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2025 Southwest Florida Ag Expo achieves new milestones

Fort Myers, FL, March 24, 2025 – Lee County is pleased to announce new milestones at the 2025 Southwest Florida Ag Expo, including livestock auction success and attendance.

Attendance at the Ag Expo increased 6.71% from 80,852 attendees in 2024 to 86,277 in 2025.

More than \$665,890 was raised in animal auctions, including \$38,190 in the small animal auction, \$543,789 in the market auction and \$83,919 in add-ons. Add-ons allowed buyers to contribute additional funds beyond the purchase price of an animal, either by increasing their bid post-sale or by donating to support youth exhibitors without purchasing an animal outright.

This year's Ag Expo also featured strong numbers across multiple categories, including:

- 3,549 pounds of food donated to Harry Chapin Food Bank
- 771 Creative Living entries
- 618 livestock entries
- 47 midway rides
- 40 independent midway food vendors
- 33 entertainment acts

The 2025 event growth reflects increased community participation and engagement with the SWFL Ag Expo.

The Ag Expo took place in North Fort Myers at the Lee County Civic Center Complex from Feb. 27 through March 9, featuring promotional nights, live entertainment, midway rides, food and a variety of livestock events. The event celebrated the work and accomplishments of Southwest Florida youth active in 4-H, FFA and more while offering fun, food, rides for the entire community.

The next SWFL Ag Expo will take place from Feb. 26 through March 8, 2026. For updates visit the website at <https://www.swflagexpo.com/> or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/swflagexpo>.

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