

YOUTH STEER FUTURITY

February 13-16, 2012

Entry Deadline.....June 21, 2011

Grace Period (double entry fee).....June 28, 2011

Calf Sale/SeminarsAugust 13, 2011
Registration 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Seminar..... Starting at 8:30 a.m. all other information will be mailed after entries are received

Producer Thank you LetterSeptember 1, 2011

Scholarship Application Deadline.....December 2, 2011

Chapter Designated Student/Students Birth date to Livestock Office January 11, 2012

Arrival at Fair/Check-In steers** February 13, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

** All Record Books/Pre-Fair Talks ** Sign up for Talks/Demos.

** Educational Posters turned in

Parent/Exhibitor MeetingFebruary 13, 8 p.m.

Ultrasound of the steers.....February 14, 8 a.m.

Illustrated Talks/Demonstrations February 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

.....Continued on February 15, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. if needed

Showmanship ContestFebruary 15, 10 a.m.

Show.....February 15, 7 p.m.

Record Book Skills Test/SkilathonFebruary 16, 10 a.m.

Awards Dinner February 16, 6:30 p.m.

Exhibitors Released of ResponsibilityFebruary 16, 9 p.m.

Sponsor Thank you letterJune 30, 2012

SPECIAL NOTE: INDIVIDUALS MAY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF 2 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS AT THE 2012 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

Intent and Purpose:

This program has been designed by the Florida State Fair Authority and Youth Steer Committee to accomplish the following goals:

- To provide a supply of top quality Florida feeder calves to 4-H and FFA youngsters at a reasonable price based on current market conditions thus affording students the opportunity for a profitable steer project. Only steers purchased at the Florida State Fair Futurity Calf Sale will be eligible for entry in this show.
- To provide competitive events where 4-H and FFA projects help showcase Florida's Livestock Industry. Where emphasis is placed on the educational aspects of the program with premiums being paid for all competitions relating to the animal and individual exhibitor's participation.
- To provide educational seminars and/or materials in cooperation with the University of Florida on all aspects of selection, feeding, record keeping, showmanship, etc.
- To provide carcass data to the participating Florida producers in an effort to assist them with their breeding programs.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FLORIDA STATE FAIR YOUTH STEER FUTURITY

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

LIMITED ENTRIES

In order to maintain the quality of the show, the Fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 75. Entries will be accepted by postmark and order received into the Florida State Fair office.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Only bona fide 4-H and FFA members in Florida are eligible to enter.

Steer Exhibitors -

MUST BE 11 YEARS OLD ON OR

BEFORE CALF SALE DATE. (August 13, 2011)

2. All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H Club Program or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida. Anyone having currently graduated from or dropped out of high school or currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class, but not attending class, shall be **ineligible** to enter or show. Both FFA Chapter and 4-H Club entries will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local & state organizations.

CHAPTERS/CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: Chapters/Clubs must designate 1 student that will enter and compete in all events. That student will be the representative for the Show, Skilathon, Record Book Skills Test, Showmanship, and all other competitions.

The age of the student will determine the division of their competition (Intermediate or Senior). Chapter must designate student by January 11, 2012 (hand delivered, or postmarked - Metered Mail will not be considered as a valid or legitimate postmark). **If name is not received by January 11, 2011 the STEER will be allowed to show & compete for Animal Premiums ONLY. The Chapter/Club appointed exhibitor will not qualify for Achievement Premiums or participation in the Champion of Champion program. All Chapters or Clubs must have Federal ID number to enter.**

Check our website for appropriate form.

3. Exhibitor must show as a member of the same organization they entered under and is a member of.

4. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.

5. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

ENTRY

1. All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before June 21, 2010. A \$100 entry fee must be included with entry application. \$15 of this money will be retained by the Fair as an entry fee. The remaining \$85 will be considered as a down payment on the steer that will be selected at the calf sale. Entries postmarked between June 22nd and June 28th will be charged double (\$200) late entry fee, (\$30 will be considered late entry fee and \$170 will be considered down payment on steer that will be purchased at the calf sale).

2. Hand delivered entries will be accepted in the Agribusiness Office up to office closing at 5:00 p.m. on day of deadline.

3. Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will NOT be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

4. The entire amount is non-refundable if a calf is not purchased.

5. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED TO QUALIFY FOR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS.

6. The Steer must be fed and cared for by the Exhibitor upon the home place or farm of the Exhibitor or the Land Lab for Chapter animals. In such case where the animal can not be fed and cared for at the Exhibitors home place or the Land Lab for Chapter animals, a letter requesting permission to house and care for the animal elsewhere in the State of Florida must be attached to the entry. Failure to notify the Florida State Fair Livestock office when such a case exists, on or before entry deadline, will disqualify the animal from showing at the 2012 Florida State Fair. The location then must be approved by the appropriate committee.

7. Entry will be verified and acknowledgments sent to the Exhibitor by July 5, 2011.

8. Grooming Chute Space: There will be a \$25.00 fee for each grooming chute space. All grooming chutes must have a Florida State Fair permit which must be obtained with entry fee. Grooming chutes must be confined to areas designated by superintendent.

AGE CATEGORIES

Age categories will be divided as follows:

Intermediate Division	ages 11-13 as of September 1, 2011
Senior Division	ages 14 & over as of September 1, 2011

RESTRICTION OF ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, groom, fit and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

2. Parents, other adults or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in grooming, fitting or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

3. All grooming & fitting will be done in a designated area under the supervision of the Steer Committee.
4. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.
5. Violations can result in the disqualification of the steer/exhibitor. All premiums, Achievement premiums, etc. will be forfeited.

HEALTH RULES

1. All health rules as outlined by the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry and each specific department must be strictly adhered to. (See below)
2. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry.
3. Certified state veterinarians will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers.
4. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the veterinarian on duty.
5. All animals must be treated in a humane way.

RULES FOR EXHIBITION

As required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and consumer Services

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

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For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Accredited Veterinarian. A veterinarian licensed in the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative-state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) § 161 (2005).

(2) Animal(s). This term shall include:

- (a) Livestock including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hoofed animals;
- (b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;
- (c) Poultry or Domestic fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes; and
- (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of Florida.

(3) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(4) Commercial Production Swine. Swine that have been subjected to and found negative on an annual brucellosis and pseudorabies test and have been continuously managed with adequate facilities and practices to prevent exposure to either transitional or feral swine and so recognized by state animal health officials.

(5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

(6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra or other equidae.

(7) Isolation. Separation of individual animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one animal does not

have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another animal.

(8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals that all go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

(9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form from the state of origin or from the USDA, or a Department-approved electronic format, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the state of origin for the purpose of certifying the official individual identification, test requirements, and health status of specific animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.

(10) Official Individual Identification. A form of unique individual animal identification including, but not limited to:

(a) Official Eartags. Must be tamper-resistant/tamper evident, approved by APHIS, capable of providing a unique identification number for each animal, and capable of being recorded in a central repository. Such eartags must conform to one of the numbering or tagging systems approved by the USDA, APHIS, VS in 9 C.F.R. § 71.1.

(b) Ear, tail-web or flank tattoos, approved by APHIS; breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers; or an official brand when accompanied by a brand registration certificate;

(c) Official leg or wing bands for poultry;

(d) Color digital images or notarized color photographs of the animal, signed by a state-licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian; or

(e) Implanted electronic chips with a unique number that is recorded in a single, central database.

(11) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(12) Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites (limited to ostriches, emus and rheas) and waterfowl that are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes.

(13) Segregated. To maintain a group of animals separate from another group of animals in such a manner as to prevent physical contact between animals of the two groups.

(14) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. § 71.1 (2005) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. History—New 1-19-95, Last Amended 6-21-06.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days, except that, for equine imported into Florida using a current Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entered in market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required official individual identification of the animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(5) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.

(6) Forms. Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800.

History–New 6-21-06.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.

(b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis.

1. Florida-origin cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test.

2. Imported dairy cattle may be entered for exhibition provided they have a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition; except that, dairy cattle from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds originating in Tuberculosis-Free States, are exempt from this test requirement.

3. Imported beef cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test provided they originate from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States or Herds. Otherwise, they must meet the requirements in subparagraph 5C-4.002(2)(a)2., F.A.C.

