




2018 Rules, Regulations and Entry Form for the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale

1. **Entry Form** and \$3.00, *non-refundable*, entry fee, per Rabbit entered, **MUST** be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1st, 2018 (*Must be postmarked by this date for acceptance*). When registering your animal(s), make sure you fill in the Entry Form **COMPLETELY** - (**CLASS #, BREED AND VARIETY MUST BE FILLED IN, OR YOUR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**).
ALL SIGNATURES ON ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ELIGIBILITY - NO COPIED SIGNATURES ALLOWED.
2. Exhibitors may show up to four (4) purebred rabbits and one (1) barn yard rabbit. A barn yard rabbit is any breed or age. You may only show one (1) rabbit in each class. Rabbits must be at least three (3) months of age as of **April 12, 2018**. No Rabbits may be bred while at Fair; expecting does are not allowed to show.
3. There must be at least three entries in a Class to qualify for competition.
4. **FAIR CHECK-IN:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Youth exhibitors registering Rabbits **MUST** be present for check-in. There will be a **MANDATORY Parent and Exhibitor Meeting** after the last animal has been checked in.
5. Once your animal(s) has been registered in a Class, there will be no Class changes allowed. Any changes to Entry Form **MUST** be approved by the HCFAYLC.
6. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Rabbit Showmanship will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Showmanship is MANDATORY for all exhibitors, except CLOVER BUDS, they are OPTIONAL.
7. **JUDGING:** Rabbit Judging will take place on Friday, April 13, 2018; all rabbits will be judged at their pens. All pens **MUST** be unsecured by 10:00 a.m. for the judge, if the pens are not unlocked they will not be judged for show.
8. **RABBIT PICK-UP:** Sunday, April 22, 2018 until 3:00 p.m.
9.  Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor will at the discretion of the Hernando County Fair Association, (HCFA), result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the animal/s and the exhibitor from the Fairgrounds - with the loss of awards, across the boards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege and across the board add-ons. Profanity at any event with the Fair will result in disqualification.
 - Unbecoming conduct with ANY individual associated with the exhibitor on the Fairgrounds will result in removal from the grounds.
10. The HCFAYLC would like to emphasize, general care, grooming, cleaning of stalls/pens, and feeding of animals. This will be the Responsibility of the Exhibitor, with assistance only from FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, Livestock Committee, Parent/Guardian, or fellow exhibitor. Care and Feeding includes providing feed and water.
 - **All Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitors - Feeding and cleaning from under pen should be done at least once a day, and MUST be completed by 9:00 p.m. each day or one (1) hour after shows.**
 - **There will be no feeding, watering, or bathing of animals during any livestock show.**
 - **Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.**
11. Exhibitors will be assigned stall/pen space by the HCFAYLC. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their area clean and neat during the Fair. The HCFAYLC will be using a Yellow and Red Tag Penalty System for making sure all animals are cared for and that the area in and around your stalls/pens are maintained. If a member of the HCFAYLC observes that your animal, or your stall/pen is being neglected you will receive a Yellow Tag, with the reason for it written on the tag. If the HCFAYLC notices your project/stall/pen is being neglected in any manner again, you will be given a Red Tag and fined \$50.00.
12. **EXHIBITOR AND PARKING PASSES:** Each exhibitor will receive an Armband. Should you lose your Armband, there will be a \$25.00 replacement fee. Exhibitors will be admitted through the **Livestock Gate** to feed and care for their animals. Each exhibitor will receive one (1) parking pass. **PARK IN DESIGNATED LIVESTOCK PARKING ONLY!**
13. **PARENT PASSES:** Each Family will receive two (2) parent Passes. *If you are in need of more passes, it is suggested that you purchase a Three, Six or Nine Day Fair Pass or a Fair Membership. Fair Passes and Fair Memberships can be purchased at the Fair Office. (Check with Fair Office for actual cutoff date of Membership Sales).*
14. Health Regulations are subject to the Florida Department of Agriculture regulations in effect at the time. The Fair Office will keep you informed of these regulations. No animal showing visible signs of illness or infestation will be accepted at the Fairgrounds. Any animal displaying warts, or mites at check in with not be permitted an entry (unless approved by a Veterinarian or designee), and will be refused entry into the fair Animals will be inspected, prior to unloading.
15. **DRESS CODE FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION:** All exhibitors, (Clover Buds included),

must wear dark black pants, **a solid white collared shirt**, and either dark black or dark brown boots. 4-H exhibitors must wear their 4-H green representation. FFA exhibitors must either wear a blue or black tie, or scarf and their FFA jacket (zipped). No hats or sneakers are permitted!

