

Pen of Meat



2020 Rules and Regulations for the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show and Sale

Sponsored by: Hernando County Fair Association

Entry Deadline: Monday, October 21st, 2019. Sign-in 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Limited to 10 lottery entries)

Mandatory Meeting/Pick-up: Monday, October 21st, 2019 meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Fairground. Pick up will be after the meeting.

- Information and your chicks will be issued this day

Fair Arrival: Thursday, April 2nd, 2020, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Judging: Sunday, April 5th, 2020, Show 2:00 p.m. and Showmanship at 5:00 pm

Sale: Wednesday, April 8th, 2020, starting at 6:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$25 (includes 6 chicks only. You MUST have a brooder setup and ready to go before you receive the chicks.)


Removal: Wednesday, April 8th, 2020, after the sale. For more info, talk with Livestock Committee after Sale.

Rules and Regulations

1. This project competition is only open to those exhibitors **NOT** showing a swine or steer project at the 2019 Hernando County Fair.
2. 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.
 - Approval covers continuous showing years. If you have not shown within Hernando County in the previous year, you must submit another letter to be approved. Approved letters will last until after your final year providing you show continuously within Hernando County.
3. **Poultry Pen of Meat consists of three chickens of the same breed and variety.** Recommended weight at fair check-in; 6 to 8 pounds. **Note: if you leave feed in your chickens' pen 24 hours a day, your chickens, may exceed the recommended weight.**
4. **Exhibitors will receive six (6) chicks – (Only chicks provided to you from the Hernando County Fair Association may be entered).** Pick-up date will be on October 21st, 2019 at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. after the mandatory meeting. You must take possession of the chicks on the date notified, or entry will be eliminated.
5. **CHECK-IN:** April 2nd, 2020 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

- **MANDATORY MEETING:** April 2nd, 2020 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** 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.
 - These are market projects, you have to clean pens daily.
 - Additional care may be provided, at the discretion of the HCFAYLC.
 - Failure to clean pens after removal will result in a \$25.00 FINE.
 8. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Poultry Showmanship will be held on April 5th, 2020, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Showmanship is MANDATORY for all exhibitors except CLOVER BUDS (it is optional). If cloverbuds choose to participate the showmanship will start at 5:00 p.m. **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 5th, 2020 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 AUCTION:** Exhibitor awards will begin on Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 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 one dessert; Two or more exhibitors are asked to bring one dessert per family. *Dessert drop off time will be after 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium.*
 - Buyers gifts are highly recommended for your projects. These gifts do not have to be expensive it's the thought that counts. Examples: Plants, BBQ supplies, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets of anything you feel your buyer will love.
 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 of that person/persons from the grounds.**
 12. Thank you Letters for Buyers and/or Belt Buckles are due on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 between 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 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 LETTERS APPLIES TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WINNING BELT**

BUCKLES.

All Thank You letters for Belt Buckle Sponsors and Buyers are due Tuesday April 14th, 2020 between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Letters **MUST** be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor.
 - Use a 5"x7" envelope for the pictures provided by HCFAYLC.
 - 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 **Monday, May 4th, 2020** between **7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** or **Tuesday, May 5th, 2020** from **2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- Should the Fair Office receive any Add-on's for an exhibitor, after they have picked up their Add-on List, then the exhibitor will be contacted. Thank You letters for this add-on must be turned in before sales checks are received.
16. Appropriate and proper (**handwritten in pen by the exhibitor**) thank you letters for all **add-ons** must be turned in to the Fair Office either on **May 11th, 2020** from **7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** or the last day **May 12th, 2020** from **2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** All thank-you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, and addressed envelope.
17. 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. No protest will be accepted after an award is given.
18. 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 (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: _____



**2020 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, 2019 - 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