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers; and

b. Cattle or bison originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or a Brucellosis Class Free State or Area which when certified, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test; and

c. Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A State or Area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

History–Last Amended 6-21-06.

GENERAL

1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.

2. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds (Cattle - barns and judging area) and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.

3. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.

4. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE BARN!!!!!!

5. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns and livestock area.

6. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.

7. Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture.

8. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as published in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

9. Neck rope must be used upon arrival/unloading.

10. Each Exhibitor will be required to wear a wrist band for the duration of the Steer Show.

11. Use of nose leads, rings, or "jim-bob" type halters is prohibited.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibitor or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

1. Educational seminars coordinated by the University of Florida will be held on August 13, 2011 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Florida State Fairgrounds. The seminars will address a variety of topics to assist students with their steer project.

2. All entered students will be required to attend these seminars in order to be eligible to participate in the Futurity Calf Sale.

3. Attendance exemptions will only be considered upon receipt of a letter stating reason for exemption and must be signed by the exhibitor, parent and Ag Teacher or 4-H Agent. Letter must be received at least 1 week prior to Calf Sale to be considered.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2012 Florida State Fair.

- All requirements for certification will be distributed to exhibitors at the August 13, 2011 calf sale.

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

FUTURITY CALF SALE

1. All calves will be provided by Florida cattle producers. Calves will weigh a minimum of 500 pounds.

2. Each Exhibitor may purchase and show only one steer.

3. Steers will be allotted on a combined basis of preference and random drawing order.

4. Exhibitor will be required to sign an agreement not to show and sell the steer purchased for the Futurity at any other terminal show other than the Florida State Fair Youth Steer Futurity.

5. Steers will be weighed, tagged, tattooed, and photographed for official entry into the Florida State Fair Youth Steer Futurity.

6. All steers must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after the calf sale.

7. A COPY of the thank-you letter to the producer of the steer you purchase at the calf sale is required to be mailed to the Florida State Fair by September 1, 2011. Exhibitors will receive 20 points toward Achievement Premium Points if letter is received by the deadline. Exhibitor may still receive 10 points if received before December 1, 2011.

STEER QUALIFICATIONS

1. At the time of check-in on February 13, 2012, there will be a minimum weight of 950 pounds for all steers.

2. In addition to weighing 950 pounds, each steer must have gained an average of at least 1.75 pounds per day, from time of first weigh-in (August 13, 2011) to final weigh-in (February 13, 2012).

For Record Book purposes please use 183 days.

SHOW RING PREPARATION/CLIPPING

1. WE NO LONGER REQUIRE CLOSE CLIPPING

2. No Clipping of Steers will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

3. The following show ring preparation policy is being implemented for the Show and Showmanship: **NO GROOMING MATERIAL IS ALLOWED ON THE ANIMAL.** All animals must be washed clean and dried without the use of ANY grooming material/aids (BLOW & GO). The use of brush and/or scotch comb is encouraged. Animals will be checked in the staging area. **Animals that fail the check will be refused entry into the show ring**

ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN

1. Steers will be received from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. ONLY February 13, 2012.

2. All steers must enter by the Red Gate at the Orient Road entrance, and park in the designated parking lot. Vehicles parked in non-designated areas will be towed away at the owner's expense.

3. All trailers may be parked in a remote location adjacent to or near the Fairgrounds.

4. Any animals arriving late due to an emergency must call the Agribusiness Office at (813) 621-7821.

5. Exhibitors must bring their animal through the weigh-in to qualify for Achievement Contests.

6. **Any steer that cannot be handled/managed safely by the Exhibitor, at arrival, will have the opportunity to have the steer placed in a holding pen. The steer may stay in the pen for up to 1 hour at which time a sub committee of three members of the Steer Committee will determine if the steer will be disqualified. Once a steer has been removed from the Fairgrounds it cannot return to the Fairgrounds.**

7. All steers will be examined (using Ultra Sound) by a committee from the University of Florida IFAS in an effort to estimate fat thickness over the rib eye. The committee will utilize an electronic device for this purpose. Results of this examination will be made available to Show Officials and Exhibitors.

8. Livestock Owners Certificate signed by owner (exhibitor) must be submitted at check-in. The appropriate form will be mailed with the January letter to exhibitors.

