at final weigh-in / check-in.
8. If the RFID tag is lost, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to get a replacement tag from the breeder.
9. Exhibitors must present a current health certificate at the final weigh-in from a veterinarian; it cannot be dated more than 90 days prior to the show.
10. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to disqualify animal entry due to poor disposition (i.e. external parasites, lameness, sunburn, open wounds), poor handling ability or quality.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own grooming supplies, feed supplies and cleaning supplies to the grounds for personal use (this includes wheelbarrow, fork, water/feed buckets, etc). Professional groomers will not be permitted. Exhibitors may set up their equipment only after final weigh-in, as directed by the Barn Lead. Show boxes are permitted for Steer Exhibitors. Tents are limited to one (1) each, must be provided by the Exhibitor and may be no more than 12' x 12'.
12. Each Exhibitor must sign in and out at feeding/cleaning times.
13. Steer Exhibitors are encouraged to attend at least one (1) Prospect Show prior to January 15, 2024 and submit proof of attendance as outlined in Registration Guidelines.

# MARKET STEER BARN RULES & INFORMATION

## **GENERAL BARN RULES**

- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes only (no Crocs) while in the barn. Appropriate attire is required (no tank tops, exposed midriiffs, etc. Shorts must be an appropriate length).
- There will be no climbing or running in the barn; no horseplay of any kind is allowed.
- Inappropriate conduct by an Exhibitor, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the show will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or ejection. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, bullying and aggressive confrontations.
- Lead rope, neck rope, and halter are required for each animal. Exhibitors must tie with enough rope for the animal to lay down, but not too much to get caught in. Breaking halters are prohibited.

## **FEEDING BARN RULES AND INFORMATION**

<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	<b>4 - 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	<b>6 - 8 a.m. and Evening Feeding during Show Prep</b>
<b>Friday, March 8</b>	<b>6 - 8 a.m. and 4 - 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	<b>7 - 9 a.m. and Evening Feeding during Sale</b>

- Steers are to be back in the barn at the end of the feeding / cleaning time frame.
- Stall area and barn aisle must be cleaned daily during morning and evening feedings.
- Exhibitors are to be present to feed at least one time per day. A parent/guardian can feed one time a day (if needed).
- Spilled feed must be scooped up and placed in disposal bunk. Do not put trash in disposal bunk.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own cleaning tools (rakes and shovels).
- Upon completion of feeding, hose down the feed area.
- Exhibitors must tie steer to a post, not the wire.
- Hoses are to be hung over the top board.
- Hay nets are not permitted. Hay must be placed on the ground in front of the steer.

## **SHOW DAY: Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m.**

- Grooming time will be posted during morning feeding on the Barn Board. Classes will be posted in the afternoon.
- Grooming must be done by Exhibitors only. Exhibitors may assist each other in grooming steer.
- Exhibitors must be dressed and at their pen with their steer ready by 5:45 p.m. Exhibitors will enter the show ring holding area (no animal) at 5:55 p.m. for show pledges, photos, etc.

## **GROOMING SHOW (Optional): Friday, March 8 at 5 p.m.**

- Grooming Show is optional; Exhibitors must sign up to participate (during Exhibitor Meeting on March 6 at 6 p.m.)
- Exhibitors will get Steer off the wash rack, to the grooming chute and groom their own animal.
- Junior Exhibitors may have one parent/guardian assist in getting their Steer from the wash rack to the grooming chute.
- Exhibitors must have all supplies needed for the show prior to starting (chute, blower, products, etc).

# MARKET STEER BARN RULES & INFORMATION

## **SALE DAY: Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m.**

- Following the morning feeding, all Steer Exhibitors are expected to set up chairs, etc. for the sale.
- Exhibitors must be dressed and in front of their Steer by 1 p.m.
- At 1:45 p.m. (or when the barn is closed), Exhibitors will be able to blow the steer out.

## **MANDATORY WORKDAY / CLEAN UP: Sunday, March 10 at 9 a.m.**

- Barn opens to Exhibitors at 9 a.m.; Exhibitors must sign in with Barn Lead.
- Stall cards must not be removed until the stall and feed area are cleaned. All items in the barn, secure area, and show ring need to be clean and inspected by Barn Volunteers.
- All areas (barn, bleachers, show ring) must be cleaned of all trash and debris.
- No Exhibitors will sign out and leave until dismissed by the Barn Lead.

## **STEER SHOWMANSHIP AND GROOMING RULES**

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. Sign-ups for the Showmanship and Grooming will be taken via the Showman App at the time of registration.
3. The Exhibitor is the only person able to show his/her animal.
4. The Showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis:
  - a. The ability of the Exhibitor to lead, pose, and generally handle his/her animal.
  - b. The Exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
  - c. The Exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring demonstrated by his/her actions.
  - d. Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
5. Exhibitors are required to groom their own animal. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the grooming competition.
6. Use of electric clippers on Steer is prohibited during the show. Major clippings must be done prior to arrival on the grounds.

## **STEER SHOWMANSHIP & GROOMING AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$25, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$20, Trophy, Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$15, Trophy, White Ribbon

# MARKET SWINE DATES & DEADLINES



Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
October 22, 2023	7 - 10 a.m.	Swine Ear Tagging	Civic Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner's Certificate</li> <li>• Buyer's Letters</li> <li>• Photo Release Form</li> <li>• Exhibitor Photos</li> </ul>
November 10, 2023	midnight	Swine Registration Closes	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premise ID</li> <li>• Ethics Training</li> <li>• Sign Up for Showmanship</li> </ul>
December 15, 2023	5 p.m.	Program Ad Forms Due Graduation Senior Information Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
February 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Exhibitor Season Pass Purchase Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
March 5, 2024	7 - 10 a.m.	Swine Check-In and Final Weigh-In		Exhibitor does not need to be present
March 6, 2024	7 - 10 a.m.	Swine Wash Time for Show Prep	Swine Barn	
<b>March 6, 2024</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Swine Show and Showmanship</b>	<b>Show Ring</b>	
March 9, 2024	<b>7-10 a.m.</b>	Swine Wash Time for Market Animal Auction	Swine Barn	
<b>March 9, 2024</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Market Animal Auction</b>	<b>Show Ring</b>	
March 10, 2024	10 a.m.	Pens Cleaned	Swine Barn	Barn opens at 10 a.m.; Exhibitors must Sign-In by 10:15 a.m.
April 19, 2024	5 p.m.	Receipt of Buyer's Plaque Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	

# MARKET SWINE RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. Swine must be of a recognized domestic breed; no wild or potbellied breeds permitted.
3. Swine must be a barrow or gilt for market show/sale.
4. Swine will be ear-tagged by Livestock Volunteers on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Lee County Civic Center Complex. All animals must be inside the gate by 10 a.m. Swine must be owned by the Exhibitor on or before the tagging date and have the RFID tag from breeder for entry at show. Exhibitor photos will be taken to verify ear tag matching the animal. Owner's certificate must be submitted at ear tagging, along with signed photo release and three (3) prepared buyer's letters.
  - a. Buyer's Letters are intended to invite potential buyers to the Swine Show & Livestock Sale. Letters may be deemed unacceptable due to content, spelling, poor grammar or messiness. In these cases, the Exhibitor will be notified of the rejected letter(s) and will be responsible to produce replacement letter(s). Letters should be in pre-addressed envelopes with proper postage.
5. Swine must weigh a minimum of 240 pounds at check-in. There is no top weight, however the maximum sale weight will be 325 pounds (135 feeding days from initial tag-in to final weigh-in).
6. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or parent to notify the Livestock Office when an ear tag has come out or is lost. This can be done via email at [Livestock@leegov.com](mailto:Livestock@leegov.com). In this case, the swine will be retagged at final weigh-in / check-in.
7. If the RFID tag is lost, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to get a replacement tag from the breeder.
8. Exhibitors must present a current health certificate at the final weigh-in from a veterinarian; cannot be dated more than 90 days prior to the show.
9. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to disqualify animal entry due to poor disposition (i.e. external parasites, lameness, sunburn, open wounds), poor handling ability or quality.
10. All grooming of swine must be completed prior to arrival at grounds, besides washing. Slick clipping or body shaving of market swine is prohibited except on ears and tail. Slick clipping or body shaving means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of the swine. Violation of this rule can disqualify the Exhibitor from showing their market swine.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own grooming supplies, feed supplies and cleaning supplies to the grounds for personal use. Professional groomers will not be permitted.
12. Each Exhibitor must sign in and out daily at feeding/cleaning times.

