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Educational Seminar

The Florida State Fair offers Educational Seminars for potential youth livestock exhibitors. These Specie Specific seminars are designed to help exhibitors prepare for their State Fair animal projects and Skilathon topic—Products & Marketing.

September 20th, 2008

Pre-Registration Deadline—September 12th

Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog & Llama

Florida State Fairgrounds

Schedule:

Registration for 1st Time Exhibitors	8:00 am—8:30 am
1st Time Exhibitor Orientation	8:30 am—10:30 am
Registration for Returning Exhibitors	10:00 am—10:30 am
Specie Specific Sessions	10:30 am—12:00 noon
Lunch Break	12:00 noon—1:00 pm
Specie Specific Sessions	1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Registration Forms are available on the Florida State Fair website—www.floridastatefair.com

Youth Swine Show Information

The 2009 Youth Swine Show rules and entry form information are **NOW** available on our website.

All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before October 1st, 2008.

Entries postmarked between

October 2nd and October 8th will be charged a double late entry fee.

Please Note: All Youth Swine Show Exhibitors must be PQA certified to show at the 2009 Florida State Fair.

If you do not have access to the internet or have questions about the Youth Swine Show, please contact the Agribusiness Department.

Youth Steer Futurity Calf Sale



The 20th annual Florida State Fair Youth Steer Futurity Calf Sale was held on Saturday, August 9th at the Fairgrounds. This year, we had 67 exhibitors select a steer to take home and raise. Besides choosing a steer, the exhibitors attended several educational seminars that were conducted by Committee Members and University of Florida Staff. These sessions offered instruction on showing, feeding, handling, and record keeping. This enables the exhibitors to maximize their opportunity

with their project.

We want to thank our sponsors:

Nutrena

For providing the Pre-Conditioner Feed

Walco Animal Health

For providing the medications & supplies

Merial

For providing the Eprinex and Curatrem

Pfizer

For providing the vaccines

Schering-Plough Animal Health

For providing the implants & Saber

Allflex

For Co-Sponsoring the Ear Tags

Strawberry Festival

For providing panels for the calf sale

Dane & Karen Hamilton

For their help with all the calves

Dr. Mark Mayo

For his Professional Services

Quench H2O Bottling Company

For the donation of the Bottled Water

We had 25 different Florida producers provide steers or donations. It was an excellent day and a very successful sale.

So mark your calendar for February 11th at 7 pm and come see the Youth Steer Show.

Can't wait to see who becomes "Grand Champion"!

A Special Thanks to our Producers

"Since the beginning of the Youth Steer Futurity in 1989, over 1300 Youth and more than 121 Cattle Producers from across the entire State of Florida have participated"

Westby Corporation

Zolfo Springs

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Richardson Brothers

Evinston

Joe Sumner II

Balm

Earl & Jean Jones

Trenton

Woodrow Story

Trenton

Lazy "A" Angus

Apopka

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Wauchula

Dixie Ranch

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Riverview

Syfrett Ranch

Okeechobee

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Valrico

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Webster

Lightsey Cattle

Lake Wales

Mike Prescott

Wauchula

Bar Crescent "S" Ranch

Wauchula

Golden A Cattle Company

Tampa

Phillips Ranch

Morrison

Oak Knoll Ranch

Lake Wales

Roger West

Gainesville

Agriculture Photo Contest

Do you have any pictures from the 2008 Florida State Fair? Well, if you do—send them to the Fair and win a Family Fun Pack!

There are two categories that you can enter.

- General Fair Photo—submit one photo depicting

an agriculture scene from the fair.

- Agriculture Series—Submit between 3 to 5 photos depicting a series of agriculture scenes at the Fair. These photos should tell a story.

The winner of both categories

will win a Family Fun Pack to use during the 2009 Fair.

Entries must be postmarked or hand delivered by September 27th, 2008.

So start looking through those old Fair photos—we would love to see them!!!



Leslie Lynn Travis—
2007 Winner
General Fair Photo

Champion Youth Ambassadors

Our Champion Youth Ambassadors have been busy this summer preparing for the upcoming year!! They all participated in a Dale Carnegie Workshop which gave them some tips on Public Speaking. They also helped at the FFA Convention and the Youth Steer Calf Sale.



Our Champion Youth Ambassadors are available to speak to any FFA Chapter or 4-H Club about the Florida State Fair and its opportunities for youth.



Please contact Lynann Hudson for more information.



Meet your 2009 Champion Youth Ambassadors



SARAH LUTHER
MCALPIN, FLORIDA

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED SHOWING ANIMALS?

“I grew up watching my brother and sister show their animals. When they graduated from high school, I was fortunate enough to be able to buy their animals.”

WHAT ADVISE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANOTHER EXHIBITOR?

“For a young exhibitor, to hang in there. I know it’s a lot of work but it is all worth it in the end, and SMILE in Showmanship.”

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

SELENA FARKAS
CLERMONT, FLORIDA

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR?

“I have had so many memorable moments at the Florida State Fair after competing for 8 years, but I’d have to say that one that really stands out to me was when I was 10 years old competing in the Youth Poultry Show. I had already won 1st place in Junior Showmanship, and I really wanted to win Junior Poultry Champion too. We waited for the winners to be announced, and when my name was said I was so happy that I became dizzy from joy and nothing could wipe the smile off my face.”

WHAT ADVISE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANOTHER EXHIBITOR?

“I would definitely encourage them to really put in all the time and effort they can towards working on their animal project and studying for the test. Believe me, in the end, It’s worth it!”

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

“I’m currently a sophomore in high school, but I plan to continue my acting hobby and to become a writer for Marvel Comics.



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Ethics and Animal Care Workshops

CHECK OUR FLORIDA STATE FAIR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION, TIMES & DATES ON YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOPS THAT WILL BE HELD AROUND THE STATE.

PLEASE CONTACT THE AGRIBUSINESS DEPARTMENT, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

New Postcard Notices



Check your mail for our “New” postcard information notices. These postcards will have important announcements and reminders for our Livestock Exhibitors.

Don't forget to mark your calendar



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