9. All exhibitors must turn in their Record Books, Educational Posters, Pre-Fair Talks, change times for Talks/Demos and sign up for showmanship at the check in booth located in the Charlie Lykes Arena during the designated check in times.

10. There will be a meeting for parents and exhibitors at 8:00 p.m. on February 13, in the Horse Pavilion.

TICKETS

1. Admission tickets can be picked up at the Vet Trailer upon arrival at the Fair.

2. Each steer exhibitor will receive one (4 day) parking pass (admits vehicle) and twelve (12) daily admission passes. Exceptions will be made when more than one (1) exhibitor is from the same family.

The second exhibitor from the same family will be issued four (4) daily admission passes. The third exhibitor will be issued one (4 day) parking pass and four (4) daily admission passes.

PLEASE NOTE: All passes are single day passes. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the Fair. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.

3. Additional tickets will be for sale at the gate.

4. Each passenger must have an admission pass.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND LIVESTOCK ETHICS PROGRAM

The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair and/or on carcasses.

2. All animals are subject to testing at anytime:

A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.

B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. Exhibitor's signature on the Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics (see page 12). Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs.

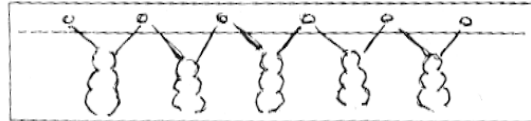
4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair, will be construed as tampering. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the Florida State Fair.

5. The presence of any drug, antibiotic or biological residue in the animal at slaughter will result in the condemnation of the carcass and forfeiture of all sale proceeds and premiums. Exhibitor will also be liable for any charges incurred by the Florida State Fair due to contaminated animal.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

TIE PROCEDURE

1. All steers must be double-tied with both halter lead and neck rope. The proper procedure for this is:



Each steer is tied with a rope attached to the halter in addition to a neck rope. Steers will be tied between two rings on no more than 18 inches of rope.

FEEDING AND BEDDING

1. All steers will be bedded on sawdust/shavings only. No bedding hay allowed.

2. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor.

3. Two designated feeding times have been established, before 9:30 a.m. and between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

4. All exhibitors of livestock will be required to maintain their exhibit space in a clean, sanitary condition by removal of any filth and/or litter, and placement in designated pickup areas. The sanitation department of the Fair will remove refuse from designated pick-up areas only.

5. No bed dividers/panels are allowed in the steer beds.

ATTIRE

1. For showmanship and show all exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue or black jeans or slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended.

2. No caps or hats.

3. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

JUDGING/SHOW

1. The Youth Steer Show will be judged at 7:00 p.m., February 15, 2012.

2. Classes will be divided by weight at the discretion of the Steer Committee with premiums paid in all classes.

3. Judging will be done by a committee of three judges.

4. Exhibitors that are not in control of their steers may be removed from the show & will receive last place in the class.

5. All show halters must have at least 3 feet lead rope.

6. All first & second place steers must be ready to come back into the ring by the end of the last class.

7. All information will be available to the judges and the audience during the show. Please Note: Judges will only have animal data as identified by back tag/ear tag numbers. They will not have exhibitors' or producers' names.

8. The judging objective will be to rank steers with consideration of values to all facets of the industry. The steers should exhibit: A) acceptable muscling, B) sufficient but not excessive-outside fat covering, C) yield a carcass weight of 575-825 pounds and, D) have a balance of carcass quality and cut ability desired by the retail industry.

9. Steers will be weighed and have ultrasound reading for outside fat thickness and rib eye area at weigh-in just prior to the show.

10. Three judges (from three different industry segments) will evaluate the live cattle using all information available on the steers.

A. Consideration will be given to conformation compatible with all facets of the industry.

B. Potential carcass merits using accepted evaluation standards.

C. Extremes in (a) body type, (b) muscle expression, (c) unsoundness of skeletal structure and (d) temperament.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes which may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a "Protest") on a form (the "Protest Form") which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form, and shall be accompanied by payment of \$50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and a nullity, and in such event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur ("a "Late Submittal"), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any

event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor's animal in order to be considered.