# MARKET SWINE BARN RULES & INFORMATION

## **GENERAL BARN RULES**

- Parents/guardians and/or siblings are not permitted in the barn during feeding times.
- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes only (no Crocs) while in the barn. Appropriate attire is required (no tank tops, exposed midribs, etc. Shorts must be an appropriate length).
- There will be no climbing or running in the barn; no horseplay of any kind is allowed.
- All swine will remain in their pen after 6 p.m.
- Inappropriate conduct by an Exhibitor, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the show will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or ejection. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, bullying and aggressive confrontations.

## **FEEDING/CLEANING/CHECKOUT**

- All evening feedings and clean-up will be from 4-6 p.m.
- Barn Lead will feed in the MORNING hours on Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8 only.
- Exhibitors will be required to bring a FULL FEEDING for animals in a ziplock bag with their pen number and name for the Thursday & Friday morning feedings.
- Pens must be cleaned daily and be inspected by a Barn Lead before signing out. Animal waste must go in the designated area between the Swine Barn and Tinsley Pavilion.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own cleaning tools (rakes and shovels).
- Upon completion of feeding, cleaning and pen check, Exhibitors must wash the feed bowl and return it to the window to sign out (Tuesday-Friday with feed bag).

## **SHOW DAY: Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. / Sale Day – Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m.**

- Wash time is 7-10 a.m. on both Show and Sale Day. All swine must be in their pen by 11 a.m.
- Exhibitors must be dressed and at their pen one (1) hour prior to start time.
- Exhibitors, volunteers and buyers only are allowed in the barn one (1) hour prior to the start time of the sale.
- Exhibitors placing in 1st or 2nd in their class must remain with their animal to return to the show ring when instructed.
- All Exhibitors must clean the show ring and bleacher area prior to entering the barn to feed and sign out for the evening. The Swine Barn will not open until this area is cleaned and inspected by Barn Lead(s).

## **MANDATORY CLEAN UP: Sunday, March 10 at 10 a.m.**

- Barn opens to Exhibitors at 10 a.m.; Exhibitors must be signed in no later than 10:15 a.m.
- All pens (including holding pens) must be cleaned of all waste and wet sand.
- Wash racks must be cleaned and all hoses disconnected.
- Aisle ways need to be cleaned and leveled.
- All feed bowls must be cleaned and turned in at final sign-out.
- All areas (barn, bleachers, show ring) must be cleaned of all trash and debris.
- No Exhibitors will sign out until the above is complete and a Barn Volunteers inspects the pen area.

## **MARKET SWINE MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATION 9CFR.71.19.**

This requires that all swine being shown at fairs or exhibitions must have official individual identification. Swine presented that do not meet the federal requirements may not be allowed entrance into the show.



# 17 MARKET SWINE RULES & INFORMATION

## **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP RULES**

- All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
- The Exhibitor is the only person able to show his/her animal.
- The Showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis – during the Swine Show;
  - The ability of the Exhibitor to lead, pose and generally handle his/her animal.
  - The Exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
  - The Exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show rings.
  - Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
- Market Swine Exhibitors are eligible for showmanship only. Sign-up is taken via the Showman App at time of registration.

## **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP & GROOMING AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place            \$25, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Blue Ribbon

Second Place        \$20, Trophy, Red Ribbon

Third Place           \$15, Trophy, White Ribbon

# BEEF BREEDING DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
November 10, 2023	midnight	Beef Breeding Registration Closes *2024 Steer competition open to those previously registered for the 2024 Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner's Certificate</li> <li>• Photo Release Form</li> <li>• Sign Up for Showmanship</li> </ul>
December 15, 2023	5 p.m.	Program Ad Forms Due Graduation Senior Information Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
February 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Exhibitor Season Pass Purchase Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
February 29, 2024	1 - 4 p.m.	Beef Breeding Check-In and Weigh-In	Steer Barn	
<b>March 2, 2024</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Beef Breeding Show and Showmanship</b>	<b>Show Ring</b>	
March 3, 2024	8 a.m.	Beef Breeding Released/Stalls Cleaned	Steer Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibitors must sign in and out</li> </ul>

# BEEF BREEDING RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. Exhibitors may show no more than one animal per class (a 75lb weight difference is recommended). The same animal may not be shown by more than one person unless show warrants. There is a limit of four (4) animals per Exhibitor in Beef Breeding. There must be at least three (3) animals (i.e. Bulls) to constitute a Class.
3. Beef cattle may be purebred, grade or cross bred. The show will consist of every animal except dairy.
4. Prior to weigh-in, each animal must be wearing a halter and be able to be led to scale. No breaking halters permitted. Each animal must have no more than one (1) rope attached during screening and/or show.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for completing all grooming but may enlist the 'hands on help' from other Exhibitors. Professional groomers will not be permitted. Exhibitors must bring their own grooming supplies, feed supplies and cleaning supplies to the grounds for personal use (this includes wheelbarrow, fork, water/feed buckets, etc). Exhibitors may set up their equipment only after final weigh-in, as directed by the Barn Lead. Show boxes are permitted for Beef Breeding Exhibitors. Tents are limited to one (1) each, must be provided by the Exhibitor and may be no more than 12' x 12'.
6. Horns can be no longer than 2".
7. All bulls must have a nose ring.
8. A mandatory score of 6 or better is required for Health / Body Conditioning Screening. Animals will be screened for disposition and Exhibitor's ability to manage their animal. Each Exhibitor must be able to demonstrate they can lead their cattle animals with a show halter and one lead rope. An Exhibitor will be given no more than three (3) opportunities to pass the screening process during the scheduled screening times. If an Exhibitor is not able to manage his/her animal, the steer must be removed from the grounds and will be ineligible to show.

## **BEEF BREEDING COMMERCIAL CLASSES ARE DETERMINED BY AGE**

Heifers	6 to 24 months
Cow Calf	25 to 36 months
Bulls	More than 36 months

# BEEF BREEDING BARN RULES

## **GENERAL BARN RULES:**

- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes only (no Crocs) while in the barn. Appropriate attire is required (no tank tops, exposed midriffs, etc. Shorts must be an appropriate length).
- There will be no climbing or running in the barn; no horseplay of any kind is allowed.
- Inappropriate conduct by an Exhibitor, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the show will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or ejection. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, bullying and aggressive confrontations.
- Lead rope and neck rope are required for each animal. Exhibitors should tie with enough rope for the animal to lay down, but not too much to get caught in.

## **FEEDING AND STALL CLEANING:**

<b>Thursday, February 29</b>	<b>4 - 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	<b>6 - 8 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	<b>7 - 9 a.m. and Evening Feeding during Show Prep</b>
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>8 - 9 a.m. / Release Day (see below)</b>

- Animals are to be back in the barn at the end of the feeding / cleaning time frame.
- Stall area and barn aisle must be cleaned daily during morning and evening feedings.
- Exhibitors are to be present to feed one time per day. A parent/guardian can feed one time a day (if needed).
- Spilled feed must be scooped up and placed in disposal bunk. No trash in disposal bunk.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own cleaning tools (rakes and shovels).
- Upon completion of feeding, hose down the feed area.
- Exhibitors must tie steer to a post, not the wire.
- Hoses are to be hung over the top board.
- Hay nets are not permitted. Hay must be placed on the ground in front of the steer.
- Grooming and washing may be done during regular feed times and as posted in barn.

## **SHOW DAY: Saturday, March 2 at 6 p.m.**

- Grooming time will be posted during morning feeding on the Barn Board. Classes will be posted in the afternoon.
- Grooming must be done by Exhibitors only. Exhibitors may assist each other in grooming cattle.
- Exhibitors must be dressed and have animal(s) ready by 5:45 p.m. Exhibitors will enter the show ring holding area (no animal) at 5:55 p.m. for show pledges, photos, etc.

## **MANDATORY WORKDAY / CLEAN UP: Sunday, March 3 at 8 a.m.**

- Barn opens to Exhibitors at 8 a.m.; Exhibitors must sign in with Barn Lead.
- Stall cards must not be removed until the stall and feed area are cleaned. All Exhibitors will assist in cleaning the aisles, secure grounds, and wash racks.
- No Exhibitors will sign out and leave until dismissed by the Barn Lead.

