

Florida State Fair

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Educational Seminar

In conjunction with the Florida State Fair Champion of Champions Program.

Plans are coming together to once again present our all Specie Educational Seminar for youth exhibitors who are planning to show an animal at the 2018 Florida State Fair. These Specie Specific Seminars are designed to help exhibitors prepare for their State Fair animal projects as well as introduce them to our Skilathon topic—Health.

September 23, 2017

Pre-Registration Deadline—September 15th

**Beef /Steer, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat,
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

Register On-Line at www.floridastatefairag.com

Ethics and Animal Care Workshops

 **ALL STUDENTS THAT ARE ENTERED IN THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2018 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.**

- THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2018 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE JANUARY 15, 2018 AT RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL, RIVERVIEW, FLORIDA 33569.

Please note even though you have attended an Ethics Workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.

**** Please check our web-site www.floridastatefairag.com for additional workshops that might be posted and to confirm the status of existing workshops

Youth Steer Futurity Calf Sale

The 28th annual Florida State Fair Youth Steer Futurity Calf Sale was held on Saturday, August 5th at the Fairgrounds. This year, we had 36 exhibitors select a steer to take home and raise.

We want to thank our sponsors:

Hubbard Feeds, Inc.
For providing the Pre-Conditioner Feed

Boehringer-Ingelheim
For providing the Eprinex

Zoetis
For providing the vaccines

Mark Randall
For providing the hay

Merck Animal Health
For providing the implants

Allflex
For Co-Sponsoring the Ear Tags

Strawberry Festival
For providing the misting fans and panels

Dane & Karen Hamilton
For their help with all the calves

Dr. Mark Mayo
For his Professional Services

Riverview FFA
For providing squeeze chute

We had 19 different Florida producers provide steers or donations. It was an excellent day and a very successful sale.

So mark your calendar for February 14th at 7 pm and come see the Youth Steer Show.

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



"Since the beginning of the Youth Steer Futurity in 1989, over 1800 Youth and more than 129 Cattle Producers from across the entire State of Florida have participated"

A Special Thanks to our Producers

D.H. Ranch, Inc.
Zolfo Springs

Doyle Carlton III
Wauchula

Dixie Ranch
Okeechobee

Lykes Bros. Inc.
Okeechobee

Carlton & Carlton
Brandon

Green/West
Gainesville

Barto Farms
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Syfrett Ranch
Okeechobee

Moreno Ranches
Venus

Williamson Cattle Co.
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Lightsey Cattle
Lake Wales

Usher Land & Timber
Chiefland

C & B Cattle Co.
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Mike Prescott
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Richardson Brothers
Evinston

Windy & Vina Jean Banks
Balm

Donation
Oak Knoll Ranch
Lake Wales

Joe Sumner, III
Balm

Clay Banks
Balm

Champion Youth Ambassadors

Our Champion Youth Ambassadors have been busy this summer preparing for the upcoming year!! They participated in a Dale Carnegie Workshop which gave them some tips on Public Speaking. They helped at the FFA Convention and will be participating at the Educational Seminar on September 23rd.



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 Kerri Lefler for more information.
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(Pictured left to right:
Ainsley Peterson, Abigail Clapp, and Syndi Sinka

Meet One of Your Champion Youth Ambassadors

Abigail Clapp



My name is Abigail Clapp and I am currently a senior at Charlotte High School. I started horseback riding and barrel racing when I was five years old which sparked my interest in livestock.

In 2013, I showed my first pig at the Charlotte County fair. Over the past five show seasons I've added heifers, steers, goats, and a llama to my show team. I will be participating in the youth beef show for the third time this year at the Florida State Fair.

I like the Champion Youth Program because of the many opportunities youth have to earn points and money based on their knowledge and participation. The program allows exhibitors to do well even if they don't own a grand champion animal.

After graduation I plan to go to a smaller state college to complete prerequisite courses before transferring to the University of Florida. I plan to major in Agricultural Communication & Leadership Development and minor in Management & Sales in Agribusiness.

Youth Swine Show Information

The 2018 Youth Swine Show rules and entry form information is **NOW** available on our website.

All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before **October 3rd, 2017**. Entries post-marked between October 4th and October 10th will be charged a double late entry fee.

Please Note: All Youth Swine Show Exhibitors must be PQA certified to show at the 2018 Florida State Fair by December 1, 2017.

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

2018 Florida State Fair

PLEASE NOTE: The Fair will be collecting/judging **ALL** Record Books, *except Steer & Swine*, prior to the Fair. Record Books must be postmarked or hand-delivered on or before **January 11, 2018**.

**FOR INFO ON ALL EVENTS
AT THE FAIR -
floridastatefair.com**

**Check us out on
Facebook!**

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!**