2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor's guardian or parent), and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted, and make available a copy of the written Protest to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department, and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submittal, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.

5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

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for providing the vaccines for the Calf Sale*

ANIMAL PREMIUMS

Grand Champion of the Show	\$300
Reserve Champion of the Show	\$200
1st Place Winner in each class	\$150
2nd Place Winner in each class	\$120
3rd Place Winner in each class	\$115
4th Place Winner in each class	\$110
5th Place Winner in each class	\$105
6th Place Winner in each class	\$100
7th Place Winner in each class	\$95
8th Place winner in each class	\$90
9th Place Winner in each class	\$85
10th & All Others in each class	\$80

**** Exhibitors must be present at Awards Dinner on Thursday, February 16th, to qualify for premium checks. Any exceptions must be in writing, presented to the Agribusiness Office, and approved by the Steer Committee before the Dinner.**

CHAMPION PRODUCER AWARDS

The producer of the Grand Champion Steer & Reserve Champion Steer will be presented a plaque.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM OPPORTUNITY!!

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. **PLEASE NOTE:** Some areas of participation are mandatory and some are optional.

- All points will be totaled and exhibitors will be ranked in order of points totals.
- Available achievement premium dollars will be allocated on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total achievement premium dollars - thus determining a dollar value per point).

Please Note: Only Senior exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the Champion of Champions contest. Intermediate exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skilathon and Record Book Skills Test that are designated for their age level.

STEER POINT SYSTEM

Entry correct & complete	0 - 10 points
Attend Seminar	0 - 30 points
Producer Thank You letter	0 - 20 points
Pre-Fair Talks (up to 2 talks @ 30 points each) OR	

Program Promotion (up to 2 recruits@30 points each) (may do 1 of each).....	0- 60 points
Educational Poster.....	0 - 30 points
Record Book - Mandatory	0 - 100 points
Record Books Skills Test - Mandatory	0 - 100 points
Skilathon - Mandatory	0 - 100 points
Herdsmen	0 - 100 points
Showmanship (Int. & Sr.).....	0 - 100 points
Blue	80 points
Red	70 points
White	60 points
1 st	20 points
2 nd	15 points
3 rd	10 points
4 th	5 points
Illustrated Talk or Demonstration	0 - 100 points
750 TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	

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ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2012 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap they will be provided with the names and addresses of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a Thank You letter to each sponsor.
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair. Checks for Achievement Premiums will be issued when a copy of the Thank You letters to the sponsors has been received. Achievement Premium checks will be voided as of July 1, 2011 if copies of the Thank you letters have not been received.

**ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS –
POINT CATEGORIES**

PRE-FAIR TALKS

(Alternative to Program Promotion)

1. All exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by presenting educational talks on their steer project prior to the Fair.
2. Exhibitors can present up to 2 pre-fair talks (at 30 points each), for a maximum of 60 points.
3. One (1) talk can be to any organized group. (Including: 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, etc.)
4. The other talk must be to an adult, non-agricultural related audience.

- Exhibitors must submit a letter from the organization (on their letterhead) indicating that the exhibitor did make a presentation, the date, and the number of people in attendance.
- Exhibitors must also attach a written copy of the script for their talk. The script will be worth up to ½ the points.
- All letters & scripts must be submitted at check-in at the Fair.

PROGRAM PROMOTION

(Alternative to Pre-Fair Talks)

- All Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by recruiting new steer exhibitors.
- 30 points can be earned by recruiting each new exhibitor. A maximum of 60 points can be earned by recruiting 2 new exhibitors.
- To receive points, recruitment must be indicated on both new exhibitor and returning exhibitor entry form.
- Recruited new exhibitors must complete project from purchasing a steer at the calf sale to returning to the Fair with a qualified steer.

RECORD BOOKS - MANDATORY

- A Record Book is available on the website, at the seminar or upon request.
- Exhibitors must present their record book at check-in. The completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H Club Leader or Agriculture Teacher.
- All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 - 100 and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.
- This Record Book is mandatory. Exhibitors that do not complete the record book will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.
- Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST - MANDATORY

- A Record Book Skills Test will be given on Thursday, February 16th, at 10:00 a.m.
- This test is mandatory. Exhibitors that do not take the test will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.
- It is advised that exhibitors bring a small calculator to use.
- The test will cover all aspects of record keeping. Intermediate exhibitors will only answer the first 20 questions. Seniors will answer all 30 questions.