# BEEF BREEDING RULES & INFORMATION

## **BEEF BREEDING CATTLE AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Class Winner	\$25, Blue Rosette
Grand Champion Bull	\$75, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Reserve Champion Bull	\$50, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Grand Champion Heifer	\$75, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Reserve Champion Heifer	\$50, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Grand Champion Cow	\$75, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow	\$50, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Rosette
Blue Ribbon	\$20
Red Ribbon	\$15
White Ribbon	\$10

## **BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP RULES**

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. Beef Breeding Exhibitors are eligible for showmanship only. Sign-up is taken via the Showman App at time of registration.
3. The Exhibitor is the only person able to show his/her animal.
4. The Showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis;
  - a. The ability of the Exhibitor to lead, pose, and generally handle his/her animal.
  - b. The Exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
  - c. The Exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring demonstrated by his/her actions.
  - d. Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
5. Exhibitors are required to groom their own animal. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the grooming competition.
6. Major clippings must be done prior to arrival on the grounds.

## **BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$25, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$20, Trophy, Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$15, Trophy, White Ribbon

# HORSE DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
November 10, 2023	midnight	Horse Registration closes	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owner's Certificate</li> <li>Premise ID</li> <li>Ethics Training</li> <li>Sign Up for Showmanship</li> </ul>
December 15, 2023	5 p.m.	Program Ad Forms Due Graduation Senior Information Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
January 7, 2024	8 - 10 a.m.	Horse Screening & Handling MANDATORY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exhibitor Photos</li> <li>Photo Release Forms</li> </ul>
February 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Exhibitor Season Pass Purchase Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
February 29, 2024	7 - 9 a.m.	Performance Horse Check-In	Horse Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration Documentation</li> </ul>
<b>March 2, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	Performance Horse Show	Horse Arena	
March 4, 2024	7 - 9 a.m.	Performance Horse Released	Horse Barn	
March 6, 2024	7 - 9 a.m.	Speed Horse Check-in	Horse Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration Documentation</li> </ul>
March 7, 2024	7 p.m.	Horse Costume Contest	Horse Arena	
March 8, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Horse Speed Show	Horse Arena	
March 9, 2024	6 p.m.	Horse Fun Show	Horse Arena	
March 10, 2024	11 a.m.	Horse Awards	Horse Barn	
March 10, 2024	1 - 3 p.m.	Stalls Cleaned/Speed Horses Released	Horse Barn	

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. All entries for Speed and Performance Shows must be included when registering online. There are no additional registration fees for competitions or shows. Walk-trot classes are for non-cantering riders only. Walk-trot riders cannot ride in any other classes other than Walk-trot.
3. Horses must have a current Coggins certificate (within 1 year) and a Health Certificate dated within 10 days of entering the grounds.
4. Approved safety helmets are required in all events, including halter, showmanship, and in-hand classes. Helmets must be worn at all times when in the arena and/or mounted.
5. Horses competing are restricted to those owned by the Exhibitor or leased by the owner of the horse.
6. All horses must be in place at the close of check-in and will remain in place until officially released. No horse(s) will be permitted to be brought in for a specific event.
7. The Horse Barn Lead will assign all stalls and shall be able to move or rearrange exhibits if it is deemed necessary.
8. Horse stalls must show the name of the Exhibitor, breed, age, and sex of the horse. The horse registered is the only horse to be shown. "For Sale" signs are not permitted.
9. Horses are not permitted to be ridden on the Midway, on the paved area around the food concessions or in the barns. Any exercising and lungeing of horses is to be done in the outdoor horse arena with the gates closed. Horses are not permitted to be turned out into the arena and left unattended at any time. Exhibitors may only ride on the grounds when a Barn Lead is present.
10. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to disqualify animal entry due to poor disposition (i.e. external parasites, lameness, sunburn, open wounds), poor handling ability or quality.
11. Horses that are known to kick or rear must have a bright color ribbon attached to their tail at ALL times while on the premises.
12. Under no circumstances, should a horse be twitched while on the property, unless the twitch is performed by a certified veterinarian with proper approval.
13. Shank bits are prohibited. Exhibitors that are found using shank bits will be disqualified from the show.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own grooming supplies, feed supplies, cleaning supplies, and tack to the grounds for personal use. Professional groomers will not be permitted.

- a. It is recommended, but not required, that Exhibitors label all their belongings with their first and last name.
- b. Bedding will be provided at check-in, with refresher bedding supplied mid-week. Exhibitor may supply additional bedding at their own expense.
- c. Feed and water buckets must be secured to the stalls. No buckets are to be left on the stall floor. Exhibitor should bring two (2) water buckets and one (1) feed bucket.
- d. Horses will be washed at the racks located on the North side of the Horse Barn. Major grooming and clipping should be done prior to the check-in.

Lee County Parks & Recreation is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged belongings brought to the fair. Any items brought to the fair are the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor.



# HORSE BARN RULES

## **GENERAL BARN RULES:**

- Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls in clean and sanitary condition. All stalls and aisles are to be cleaned daily.
- It is mandatory that a halter and a lead rope, in good condition, be left at the horse's stall.
- Stall guards are prohibited. Stall doors must be secured when horse is stalled.
- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes only (no Crocs) while in the barn. Appropriate attire is required (no tank tops, exposed midriiffs, etc. Shorts must be an appropriate length).
- There will be no climbing or running in the barn; no horseplay of any kind is allowed.
- Exhibitors are not permitted to ride horses in any other location besides the arena and a Barn Lead must be present.
- Inappropriate conduct by an Exhibitor, parent, leader, spectator, or volunteer during the show will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or ejection. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, bullying and aggressive confrontations.
- Exhibitors are expected to maintain safety precautions for duration of show. Stall doors should remain closed at all times unless horse is being pulled out, being put up or if stall is being cleaned. If the horse is in the stall while it is being cleaned, the door must remain closed. Stall doors must remain closed when the barn is open to the public.

## **TACK STALLS**

- Each Exhibitor is permitted one (1) stall to store their tack, feeding supplies, cleaning supplies, and show gear.
- If one (1) Exhibitor is participating in both the speed and performance shows, they can use the same tack stall for the duration of the fair. If an Exhibitor is only participating in the performance show, their tack stall must be cleaned out during the checkout process for their Exhibit animal.

## **FEEDING AND STALL CLEANING:**

- Feeding and cleaning times are 6 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 6 p.m.
- Each Exhibitor must sign in and out daily at feeding/cleaning times. Parent/guardian may feed in the morning during the week. Exhibitors must feed morning and night on weekends.
- Hay bags must be hung up high enough so horses cannot get their feet stuck in it.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their horses and the cleaning of their stalls daily. Junior Exhibitors may have help from a parent/guardian or another Exhibitor.
- Animal waste must be dumped in the designated area and nowhere else. Exhibitors are responsible for raking in front of their stalls.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own cleaning tools.
- At the end of the show(s), the stalls must be cleaned and inspected by the Barn Lead. Other cleaning in barn may be required before any Exhibitor is released. Specific instructions will be provided upon final check-out.

## **GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD FOR EXHIBITION CARE AND MANAGEMENT**

Animal pens will be judged on cleanliness of pen or stall, condition of water and feed buckets, and condition of animal (grooming, manure stains, etc). Feeding must be done in a timely manner in accordance with the scheduled feeding times. Failure to complete daily feeding duties within the allotted time will result in forfeit of points for that day. It also includes giving the animal adequate daily exercise. Exhibitors are expected to take full responsibility of the care of their animal and stall. Junior Exhibitors can enlist some 'hands on help' of others Exhibitors, parents/guardians or 4-H / FFA leaders, if necessary. Senior Exhibitors are expected to be responsible for all aspects of their animal's care. Failure to comply will result in the disqualification from the Golden Shovel Award competition.

# HORSE RULES & INFORMATION

## **ALL-AROUND HORSEMAN AWARD RULES (All Exhibitors must participate)**

The All-Around Horsemen Award competition is a supplement to the current animal show ring premiums, and rewards exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. Points accrue in the areas of Demonstration, Project Book, etc.

