


Pen of Meat



2018 Rules and Regulations for the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show and Sale

1. This project competition is only open to those exhibitors **NOT** showing a swine or steer project at the 2018 Hernando County Fair. **PEN OF MEAT POULTRY ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING, MONDAY OCT. 16th, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.** A \$20.00 non-refundable entry fee for each Pen of Meat exhibitor is required. Entry Form and \$20.00 entry fee must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday; December 14th, 2017 (Must be postmarked by this date for acceptance). **There is a limit of only 10 entries allowed for this project. ALL SIGNATURES ON ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ELIGIBILITY – NO COPIED SIGNATURES ALLOWED.**
2. **Poultry Pen of Meat consists of three chickens of the same breed and variety.** Recommended weight at fair check-in; no less than three (3) pounds, and no more than six (6) pounds. **Note: if you leave feed in your chickens' pen 24 hours a day, your chickens, may exceed the recommended weight.**
3. **Exhibitors will receive six (6) chicks – (Only chicks provided to you from the Hernando County Fair Association may be entered).** If you would like more than the six chicks provided to you, you must advise the Fair Office of this on your Entry Form. You will be responsible for the costs associated with these additional chicks. Pick-up date will be on February 15th, 2018 at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office. You must take possession of the chicks on the date notified, or entry will be eliminated.
4. **CHECK-IN:** April 12, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. bring your three (3) best birds with you to the fairgrounds, as there will be no back up or substitution birds allowed. Chicken weights will be certified. Exhibitors registering animals **MUST** be present at check-in. all animals will be inspected: No sick, diseases, or animals with mites will be accepted.
USE APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS FOR TRANSPORTING CHICKENS
5. **MANDATORY MEETING:** April 12, 2018 with Exhibitors and Parents, as soon as last animal has been checked in.
6. Exhibitors may not compete against themselves. (Only one entry per exhibitor/club/chapter).
7. 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 of animals should be done at least once a day, and **MUST** be completed by 9:00 p.m. each day or one (1) hour after a show.
 - There will be no feeding, watering, or bathing of animals during any livestock show.
 - Due to market projects, You have to clean pens daily
 - Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.
8. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Poultry Showmanship will be held on April 14, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Showmanship is MANDATORY for all exhibitors except CLOVER BUDS (it is optional). **Exhibitors who do not participate in the Mandatory Showmanship will have the following penalties invoked: Market Animals-** Animals will be sold at Buyback price.
9. **JUDGING:** Poultry judging will take place on April 14, 2018 all chickens will be judged in their pens. All pens must be unlocked by 10:00 a.m. that morning.
10. **PEN OF MEAT POULTRY EXHIBITOR AWARDS AND AUCTIONS:** Exhibitor awards will begin on Wednesday April 18th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Buyer's dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. **Exhibitors MUST provide an appropriate container for transportation of chickens from fair to buyer**
 - Each exhibitor is asked to bring a dessert for the Buyer's dinner on April 18, 2018. Desserts can be dropped off in the auditorium starting at 10:00 a.m.

11.  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, 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.**
12. Thank you Letters for Buyers and/or Belt Buckles are due on Sunday, April 22, 2018 by 3:00 p.m. – All Thank you Letters must be handwritten in pen (cloverbud can use pencil) by the exhibitor. Reminder: 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.
13. The HCFAYLC sponsors a Herdsman Award
14. **BELT BUCKLE THANK YOU APPLIES TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WINNING BELT BUCKLES.**



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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYER'S AND/OR BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS:

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen (cloverbud can do pencil) by the exhibitor.
- Proceed to **"Picture Table"**, and locate your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle Sponsor Pictures.
- Take envelope provided by the HCFAYLC for mailing your Thank You Letters.
- Go to Barn Office and get your Buyer's and/or Belt Buckle Sponsor Addresses.
- Address envelope provided by HCFAYLC, and place a stamp on it - **DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPE.**
- Turn in your Thank You Letter/s. **BRING YOUR OWN STAMP - STAMPS ARE NOT PROVIDED**



15. Exhibitors Add-on list will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, May 7, 2018** by 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
16. Appropriate and proper **handwritten in pen (cloverbud can do pencil) by the exhibitor** thank you letters for all add-ons must be turned in to the Fair Office by 6:00 p.m., **on May 25, 2018**. All thank you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope.
17. 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.**
18. Exhibitors that want to show at the Hernando County from other counties must submit a letter **(two weeks prior to deadline)** to the HCFAYLC, expressing their reason for wanting to show in Hernando and not their County of residence. Approval may be allowed, after the HCFAYLC has contacted the County in which they reside, and verified the reasons to be true and justified. **(Letters that have been sent in, in the past are no longer accepted. Please resend a letter in if you have previously done this in the past.)**
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. Exhibitors will be assigned stall/pen space by the HCFAYLC. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping there are 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 (which is a warning), 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.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____

By: _____

Payment: _____

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Status: _____



**2018 Pen of Meat Poultry 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 as of September 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: _____

Agent signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt Size

Circle Appropriate Size

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

Additional Chicks, if so, how many? _____ - Six chicks provided.

Additional chicks are \$ _____ each only up to (14 chicks, if none write 0)

Return Entry Form, and \$20.00 Entry Fee, to the Fair Office at:

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

Entries MUST be received by 4:00 p.m. December 14, 2017, or postmarked by this date, for acceptance.