SKILATHON - MANDATORY

- A Skilathon will be held in conjunction with the Record Book Skills Test.
- The Skilathon is mandatory. Exhibitors that do not participate in the Skilathon will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.
- The Skilathon is a series of "hands on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.
- Students will be provided with study guides on information to be covered in the Skilathon.
- Intermediate exhibitors will only participate in the Junior and Intermediate level skills. Seniors will participate in all levels of Skilathon.

EDUCATIONAL POSTER – Optional

Educational Poster may earn 30 points maximum.

- Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.
- The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.
- Posters must be turned in during designated arrival/check-in.
- Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. Requirements:

- All posters must relate to the 2012 Skilathon topic of Reproduction. This does not include showmanship.
- Posters must be done on a 22" X 28" poster board or a 20" x 30" foam board. Do not cut corners off posters.
- Poster must have a Title.
- Poster must have your name on the back.
- If poster is a game/activity it must have instructions and an answer key.
- If other resources (such as journals, web sites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.

6. Judging rubric will be used and posted on our website.

The areas judged will be:

Required Elements	5 points
Labeling	5 points
Content/ Accuracy	5 points
Attractiveness	5 points
Grammar/spelling	5 points
Effort	5 points

Possible 30 points

7. Posters will be disqualified for:

- incorrect poster size
- Not on current year Skilathon topic
- Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook)

PLEASE NOTE: This poster cannot be used for the Ask Me Talk, it cannot be used for more than 1 year and it cannot contain copyright items (cartoons, logos) or brand names.

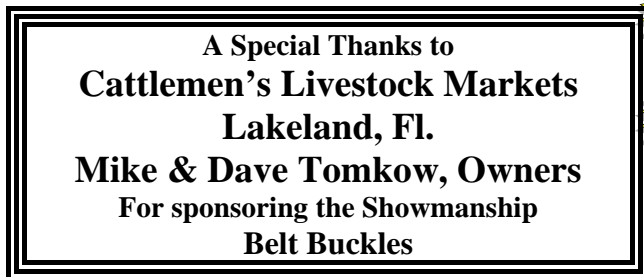
HERDSMAN COMPETITION

- Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by participation in the Herdsman Contest.
- Animals will be tied into the barn in ear tag order.
- All exhibitors will receive actual points from 0 - 100. Judging will be done on an individual basis.
- Exhibitors will be given 2 warnings if their area is not kept clean. After that a "Red Tag" will be issued and 25 points will be deducted from their Achievement Premium points (for a maximum of 2 deductions).
- Committee members will be appointed to monitor the area and the Herdsman points will be determined by a compilation of their scoring.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by participating in the Showmanship Contest.
- The Showmanship Contest will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, at 9 a.m. This event is optional but all exhibitors are encouraged to enter.

3. Exhibitors must sign-up for the Showmanship Contest at check-in.
4. In order to be eligible to enter the Showmanship contest, all exhibitors must adhere to the Attire Statement. See page 6.
5. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
6. There will be 2 age categories based on age as of September 1, 2011:
Intermediate - ages 11 - 13
Senior - ages 14 and over
7. Exhibitors will be judged on the Danish system for Blue, Red and White awards and will be ranked 1st thru 4th place.
8. Belt Buckles will be awarded to first place winners in both Senior and Intermediate Divisions.



ILLUSTRATED TALKS OR DEMONSTRATION

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium Points by presenting an Illustrated Talk or doing a Demonstration.
2. Exhibitors must sign up for a time slot during the designated Arrival/Check in times. If a time conflict arises, exhibitor or parent must contact the Talks/Demo judge, in designated presentation area, to reschedule time.
3. Individual or Team Talks/Demonstrations will be accepted. A team consists of 2 people.
4. PLEASE NOTE: Topic of demonstration or Illustrated Talk must relate to the Skilathon topic of Reproduction as related to steers. This does not include knot tying and showmanship.
5. Talks/Demonstrations must be between 5 and 10 minutes long.
6. NO POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.
7. Talks/Demonstrations will be presented on February 14th and 15th.
8. Scoring will be on the following basis:

Appearance/Poise/Voice/Grammar	20 points
Organization & Presentation	30 points
Subject Matter	50 points
TOTAL POSSIBLE	100 POINTS
- PLEASE NOTE: The poster from "Educational Poster Contest" cannot be used for Talks/Demos.
9. Live animals cannot be used for Talks/Demos.