Each event will count for 100 points. Scores will be calculated as a percentage of points available (example: if score was 27/30, points would be  $27/30 = 90\%$ , so 90 points would be given). Maximum points will equal 600 with bonus points awarded where indicated. The following events are required and will be included:

Project Book	100 points
Ask Me Booth	100 points
Demonstration	100 points
Poster (percentage out of 30)	100 points
Stalls (percentage out of 30)	100 points
Showmanship	100 points

100 points is given for participating, additional points awarded for placing as follows:

1st Place	60 points
2nd Place	50 points
3rd Place	40 points
4th Place	30 points
5th Place	20 points
6th Place	10 points

## **ALL-AROUND HORSEMAN AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$75, Belt Buckle, Blue Rosette
Second Place	\$50, Trophy, Red Rosette
Third Place	\$25, Trophy, White Rosette

# HORSE RULES & INFORMATION

## **HORSE EDUCATIONAL POSTER (Mandatory)**

Exhibitors must create and turn in an educational poster for judging. Posters must be on display by 9 a.m. on the Friday after check-in. Posters must be done on a 20" x 30" foam board. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about the horse project. The required information is as follows and must be clearly visible on the front of the poster:

- Exhibitor Name, Age and Club/Chapter Name
- Horse's Name, Age and Breed
- Optional Information: pictures, poems, ribbons or other articles.

All items must be within the poster edges. The poster will be on display during the show in the project animal area. Judging will be based on the following:

- Topics & Educational Value (10 points)
- Originality & Creativity (10 points)
- Quality of Work (10 points)

Posters must be removed during the scheduled release time. Posters, where it is apparent that the work was done by parents or others, will not be judged. Upon acceptance, all posters will be dated and initialed by the Barn Lead or designee. Posters must be the work of the Exhibitor.

## **HORSE EDUCATIONAL POSTER AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	Blue Rosette
Second Place	Red Rosette
Third Place	White Rosette

# HORSE RULES & INFORMATION

## **SPEED / PERFORMANCE SHOW RULES**

**Performance Show – Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m.**

**Speed Show – Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

- All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
- Shows are open to registered horses and Exhibitors only and must be on the grounds.
- These shows are being held in conjunction with the 4-H and FFA programs and will be governed by said rules and in accordance with the USA Equestrian rules for performance events and American Quarter Horse Association rules for speed events. Exhibitors will be given a maximum of 2 gate calls. Gate calls will be 30 seconds each.
- Proper bridles, bits and appropriate tack must be used for each class entered. Proper attire is required. Western attire consists of jeans, boots, long-sleeve shirt (or show clothes) and safety helmet. English attire consists of breeches or jods, collared shirt, boots, helmet and riding jacket. No jumping events in western saddles No jumping events in western saddles, and no speed events in an english saddle.

## **SPEED HORSE CLASSES**

- Walk-Trot Barrels
- Barrels
- Walk-Trot Hairpin
- Hairpin
- Walk-Trot Poles
- Poles
- Walk-Trot Stake Race
- Stake Race
- Walk-Trot Keyhole
- Keyhole

## **SPEED HORSE SHOW AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior	\$10, Trophy, Champion Rosette
Champion Speed Events	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Speed Events	\$10, Ribbon
First Place	\$5, Ribbon
Second Place	\$3, Ribbon
Third Place	Ribbon
Fourth Place	Ribbon
Fifth Place	Ribbon
Sixth Place	

## **HORSE WALK-TROT SPEED AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Overall – NOT by Division – All Age Groups Combined	
Champion Walk-Trot Speed	\$10, Trophy, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Walk-Trot Speed	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette

# HORSE RULES & INFORMATION

## HORSE SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

In general, the contest will be judged on the following basis: The ability of the contestant to lead, pose, and generally handle his/her animal or other contestant's if indicated by the contest judge; the contestant's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge; the contestant's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring and demonstrated by his/her actions; other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners. A contestant can only show his/her animal.

## HORSE SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$25, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Blue Rosette
Second Place	\$20, Trophy, Red Rosette
Third Place	\$15, Trophy, White Rosette

## PERFORMANCE HORSE CLASSES

Showmanship – Required for All-Around Horseman Competition Event

\*\*Horseman Showmanship Award

- Grooming – Horses & Ponies
- Stock type Horses & Ponies
- Non-Stock type Horses & Ponies

\*\*Grand and Reserve Champion of show for Grooming - Horses & Ponies, Stock type Horses & Ponies, and Non-Stock type Horses & Ponies only

- Walk-Trot Western Pleasure
- Western Pleasure
- Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship
- Western Horsemanship
- Walk-Trot Trail
- English/Western Trail
- Walk-Trot English Pleasure
- English Pleasure
- Walk-Trot English Equitation
- English Equitation
- Hunter Over Fences 18"
- Hunter Over Fences 2'

- Showmanship Mini Donkey
- Grooming Mini Donkey
- Best of Show Mini Donkey

\*\*Grand and Reserve\*\*

- Showmanship Mini Horse
- Grooming Mini Horse
- Stock and Non-Stock Mini Horse

\*\*Grand and Reserve\*\*

# HORSE RULES & INFORMATION

## **PERFORMANCE HORSE CLASSES (Continued)**

- Walk-Trot classes are all age levels combined.
- Walk-Trot classes are for non-cantering riders only.
- Walk-Trot Rides cannot ride in any other classes other than Walk-Trot.
- Stock Types consist of quarter horse types, appaloosas, paints, grade stock horses, etc. Non-Stock Type consists of Arabians, gaited horses, thoroughbreds, standard breeds, etc. If in doubt, check with the show supervisor.
- Walk-Trot Championship: points accrued from W/T Pleasure, W/T Equitation / Horsemanship, Showmanship & Trail.
- Performance Championship: points accrued from Pleasure, Horsemanship / Equitation, Showmanship & Trail.
- Halter Championship: points accrued from Grooming & Stock or Non-Stock Halter.
- Miniature Hoses can be shown in Halter class.

## **PERFORMANCE HORSE SHOW AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Champion Performance High Point	\$10, Trophy, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Performance High Point	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette
First Place	\$10, Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$5, Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$3, White Ribbon
Fourth Place	Ribbon
Fifth Place	Ribbon
Sixth Place	Ribbon

# HORSE RULES & INFORMATION

## WALK-TROT, HALTER, HUNTER OVER FENCES AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Overall – NOT by Division – All Age Groups Combined

Walk-Trot Champion Performance High Point	\$10, Belt Buckle, Champion Rosette
Walk-Trot Reserve Champion Performance High Point	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette
Grand Champion Halter	\$10, Belt Buckle, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Halter	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette
Grand Champion Hunter Over Fences	\$10, Belt Buckle, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Hunter Over Fences	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette
Grand Champion English	\$10, Belt Buckle, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion English	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette

## **MINI DONKEY AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Grand Champion	\$10, Belt Buckle, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette

## **MINI HORSE AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Grand Champion	\$10, Belt Buckle, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion	\$5, Trophy, Reserve Champion Rosette

## **HORSE COSTUME SHOW RULES - Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m.**

This event is open to all horse registered project Exhibitors, and horses must already be on the fairgrounds. Registration is completed on grounds during check-in. Barn Leads have the right to refuse any entry deemed harmful to the youth, animal, others or is inappropriate. Safety helmets are required for all Exhibitors, both mounted and showing in-hand. Helmets may be a part of the costume.

## **HORSE COSTUME SHOW AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior	
Grand Champion Costume Show	\$15, Champion Rosette, Trophy
Reserve Champion Costume Show	\$10, Reserve Champion Rosette, Trophy
Honorable Mention Costume Show	\$5, Honorable Mention Rosette, Trophy

## **HORSE FUN SHOW – Saturday, March 9 at 6 p.m.**

The Fun Show is designed to give each 4-H / FFA club an opportunity to sponsor a horse show event that is fun for all ages. Since there are no premiums awarded, each 4-H / FFA club is also responsible for the prizes (1st – 5th) for their event. Classes may include, but are not limited to, egg & spoon, whipped cream race, ride-a-buck, etc. Classes and prizes may vary yearly.