Exhibitors NOT in Official Dress will NOT be allowed to show, and the following penalties will be invoked:

- **Regular Rabbit or Poultry Exhibitors** - Up to \$50.00 in show premiums withheld.

16. Showmanship is **MANDATORY**. (Youth ages 5- 7, as of September 1, 2016, it is optional).

Exhibitors who do not participate in the Mandatory Showmanship will have the following penalties invoked:

- **Regular Rabbit or Poultry Exhibitors** - Up to \$50.00 in show premiums withheld.

17. Exhibitor assumes responsibility and liability in the event of loss, death or injury of his/her animal/s. The Hernando County Association is not responsible for the health or safety of any animal entered or exhibited.

18. In the event of government or HCFA imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibit or sale at The Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale, the HCFA accepts no responsibility for financial or other loss by the exhibitor that occurs as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains to the entire time period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the Fair and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.

19. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing to the Livestock Committee Chairman within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction along with a fine of \$50. The HCFAYLC and/or Fair Board may investigate possible infractions of rules at any time.

20. **THANK YOU LETTERS:** Should you win a Belt Buckle, you are required to write a **THANK YOU LETTER** to the Belt Buckle Sponsor. **Thank You Letters for Belt Buckles are due by Sunday, April 22, 2018 by 3:00 p.m. - All Thank You Letters must be handwritten by the exhibitor.**

21. **BELT BUCKLE THANK YOU APPLIES TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WINNING BELT BUCKLES.**

ALL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 by 3:00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS:

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten by exhibitor
- Proceed to **"Picture Table"**, and locate your Belt Buckle Sponsor Pictures.
- Take envelope provided by the HCFAYLC for mailing your Thank You Letters.
- Go to Barn Office and get your Belt Buckle Sponsor Addresses.
- Address envelope provided by HCFAYLC, and place a stamp on it - **DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPE**.
- Return to Barn Office, and turn in your Thank You Letter/s.

BRING YOUR OWN STAMP - STAMPS ARE NOT PROVIDED

22. Appropriate and proper handwritten thank you letters by the exhibitor for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office by 4:00 p.m., on May 25th, 2018. All thank you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope.

23. Exhibitors will be charged \$50.00 per buyer, add-on, and/or belt buckle for each appropriate thank you letter not received by the deadline. Youth are encouraged to turn letters in early so they can be reviewed, and replaced if necessary. If showing a "Regular" Rabbit or Poultry project and the deadline is missed, your premium money will be forfeited. All letters should have a greeting/salutation, body paragraph (age appropriate) and a closing/valediction.

24. The Fair Office will notify you once Sales Check and/or premium is ready for pickup.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____
By: _____
Payment: _____

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Status: _____



T-Shirt Size

Circle Appropriate Size

Child Small Adult Medium
Child Medium Adult Large
Child Large Adult X -Large
Adult Small Adult XX - Large

**2018 Rabbit Entry Form
Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale**

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Residential Address, if different: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ **Age of Sep. 1, 2017 - CIRCLE ONE: Clover Bud:(5-7) Junior (8 - 10) Intermediate: (11 - 13)Senior: (14-older)**

E-mail: _____

Mother's Name: _____ County of Residence _____

Contact #: _____ E-mail: _____

Father's Name: _____

Contact # _____ E-mail: _____

4-H or FFA Member: _____ Club/Chapter: _____ Leader/Advisor Name: _____

4-H Leader/FFA Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS/THESE ANIMAL/S IN THE HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. WE BOTH AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DECISIONS.

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Classes are:

- 1201 - Senior Buck - (over 6 months of age).
- 1202 - Junior Buck - (at least 3 months old & less than 6 months of age).
- 1203 - Senior Doe - (over 6 months of age).
- 1204 - Junior Doe - (at least 3 months old & less than 6 months of age).
- 1205 - Barn Yard - (Any age or Breed)

REMINDER: ONE (1) ENTRY PER CLASS

Ear Tag #	Class #	Breed & Variety

Return Two Page Entry Form, and \$3.00 per Rabbit Entry, to the Fair Office at:

Hernando County Fairgrounds - P.O. Box 10456 - Brooksville, FL 34603

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