AWARDS DINNER

1. An Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Horse Pavilion.
2. Exhibitors must be present at Awards Dinner to qualify for premium checks. Any exceptions must be in writing, presented to the Agribusiness Office, and approved by the Steer Committee before the Dinner.
3. Each exhibitor will receive one (1) complimentary ticket.

4. Additional tickets for parents, teachers, etc. can be reserved by including \$10.00 per ticket with entry form.

RELEASE

1. All exhibitors must continue feeding and caring for their animal until the official release time at 9 p.m. on February 16th.
2. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his steer until animal is loaded on truck at 9:00 p.m.
3. Each exhibitor's steer must be left tied until release time with at least 1/2-inch rope halter. A \$25.00 deduction will be made from the premiums of any steer found loose after release time.
4. All tack must be removed from the steer barn area by 5:30 pm on the night of load out, Thursday, February 16th.
5. Removal of any animals or exhibits prior to this designated release time will cause forfeit of all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the Fair.
6. Exhibitors are not allowed to remove steer's ear tag.

DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS:

1. The Youth Steer Committee will seek bids to purchase the steers in order to receive the highest possible price. All steers will go to the buyer.
2. Exhibitors will be paid the actual carcass value of their steer.
3. The Fair will issue two supplement payments to exhibitors:
 - A. 33 cents/ hanging carcass weight per pound.
 - B. 33 cents/hanging carcass weight per pound up to \$250.00
 Steer hanging carcass weight is figured at 62% of live weight.
4. Checks for payment of animal carcass will be mailed with Achievement Premiums.

GAIN IN WEIGHT

1. Due to the mandatory weigh-in, all exhibitors will automatically compete in this division. Beginning weight will be the sale weight on August 13, 2011.
2. Average weight will be calculated on 183 daily gain time.
3. Final weight used will be that recorded at time steer is weighed into the show.
4. The highest average gain per day during the feeding period will determine the winners.

GAIN IN WEIGHT PREMIUMS

Premiums:

1st place \$125.00 & Award	6th place \$100.00
2nd place \$120.00	7th place \$ 95.00
3rd place \$115.00	8th place \$ 90.00
4th place \$110.00	9th place \$ 85.00
5th place \$105.00	10th place \$ 80.00

ULTRASOUND GRADE AND YIELD CONTEST

The Florida State Fair reserves the right to base contest on Ultra sound results.

The 56th Annual Ultra Sound Grade and Yield Contest will be held in conjunction with the Florida State Fair. We feel that this contest, emphasizing the end product of the beef industry, and provides a valuable educational complement to the Florida State Fair Youth Steer Futurity held during the Fair. At weigh in for the show, all steers will be ultrasounded

by a certified technician and the images interpreted for ribeye area, fat thickness and marbling score. Assuming that the dressing percentage of show steers is 62% and the kidney, pelvic and heart fat is 2.5% of the hot carcass weight, the ultrasound images will be used to determine the quality and yield grades of each carcass. Following the images interpretation, a comprehensive report is prepared. Among the major topic headings are: Maturity Groups, Degree of Marbling, USDA Carcass Grade, Hot Carcass Weight, Rib Eye Area, Fat over Eye, Percentage of Kidney and Pelvic Fat, and USDA Yield Grade.

1. Eligibility - All steers in the Florida State Fair - Youth Steer Show are eligible for competition in the Florida State Fair Ultra Sound Grade and Yield Contest.
2. Premiums - All premium monies in the Contest will be paid to the exhibitor of the steer.
3. Judging - The relative industry value of quality grade, yield grade and weight will be used to determine placing. The relative value will be based on the USDA Premiums and Discounts chart published the week of the show.
4. The decision of the judges shall be final.