# SMALL ANIMAL DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
November 4, 2023	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Bio Security - Small Animal Workshop	Davidson House - Civic Center	
November 10, 2023	midnight	Small Animal Registration Closes	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign Up for Showmanship</li> </ul>
November 18, 2023	9 - 11 a.m.	Rabbit Tattoo Clinic <del>Orientation Meeting - (Mandatory for new Exhibitors)</del>	Davidson House & Tinsley Pavilion - Civic Center	
December 3, 2023	7 - 9 a.m.	Small Animal Health Check - <b>MANDATORY</b> Parent/Guardian must attend	Small Animal Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring Registered Animals (feathers must be a minimum of 8 weeks old)</li> <li>• Rabbits must have tattoos by this date</li> <li>• Exhibitor Photos</li> <li>• Photo Release Form</li> </ul>
December 15, 2023	5 p.m.	Program Ad Forms Due Graduating Senior Information Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email Livestock@leegov.com	
February 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Exhibitor Season Pass Purchase Request Pass Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email Livestock@leegov.com	
February 17, 2024	9 a.m. noon	Volunteer Set Up Barn Day - Community Hours given to participating Exhibitors <b>Small Animal Orientation</b>	Small Animal Barn	<b>Orientation to follow set up, required for new exhibitors and a parent/guardian</b>
February 29, 2024	4 - 6 p.m.	Feathers Check-In	Small Animal Barn	Bring water/feeders for cages and contest posters
February 29, 2024	6 p.m.	Feathers Mandatory Meeting (Exhibitor and 1 Parent Required)	Small Animal Barn	
March 1, 2024	7 p.m.	Feathers Fun Costume Contest (optional)	Small Animal Barn	Sign-Up at Check-In
March 2, 2024	8 - 10 a.m.	Feathers Closed Judging	Small Animal Barn	Closed to Parent, Exhibitors, and the public
March 2, 2024	6 p.m.	Feathers Showmanship (optional)	Small Animal Barn	
March 3, 2024	1 p.m.	Feathers Awards - Showmanship & Show	Small Animal Barn	



# SMALL ANIMAL DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
March 4, 2024	3 - 6 p.m.	Feathers - Released and Pens cleaned	Small Animal Barn	Exhibitors must sign in and out with Barn Lead
March 5, 2024	3 - 6 p.m.	Fur Check-In	Small Animal Barn	Bring water/feeders for cages & contest poster
March 6, 2024	8-10 a.m.	Fur Closed Judging	Small Animal Barn	Closed to Exhibitors, Parents, and the public
March 6, 2024	6 p.m.	Fur Showmanship (Optional)	Small Animal Barn	
March 7, 2024	7 p.m.	Fur Awards - Showmanship & Show	Small Animal Barn	
March 8, 2024	6 p.m.	PeeWee & Cloverbud Awards		
March 8, 2024	7 p.m.	Small Animal Auction	Small Animal Barn	Buyer must pick up animal after auction; all sales are paid on Sale Day
March 9, 2024	noon	Fur Fun Costume Contest (optional)	Small Animal Barn	Sign-Up at Check-In
March 9, 2024	2 p.m.	Fur Fun Show- Agility (optional)	Small Animal Barn	Sign-Up at Check-In
March 10, 2024	11:30 a.m.	Fur - Released and Pens Cleaned *All Fur Exhibitors must attend	Small Animal Barn	Exhibitors Must Sign-In and Sign-Out with Barn Lead

# SMALL ANIMAL RULES

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. Carrying cases are prohibited from being left on the grounds.
3. All entries must be in at the specified Check-In time.
4. All Exhibitors in the Showmanship competition (fur or feather) must be present to show their registered animal. Sign-up will take place via the Showman App at the time of registration.
5. All entries must be owned by or the property of the Exhibitor by November 10, 2023.
6. The Livestock Owner's Certificate and proper identification Exhibitor tag is required for each animal at check-in.
7. All signs must be approved by the Barn Lead.
8. Cages must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.
9. No toys are permitted in any cage. Cavies will be allowed housing. If utilizing hay, only pelleted or cubed form is permitted.
10. All Exhibitors must be able to care for and show their animal without the help of a parent/guardian. Assistance may be provided by another Exhibitor and/or Barn Lead.
11. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to disqualify animal entries due to poor disposition (i.e. external parasites, lameness, sunburn, open wounds), poor handling ability or quality.
12. Each Exhibitor must sign in and out daily at feeding/cleaning times.
13. PeeWee and Cloverbud Exhibitors must pick up any awards by the end of the show.

# SMALL ANIMAL BARN RULES

## **GENERAL BARN RULES:**

- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes only (no Crocs) while in the barn. Appropriate attire is required (no tank tops, exposed midriffs, etc. Shorts must be an appropriate length).
- There will be no climbing or running in the barn; no horseplay of any kind is allowed.
- Inappropriate conduct by an Exhibitor, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the show will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or ejection. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, bullying and aggressive confrontations.
- Exhibitors are permitted to care for their animal only. Assistance may be provided by another Exhibitor and/or Barn Lead. Parents/Guardians are not permitted in the barns at feeding time.
- 'Ask Me Booth' participation is mandatory for all Small Animal Exhibitors.
- Cages must be zip tied to secure gates each evening. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own zip ties to secure feeders and waterers.
- Storage area for food and supplies is not provided; Exhibitors are responsible for bringing food and cleaning supplies daily. Exhibitors should label any items being brought to the grounds.

## **FEEDING AND STALL CLEANING**

### **Daily Feeding Times      4 - 5:30 p.m.**

- Exhibitors must sign in and sign out at feeding times daily with the Barn Lead. Cages will be checked by Barn Lead prior to sign out.
- Cleaning supplies must be brought daily. This includes, but is not limited to, litter scoop and small bucket to clean under cages and cage wire. Cages must always be clean and sanitary. Waste is to be disposed in the designated areas only.
- No toys, bedding or hay mats will be allowed in cages.
- Cage mats are not allowed in the bottom of feather cages.
- Plastic rest mats and cage resting mats are permitted (FUR ONLY). These items must be washed daily.

## **CHECK-OUT**

- Animals may leave during designated check-out times only. Animals are not permitted to be removed without going through the check-out process.
- Auction animals must continue to be fed and have pen cleaned daily by the Exhibitor until they are released to the buyer.
- Clean up from auction animal cages will be completed on Saturday during regular cleaning / feeding hours.
- All auction Exhibitors are required to attend and participate in the final barn clean up on Sunday, March 10. All Fur Exhibitors are expected to sign-in for the final clean-up.

# SMALL ANIMAL RULES & INFORMATION

## **SMALL ANIMAL EDUCATIONAL POSTER**

(Mandatory for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions)

Each Exhibitor must create and turn in an educational poster for judging. This contest is for both Rabbit/Cavy (FUR) and Poultry (FEATHER). Posters must be turned in during Small Animal Check-in and must be done on a 20" x 30" foam board. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about the small animal project. The required information is as follows and must be clearly visible on the bottom-right corner of the poster:

- Exhibitor Name
- Division
- Club / Chapter Name

All items must be within the poster edges. The poster will be on display during the show in the project animal area. Judging will be based on the following:

- Topics & Educational Value (10 points)
- Originality & Creativity (10 points)
- Quality of Work (10 points)

Posters must be removed during the scheduled release time. Posters, where it is apparent that the work was done by parents or others, will not be judged. Upon acceptance, all posters will be dated and initialed by the Barn Lead or designee. Posters must be the work of the Exhibitor.

## **SMALL ANIMAL EDUCATIONAL POSTER AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Awards will be made separately for the Fur Division and the Feather Division

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$5, Rosette
Second Place	\$3, Rosette
Third Place	\$1, Rosette

# SMALL ANIMAL INFORMATION

## **SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS & PREMIUMS: Saturday, March 2 at 6 p.m.**

### **RABBIT / CAVY**

Division: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$10, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Blue Rosette
Second Place	\$8, Trophy, Red Rosette
Third Place	\$5, Trophy, White Rosette

### **POULTRY**

Division: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$10, Belt Buckle, Trophy, Blue Rosette
Second Place	\$8, Trophy, Red Rosette
Third Place	\$5, Trophy, White Rosette

### **PEEWEE POULTRY**

Grand Champion	\$10, Trophy, Rosette
Reserve Champion	\$7, Rosette
Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$3
White Ribbon	\$1

## **SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION: Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.**

Exhibitors must be present and exhibit his/her own animal for the Small Animal Auction. Animals sold at the Small Animal Auction must be taken at the time of sale, or no later than Sunday, March 10 at 11 a.m. Buyers are responsible for paying at the time of the Auction. All add-ons must be paid the day of the sale, otherwise the Buyer is responsible for paying the Exhibitor directly.

- PeeWee and Cloverbud participants may sell 1 Fur and 1 Feather
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Exhibitors may each sell 2 Fur and 2 Feather

### **RABBITS – FUR**

If a rabbit has a tattoo prior to registration, Exhibitors will be asked to enter the tattoo at that time. There will be an additional tattoo clinic on Saturday, November 18, 2023 for Exhibitors needing to tattoo their rabbit. All rabbits must be legibly and permanently tattooed in the ear and the tattoo must be clear. The deadline for tattooing is by the Small Animal Health Check on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Diseased animals, or those having mites, fleas or any other parasites will not be accepted.

### **RABBIT AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Champion of Show	\$20, Belt Buckle, Rosette
Reserve Champion of Show	\$15, Rosette
Best of Breed	\$10, Rosette
Best Opposite	\$7, Rosette
Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$3
White Ribbon	\$1

# SMALL ANIMAL INFORMATION

## CAVY (GUINEA PIGS) AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Grand Champion	\$10, Belt Buckle, Rosette
Reserve Champion	\$7, Rosette
Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$3
White Ribbon	\$1

## PEEWEE FUR/CAVY AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Grand Champion	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Champion	\$7, Rosette
Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$3
White Ribbon	\$1

## **POULTRY - FEATHERS**

All poultry will be checked for diseases. Any poultry showing signs of disease will be immediately removed from the show. Exhibitors are expected to check the nostrils of their poultry for colds as well as the feather pattern for lice and mites prior to arriving at check-in. All animals must meet health requirements as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. A State Poultry Inspector will test the birds.

## **POULTRY – CLASSES & BREEDS**

### **Division – Large Fowl (Standard)**

- American – Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Islands, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands, Delawares
- Asiatic – Brahmas, Cochins, Langshans
- English – Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps
- Mediterranean – Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanas
- Continental – Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Barnvelders, Welsummers, Polish, Houdans, Faverolles, Crevecoeurs, LaFleche
- All Other Standard Breeds (AOSB) – Modern Games, Old English, Malays, Sumatras, Aseels, Shamos, Yokohamas, Cubalayas, Sultans, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas

### **Division – Bantams**

- Old English – The Old English breed is the only breed in this class.
- Modern Game – The Modern Game breed is the only breed in this class.
- Single Comb Clean Legged (SCCL) – Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Catalanas, Campines, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island, Spanish, Sussex
- Rose Comb Clean Legged (RCCL) – Anconas, Antwerp Belgians, Dorkings, Dominiques, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Red Caps, Rhode Islands, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes
- All Other Comb Clean Legged (AOCCL) – Ameraucanas, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, LeFleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas
- Featherlegged (FL) – Cochins, Frizzles, Brahmas, D’Uccle, Faverolles, Silkies, Sultans, Booted Bantams

### **Division – Waterfowl Duck**

- Light – Runner, Campbell, Magpie, Welsh Harlequin
- Medium – Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff
- Heavy – Peking, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy, Saxony, Silver Appleyard
- Bantam – Call, East Indie, Mallard

### **Division – Geese**

- Light – Chinese (China), Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian
- Medium – Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian
- Heavy – Toulouse, Emden, African

### **Division – Exotics**

- Pheasants – all Pheasants are in this class
- Peacocks – all Peacocks are in this class
- Quail – all Quail are in this class
- Pigeon – all Pigeon are in this class

## **POULTRY – CLASSES & BREEDS (CONTINUED)**

### **Division – Guinea Fowl**

- Guinea Fowl – all Guinea Fowl are in this class

### **Division – Turkey**

- Turkey – Royal Palm, Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black (Spanish) Slate, Bourbon, Beltsville, Small White

### **Division – Commercial Production**

- Laying Hens not shown in any other class – White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, Sex Link, Ameraucanas, Marans and California Whites. No bantams. Hens must be clean, healthy and not in molt. They must be in production / laying.

## **POULTRY AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Champion of Show	\$20, Belt Buckle, Rosette
Reserve Champion of Show	\$15, Rosette
Champion Large Fowl	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Large Fowl	\$7, Rosette
Champion Commercial	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Commercial	\$7, Rosette
Champion Bantam	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Bantam	\$7, Rosette
Champion Waterfowl	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Waterfowl	\$7, Rosette
Champion Exotic	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Exotic	\$7, Rosette
Champion Guinea Fowl	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Guinea Fowl	\$7, Rosette
Champion Turkey	\$10, Rosette
Reserve Turkey	\$7, Rosette
Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$3
White Ribbon	\$1



# GOAT DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Requirements
November 10, 2023	midnight	Goat Registration Closes	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner's Certificate</li> <li>• Premise ID</li> <li>• Ethics Training</li> <li>• Sign-ups for Agility, Costume Contest and Showmanship</li> <li>• Sign-Ups for 'Ask Me Booth' (if participating in Herdsman)</li> </ul>
December 3, 2023	7 - 10 a.m.	Goat Health & Conditioning Screening - MANDATORY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibitor Photos</li> <li>• Photo Release Form</li> </ul>
December 15, 2023	5 p.m.	Program Ad Forms Due Graduating Senior Information Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
February 15, 2024	5 p.m.	Exhibitor Season Pass Purchase Request Due	Civic Center/4H Office or via email <a href="mailto:Livestock@leegov.com">Livestock@leegov.com</a>	
February 29, 2024	noon - 2 p.m.	Goat Check-In	Swine Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration Score Sheet</li> <li>• Goat Educational Poster</li> <li>• OCVI (Issued within 90 days of check-in)</li> <li>• Scrapie Tag or Certificate from Breed Registry with matching microchip or tattoo</li> </ul>
February 29, 2024	6 p.m.	Goat Agility Show (optional)	Show Ring	
March 1, 2024	6 p.m.	Goat Costume Contest (optional)	Show Ring	
March 2, 2024	2 p.m.	Goat Showmanship (optional)	Show Ring	
March 3, 2024	11:30 a.m.	Goat Show	Show Ring	Awards to follow
March 4, 2024	7:30 a.m.	Pens/Stalls Cleaned	Swine Barn	Exhibitor must be checked-in by 7:30 a.m.

1. All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
2. All Goats must be fully owned by their Exhibitor by Sunday, December 3, 2023.
3. All Goat Exhibitors must participate in the pre-fair Health & Conditioning screening on Sunday, December 3, 2023.
4. At the Health & Conditioning screening, and at show check-in, health papers (OCVI), Premise ID and proof of ownership (Livestock Owner's Certificate) will be checked.
5. Exhibitors may show no more than 1 Goat per class.
6. No buck goats permitted to be shown or are allowed in the barn, with the exception of being on a Doe AND under 2 months of age.
7. There will be no pre-show milk out. Over-uddering of milkers will result in disqualification of the Exhibitor and the goat(s).
8. Milk must be disposed of in designated locations only. See Barn Lead for milk disposal instructions.
9. No pinch, spiked, pronged or training collars are allowed.
10. Check-in will be on Thursday, February 29 from 12 - 2 p.m. Exhibitors are required to be present.
11. Goat Exhibitors must bring the following to the check-in table:
  - a. Owner's Certificate
  - b. Scrapie Tag or Certificate from Breed Registry with matching microchip or tattoo
  - c. Premise ID Card
  - d. Original Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) within 90 days of check-in
  - e. Goat Educational Poster
  - f. Demonstration Scoresheet
12. All Exhibitors are required to sign up for an 'Ask Me Booth' time at check-in, if participating in Herdsman.
13. The Goat Agility and Costume Contest are options and will not accrue Herdsman points. Sign-ups for these will be completed via the Showman App at registration for the show.
14. Showmanship is optional but will accrue Herdsman points.
15. Educational Posters are mandatory and will accrue Herdsman points.
16. 'Ask Me Booth' participations is optional but will accrue Herdsman points.
17. Wethers are shown by weight class and will be weighed at check-in.
18. Exhibitors must be signed in by 7:30 a.m. on the final clean up / animal release day. No Exhibitor will be released until the barn is inspected by the Barn Lead. Exhibitors that are not present during the work day time may forfeit premiums due and will forfeit Herdman's points for the following fair year.

# GOAT RULES

19. All Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5-18 as of September 1st. 5-7 year olds will be classified as PeeWee (Cloverbuds are not permitted to show horned goats). All Exhibitors must be able to care for and show their animal without the help of a parent. They may have assistance from another Exhibitor for a barn volunteer.

20. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to disqualify animal entry due to poor disposition (i.e. external parasites, lameness, sunburn, open wounds), poor handling ability or quality.

# GOAT BARN

## RULES & INFORMATION

### GENERAL BARN RULES

- Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls in clean and sanitary condition. All stalls and aisles are to be cleaned daily.
- No eating or drinking in the barn.
- Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes only (no Crocs) while in the barn. Appropriate attire is required (no tank tops, exposed midribs, etc. Shorts must be an appropriate length).
- There will be no climbing or running in the barn; no horseplay of any kind is allowed.
- Inappropriate conduct by an Exhibitor, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the show will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or ejection. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, bullying and aggressive confrontations.