ULTRA SOUND GRADE AND YIELD PREMIUMS

Gr. Champ.	\$125.00	6th Place	\$100.00
Res. Champ.	\$120.00	7th Place	\$ 95.00
3rd Place	\$115.00	8th Place	\$ 90.00
4th Place	\$110.00	9th Place	\$ 85.00
5th Place	\$105.00	10th Place	\$ 80.00

** These awards are for overall contest winners (not class winners).

ULTRASOUND GRADE AND YIELD PRODUCER AWARDS

The producer of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion contest winners will be presented a plaque.

PREMIER STEER & RESERVE PREMIER STEER

The Premier Steer and Reserve Premier Steer will be selected on a basis of 40% live placing and 60% Ultra Sound Grade and Yield data.

Exhibitor of Premier Steer will receive a Belt Buckle & \$150.00.

Exhibitor of Reserve Premier Steer will receive a Belt Buckle & \$125.00.

PREMIER PRODUCER AWARDS

The producer of the Premier Steer and Reserve Premier Steer will receive special awards and recognition at either the Florida Cattlemen’s Convention or the Cattlemen’s Shortcourse.

THE CHAMPION YOUTH AWARD IS IN MEMORY OF CHARLES P. LYKES

Mr. Charles P. Lykes was one of the key people that helped to establish the Florida State Fair Youth Steer Futurity

Concept. Without his vision, guidance, and support, this program would not have been possible. The \$1,000.00 savings bond, given to the Champion Youth in the steer competition, is being given in Mr. Lykes memory.

BILL CAREY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Family of Bill Carey and the Florida State Fair have established this award in memory of William "Bill" Carey. Mr. Carey was extremely active in the Youth Steer Show & Sale for many years. His passing was a true loss to this program. This award will be given to the youth that best demonstrates good sportsmanship through competition, leadership, and congeniality with their fellow exhibitors, Show staff and fair goers. The winner of this award will receive \$100.00 cash.

CHARLIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Charlie Moore and his many years of dedication to the Florida State Fair. One recipient will be selected to receive a \$400 scholarship. The money will be awarded in one payment when the Fair receives proper certification that the student is enrolled in some form of continuing education past high school within an accredited College or University in the State of Florida.

BUDDY McCULLOUGH FRIENDSHIP AWARD

This award was established in 2003 in memory of A.L. "Buddy" McCullough for his continuing work with our Youth in the Florida State Fair Steer show program and throughout the State. The winner will receive a \$50.00 check.

CARL JOHNSON MEMORIAL

A special thanks to the family of Carl Johnson for sponsoring the Premier and Reserve Premier Steer Belt Buckles in memory of Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was one of the hardest working members of the Youth Steer Committee... from working with producers selecting steers, hauling the animals to his ranch, housing all the steers during the accumulation process, to helping in any aspect of the Youth Steer Futurity. Mr. Johnson had a tremendous love for all the Youth Exhibitors and his knowledge and expertise is greatly missed.

WQYK SCHOLARSHIPS

WQYK Radio is sponsoring two \$500.00 scholarships for college bound juniors or seniors in high school who participate in the 2011/2012 Youth Steer Futurity. **Only Youth Steer Exhibitors are eligible to apply for this scholarship.**

Please check our website for further information on this scholarship and other scholarships that are available to our exhibitors.

CAMPGROUND

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RV'S MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.

2. Full service camp spaces are located on the grounds. Camping fees cover water, sewer and electricity. Only self-contained units are allowed. A limited number of spaces are available; therefore, reservations need to be made as early as possible. Reservations will be honored upon receipt of full payment, until available spaces are filled.

3. Camping is only permitted in designated area. No tents are allowed in the barns

4. Reservations should indicate dates and be accompanied by a check for the full amount made payable to the **Florida State Fair Authority**. Address reservation to: **Florida State Fair, Campground Reservations, P. O. Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680.**

5. Use Campground Form located on our website.

6. This check must be separate from check for payment of entry fees.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

SHOWERS

1. Shower facilities are available on the grounds for use by exhibitors only!

2. Shower permits will be issued, upon request, to Livestock Exhibitors from Agribusiness Office.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

1. An official photographer will be designated by the Florida State Fair.

2. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with the photographer through the Agribusiness Office.

3. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use in Public Relations.

4. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules.

Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics.

Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.