### FEEDING AND STALL CLEANING

<b>Thursday, February 29</b>	<b>4 - 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	<b>8 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 5:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	<b>8 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 5:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>8 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 5:45 p.m.</b>

- Each Exhibitor must sign in and out daily at feeding/cleaning times.
- Only Exhibitors are permitted inside the barn during daily feeding / cleaning.
- Exhibitors must supply water buckets, feed pans and hay bags / buckets.
- Barn Leads will feed for Exhibitors on Friday morning only. Feed must be provided in a ziplock bag with the Exhibitor's name and pen number printed clearly. Feed and watering bowl must be turned into a Barn Lead before leaving on Thursday night.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the care, feeding and daily exercise of their goat. See Barn Lead for designated exercise area. Exhibitors are not permitted to care for one another's goats.
- Exhibitors will be provided with a storage pen and are responsible for keeping their tack and supplies within their assigned area. Hay needs to be stored in a lawn bag, hay bag or storage bin to prevent loss of hay on ground.
- Goats may be tied off in designated area during cleaning / feeding times. Goats are not permitted to run free in barn or show ring.
- PeeWee Exhibitors may receive verbal and 'hands on help' from experienced Exhibitors. No parents are allowed in the barns during feeding times. PeeWees must be able to independently care for their goat.
- Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own netting, ties or tarps to secure goat kids.
- Animal waste must be dumped in the designated area and nowhere else.
- If an Exhibitor would like to request shavings, it must be done no later than the December 3 Health Screening. All Exhibitors that request shavings will be penned in the same aisle to minimize cleanup. There will be no changes regarding shaving after show check-in.
- Grooming tents or easy ups will not be allowed. There will be a designated space for stands.
- At the end of the show(s), the stalls must be cleaned and inspected by the Barn Lead. Other cleaning in barn may be required before any Exhibitor is released. Specific instructions will be provided upon final check-out.

# GOAT BARN RULES & INFORMATION

**SHOW DAY: Sunday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m.**

- All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
- All animals must come to check-in washed, groomed and ready for show. No bathing or clipping will be allowed in the barn.
- Classes will be posted on the afternoon of show day.
- Exhibitors are expected to be in proper show attire and ready 30 minutes before show time. The barn will be limited to Exhibitors ONLY during this time.
- Exhibitors will enter the show ring 15 minutes prior to show for pledges, photos, etc. (no animal).

**CHECK OUT: Monday, March 4 at 7:30 a.m.**

- Goats will be released on Monday, March 4. All Exhibitors must be signed in by 7:30 a.m.
- Each Exhibitor is responsible for the cleaning of their pens and the area surrounding their pens.
- No Exhibitor will be released until their area is inspected the barn has been signed off by the Barn Lead.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

All goats / sheep consigned for public exhibition in Florida must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection certifying the animals to be free from symptoms of contagious or infectious disease, and registered in the National Scrapie Eradication Program. All goats registered for the Southwest Florida Ag Expo must comply with FDACS Rules and Regulations as stated in: [FAC 5C-4.005](#), [5C-4.0017](#), [9CFR, Part 79-2](#).

For registered purebred goats identified with an official breed registration certificate showing registration number, official permanent ID, tattoo's or electronic ID (microchip), official ear tags are not required. However, upon presentation of such animal 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 Premise ID number.

# GOAT

## RULES & INFORMATION

### **ALL AROUND HERDSMAN AWARD**

Points accrue in the following areas: Demonstration, 'Ask Me Booth', Educational Poster, Exhibit Care and Management, Showmanship, Entry Points and Pre-Fair Educational Events. Failure to comply in any of these areas will disqualify the Exhibitor from the All-Around Herdsman Award.

Each event will count for 100 points. Score will be calculated as a percentage of points available (i.e. if score was 27-30 points, points would be  $27/30 = 90\%$ ; 90 points would be given). Maximum points will equal 660. The following events will be included:

1. Entry Points (complete, timely, submitted by deadline)	100 points
2. 'Ask Me Booth' (participation)	100 points
3. Demonstration	100 points
4. Educational Poster (percentage out of 30 points)	100 points
5. Exhibit Care and Management (percentage by # of days at the fair)	100 points
6. Showmanship (additional points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place)	100 points

### **SHOWMANSHIP PLACE POINTS BREAKDOWN**

First Place	60 points
Second Place	50 points
Third Place	40 points

### **ALL AROUND HERDSMAN AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$75, Belt Buckle
Second Place	\$50, Rosette
Third Place	\$25, Rosette

### **DEMONSTRATION**

Exhibitors are required to give a Pre-Event Talk or Demonstration. This must be in the area of the project animal and be in conjunction with the project animal record book. Exhibitors must submit a script from the talk, a grade sheet from the demonstration or a letter from the 4-H or FFA leader, and will be submitted at the animal check-in. A Demonstration is required in order to qualify for the All-Around Herdsman.

# GOAT RULES & INFORMATION

## **GOAT EDUCATIONAL POSTER (mandatory)**

Exhibitors must create and turn in an educational poster for judging. Posters must be turned in during animal check-in. Posters must be done on a 20" x 30" foam board. The purpose of the poster is to help educate the public about goats. All items must be within the poster edges. The poster will be on display during the show in the project animal area. The required information is as follows and must be clearly visible on the bottom-right corner of the poster:

- Exhibitor Name
- Division
- Club / Chapter Name

Judging will be based on the following:

- Topics & Educational Value (10 points)
- Originality & Creativity (10 points)
- Quality of Work (10 points)

Posters must be removed during the scheduled release time. Posters, where it is apparent that the work was done by parents or others, will not be judged. Upon acceptance, all posters will be dated and initialed by the Barn Lead or designee. Posters must be the work of the Exhibitor.

## **GOAT EDUCATIONAL POSTER AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

(PeeWees and Cloverbuds receive participation ribbons)

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$5, Rosette
Second Place	\$3, Rosette
Third Place	\$1, Rosette

## **EXHIBITION CARE AND MANAGEMENT**

Animal pens will be judged on cleanliness of pen or stall, condition of water and feed buckets, and condition of animal (grooming, manicure stains, etc.). A maximum of 10 points divided by days exhibited will be awarded. Feeding must be done in a timely manner in accordance with the scheduled feeding times. This also includes giving the animal adequate daily exercise. Exhibitors are expected to take full responsibility of the care of their animal and pen. PeeWee Exhibitors may enlist 'hands on help' of other Exhibitors if necessary. Parents are prohibited from being in the barn during feeding time. Failure to comply will result in the disqualification from the All-Around Herdsman Award.

# GOAT RULES & INFORMATION

## **GOAT AGILITY CONTEST RULES: Thursday, February 29 at 6 p.m. (Optional)**

This event is open to all registered goat project Exhibitors, and the goat must already be on the fairgrounds. Safety for the Exhibitor and the goat comes first. There will be a “Safety Assistant” at each obstacle on the course. They are there to help the Exhibitors and are the only persons that will be giving direction while running the course. This is a fun and optional event and will not accrue points towards All-Around Herdsman.

### **GUIDELINES**

- A good relationship between the Exhibitor and their goat is important. This includes the ability to control the goat when walking on a lead.
- Exhibitors and their goat must have some sort of agility experience to participate in this contest.
- The Exhibitor must maintain reasonable control over their goat at all times. Goats must remain on a lead during their time on the agility course.
- Each Exhibitor may only run the course one time and each Exhibitor must use their own goat.

### **STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

- Exhibitors must wear boots and follow the dress code for Exhibitors.
- Goat must wear a collar and lead. The lead is for encouraging the goat to follow through the obstacles. Pulling on the goat is not recommended.
- Exhibitors may offer treats to encourage the goat.

### **TIMED EVENT**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will be chosen for each age division of PeeWee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The winners will be the Exhibitors who complete the course in the shortest amount of time, including penalties. An “Overall Agility Champion” will be chosen for all divisions.
- If there is a tie with times, the Exhibitors will run through the course again as a tiebreaker.
- There will be a 10-second penalty for each obstacle of the course that is not completed. This means that the goat’s front feet must start each station and its back feet must finish it. If the goat comes off an obstacle, the Exhibitor must move to the next obstacle. Penalty points may occur.

### **AGILITY COURSE SECTIONS**

- Hurdle
- Weaver Poles
- Shallow Water Pool
- Roundabout Table
- High Bridge Walk
- Teeter Totter



# GOAT RULES & INFORMATION

## **GOAT COSTUME SHOW RULES - Friday, March 1 at 6 p.m. (Optional)**

This event is open to all Goat registered project Exhibitors, and the goat must already be on the fairgrounds. Registration is completed on grounds during check-in. Barn Leads have the right to refuse any entry deemed harmful to the youth, animal or others, or is inappropriate. This is a fun and optional event and will not accrue points towards All-Around Herdsman.

## **GOAT COSTUME CONTEST AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	Red Ribbon
Third Place	White Ribbon

## **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP RULES - Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m. (Optional)**

- All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines.
- Sign-up is at check-in.
- The Exhibitor is the only person able to show his/her animal.
- The Showmanship contest will be judged on the following basis;
  - The ability of the Exhibitor to lead, pose and generally handle his/her animal.
  - The Exhibitor's attention to the ring stewards and the contest judge.
  - The Exhibitor's knowledge of proper handling procedures in the show ring demonstrated by his/her actions.
  - Other areas as deemed necessary by the contest judge to determine the winners.
- Participation in the Showmanship is optional but is required in order to compete for the All-Around Herdsman Award.

## **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior

First Place	\$25, Buckle, Trophy, Blue Rosette
Second Place	\$20, Trophy, Red Rosette
Third Place	\$15, Trophy, White Rosette

# GOAT RULES & INFORMATION

## GOAT SHOW CLASSES

### DAIRY GOAT CLASSES

#### MILKERS

##### Senior Does

- Milkers – under 2 years old
- Milkers – 2 years old to under 3 years
- Milkers – 3 years old to under 4 years
- Milkers – 4 years old and older

##### Junior Does – any Doe under 24 months that has never freshened

- Junior Doe Kids – 4 months to under 6 months old
- Senior Doe Kids – 6 months to under 12 months old
- Doelings – 12 months old to under 18 months
- Doelings – 18 months old to under 24 months

### DAIRY GOAT MILKERS AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Grand Champion Dairy Goat	\$20, Trophy, Blue Rosette
Reserve Champion Dairy Goat	\$10, Trophy, Red Rosette

### NIGERIAN DWARF

#### Senior Does

- Does – under 2 years old
- Does – 2 years old to under 3 years
- Does – 3 years old to under 4 years
- Does – 4 years and older

##### Junior Does – any Doe under 24 months that has never freshened

- Junior Doe Kids – 4 months to under 6 months old
- Senior Doe Kids – 6 months to under 12 months old
- Doelings – 12 months old to under 24 months old

### NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Goat	\$20, Trophy, Blue Rosette
Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Goat	\$10, Trophy, Red Rosette

**Best of Breed – Dairy Goat (Milker / Nigerian Dwarf Does Only)    \$25, Belt Buckle, Best of Breed Rosette**

# GOAT INFORMATION

## GOAT SHOW CLASSES

### MEAT GOAT

#### **Senior Does – (all Senior Does must have reproduced by natural birth)**

- Senior Does – 2 years old to under 3 years
- Senior Does – 3 years old to under 4 years
- Senior Does – 4 years and older

### Junior Does

- Junior Doe – 4 months to under 6 months old
- Junior Doe – 6 months to under 12 months old
- Junior Doe – 12 months to under 18 months old
- Junior Doe – 18 months to under 24 months old

### MEAT GOAT AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Grand Champion Meat Goat	\$20, Trophy, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Meat Goat	\$10, Trophy, Reserve Rosette

### PYGMY GOAT

- Doe – 4 months to under 6 months old
- Doe – 6 months to under 12 months old
- Doe – 12 months to under 18 months old
- Doe – 18 months to under 24 months old
- Doe – 24 months to under 3 years old
- Doe – 3 years to under 4 years old
- Doe – 4 years and older

### PYGMY GOAT AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Grand Champion Pygmy Goat	\$20, Trophy, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat	\$10, Trophy, Reserve Rosette

**Best of Breed – Meat Goat (Does only) \$25, Belt Buckle, Best of Breed Rosette**

**WETHER- All entries will be weighed at check-in to determine class.**

### Dairy Wether

- Light Weight Class – 0 to 30 pounds
- Medium Weight Class – Over 30 pounds to 60 pounds
- Heavy Weight Class – Over 60 pounds

### Nigerian Dwarf Wether

- Light Weight Class – 0 to 30 pounds
- Medium Weight Class – Over 30 pounds to 50 pounds
- Heavy Weight Class – Over 50 pounds

### Meat Wether

- Light Weight Class – 0 to 30 pounds
- Medium Weight Class – Over 30 pounds to 65 pounds
- Heavy Weight Class – Over 65 pounds

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## **Pygmy Wether**

- Light Weight Class – 0 to 30 pounds
- Medium Weight Class – Over 30 pounds to 50 pounds
- Heavy Weight Class – Over 50 pounds

## **WETHER GOAT AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Grand Champion Wether Goat	\$20, Trophy, Champion Rosette
Reserve Champion Wether Goat	\$10, Trophy, Reserve Rosette

# GOAT RULES & INFORMATION

## **PEEWEE GOAT SHOW RULES**

- All entries and awards are subject to the Registration Guidelines. PeeWee Goat Exhibitors must be registered members of PeeWees of SWFL and be 5-7 years old.
- The Exhibitor is the only person able to show his/her animal.
- Only Pygmy or Nigerian Dwarf Goats may be shown. They must be either Does or Wethers. Horned goats are not permitted.
- PeeWee Exhibitors are expected to follow all Goat Barn and Exhibitor rules. Attendance is mandatory for pre-show clinics and workshops. They must additionally create a Goat Educational Poster.
- PeeWee Exhibitors must participate in the PeeWee Goat Show and Showmanship. The PeeWee Goat Agility Contest is optional. All PeeWee Exhibitors must participate in the PeeWee All-Around Herdsman Award.

## **PEEWEE GOAT SHOW AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

Grand Champion	\$15, Trophy
Reserve Grand Champion	\$10, Trophy
First Place	\$10, Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$5, Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$3, White Ribbon

## **PEEWEE ALL AROUND HERDSMAN AWARD**

Points accrue in the following areas: 'Ask Me Booth', Educational Poster, Exhibit Care and Management, Showmanship, Entry Points and Pre-Fair Educational Events. Failure to comply in any of these areas will disqualify the Exhibitor from the PeeWee All-Around Herdsman Award.

## **PEEWEE ALL-AROUND HERDSMAN AWARDS & PREMIUMS**

First Place	\$25, Trophy, Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$20, Trophy, Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$15, Trophy, White Ribbon

## **GENERAL RULES**

- Exhibitor must be 2 to 7 years old as of September 1 of the current fair season.
- Exhibitor must be enrolled in PeeWees of SWFL on or before the date listed as the current year's registration.
- Exhibitor must enter each category in the club booth, with a limit of three (3) items per child.
  - Categories: Vegetable, Plant, Craft, Dish Garden
- All projects must be entered during booth set up. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Age Divisions are 2-4 years and 5-7 years. Exhibitors must be at least 5 years of age by September 1st of the current fair season to exhibit livestock in the Small Animal & Goat barns.
- Exhibitors that do not meet the requirements for set up and break down in the club booth will not be eligible to register for PeeWees in the following year. Checkout of exhibits is on Sunday, March 10 from 4:15-5 p.m.
- Exhibitors are responsible for reviewing and understanding rules for the Small Animals and Goat Divisions as listed in this rulebook.

## **EXHIBIT PROJECT CLASSES**

### **Vegetable Plant**

Grand Champion	Rosette
First Place	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	Red Ribbon
Third Place	White Ribbon

### **Craft**

Grand Champion	Rosette
First Place	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	Red Ribbon
Third Place	White Ribbon

### **Dish Garden**

Grand Champion	Rosette
First Place	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	Red Ribbon
Third Place	White Ribbon

## **PEEWEEES OF SWFL TEAM COMPETITION – 100 Years of Fair Food**

1. Members will be divided into several teams dependent on membership totals.
2. Themes will be assigned to each team and projects will be displayed at the fair.
3. Teams will be judged on creativity and presentation.

## **PEEWEE YOUTH ROYALTY CROWNING**

Princess	2-4 years
Prince	2-4 years
Queen	5-7 years
King	5-7 years

1. Members names are drawn randomly. Required attire is long pants/jeans/skirt and PeeWee Club shirt.
2. To be eligible for the Royalty Crowning, the child must be a registered member in good standing of a PeeWee Club and must have attended 2/3 of the club meetings, unless otherwise excused by the leader.
3. Member must not have previously held the title.
4. Winner must be present or the title will be forfeited.