

# 2019 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES – DAIRY HEIFER

## YOUTH DAIRY HEIFER SHOW (MINIMUM 60 DAY PROJECT)

### INTERPRETATION OF RULES

All questions related to the rules of these shows are to be directed to the Livestock Committee. The Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee 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. Any violation of the rules will be addressed by Florida Gateway Fair on an individual basis.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 4 and 18 years of age and must either be (i) a resident of Columbia County, (ii) currently enrolled in the Columbia County School System, or (iii) enrolled in a valid home school program within Columbia County. Age is determined as of **October 24, 2019**. Anyone having graduated from, or currently dropped out of school, shall not be eligible to enter the show or sale. No one under school suspension on final entry or show day will be allowed to participate in any show or sale. Physical condition of entrants which may result in physical danger to the exhibitor or others may result in the rejection of an entry or disqualification from any show or sale (this includes any female entrant who may be pregnant at any time during the course of the project).

*Each exhibitor will be required to provide proof of Columbia County Residency or provide proof of enrollment in the Columbia County School District or valid home school program. (Valid Driver's License, Utility Bill or Report Card)*

*There will be a mandatory exhibitor meeting for all exhibitors. Dates and times are listed in the project schedule, all exhibitors and one parent/guardian must attend one.*

2. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs may enter in any show but cannot have an entry in more than one market show (Steer, Wether and Swine). Chapters and Clubs will be treated as a single individual for the purposes of complying with the rules of any show. No school shall be able to have an entry in any show. Additionally, FFA or 4-H "teams" shall not be eligible for participation in any show.

### ENTRIES AND START OF PROJECT

3. Entry forms are available at the Fair Office located at the Florida Gateway Fair Fairgrounds or may be downloaded from the Florida Gateway Fair website at [www.columbiacountyfair.org](http://www.columbiacountyfair.org) or [www.floridagatewayfairgrounds.org](http://www.floridagatewayfairgrounds.org)
4. All entries must be made on originals or copies of the official entry forms. An entry fee of \$10.00 per animal must be included with an official entry form and must be received **on or before August 16, 2019**. Late entries will be accepted up to Friday August 23, 2019 with a late fee of \$25.00 per animal and must be paid at time of registration. No entries will be accepted after August 23, 2019. Space is limited and will be assigned in the order entries are received. A separate entry form must be completed for each Exhibitor. By signing the entry form, the Exhibitor certifies that the animal has been in the possession of and cared for by the Exhibitor for at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the fair. **Only two heifers per exhibitor can be shown. Two(2) Beef, Two(2) Dairy or One(1) Beef and (1) Dairy.**
5. All animals must be permanently identified. This may include tattoo, brand, or ear tagging. This identification MUST be included on the entry form.
6. All heifers must be double tied with BOTH a halter and neck rope until release.
7. Florida Gateway Fair reserves the right to reject or accept conditionally any entry of application at any time. Florida Gateway Fair may revoke premiums earned or terminate any exhibitor for just cause, and such decision shall be final.

### CLASSES

8. Classes will be established after the ending check-in by the Livestock Committee.
9. Dairy Heifers are not to exceed 3 years of age.
10. **Cows shown with calf at side must be lactating and calves must not exceed 240 days on day of show.**
11. If number of entries allows, separate classes will be held for each major beef breed represented.
12. Classes will be as follows:
  - Class 1 Born Jan. 1 – October 24, 2019
  - Class 2 Born July 1 – December 31, 2018
  - Class 3 Born Jan. 1 – June 30, 2017
  - Class 4 Born July 1 – Dec. 31, 2017
  - Class 5 Born Jan. 1 – June 30, 2016
  - Class 6 Born July 1 – Dec. 31, 2016
13. If number of entries allows, separate classes will be held for each major dairy breed represented.
14. Any show failing to have six (6) qualified entries by the required entry deadline will be cancelled.

### ENTRANCE TO FAIR AND PARKING

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15. All exhibitors must enter the Fairgrounds through the West Gate for both the beginning and ending weigh-in for livestock. During fair week, all vehicles must enter via the Livestock Gate and park in the designated parking area.
16. Each exhibitor will be issued one parking pass which will admit the driver and vehicle. However, only one parking pass will be given per family. In addition, each exhibitor will receive two walk-in passes for the exhibitor's parents.
17. Tickets will be issued at the conclusion of the ending weigh-in.

## HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

18. All animals must meet health regulations as specified by the Department of Agriculture and are subject to the health requirements as set forth by the State of Florida. State inspectors will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the inspector on duty.
19. A valid health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian must be presented for each heifer being exhibited at the fair. This certificate should be presented to fair officials at the ending check-in on Thursday.
20. All animals must be healthy and sound, free of lice and warts.

## DISCLAIMERS

21. Florida Gateway Fair will not be responsible for any mistakes in the fair bulletin.
22. Florida Gateway Fair or any of its personnel will not be responsible for accidents or errors that may occur. However, every effort will be made to provide for the safety and comfort of the participants, livestock, and guests.
23. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit 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.

## GENERAL

24. The Barn Superintendent will be allowed to make rules and regulations regarding the barn area for the protection, comfort and safety of all exhibitors, exhibitor family members and visitors. This may include limiting access of the public to the barns during shows and the sale.
25. No exhibitor will be allowed to SELL more than one (1) market animal (steer, goat or hog). Each exhibitor, however, has the option of weighing in two (2) steers, two (2) hogs or one (1) steer and one

- (1) hog. No substitutions of animals may be made after the initial weigh-in has closed
26. Exhibitors or their designated person must unload the animals for weigh-in. Florida Gateway Fair will not be responsible for any injuries that may occur to an animal during this process.
27. Classes will be established at the discretion of the Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee after the ending weigh-in. Every attempt will be made to post classes at least 24 hours prior to the show.
28. Misconduct or failure to cooperate with the show management by the exhibitor, parents or other persons, at any time during this project, may automatically disqualify the exhibitor and the animal(s) from this or future shows.
29. Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal(s) in the show. Exceptions will be addressed by Florida Gateway Fair on an individual basis. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing to Florida Gateway Fair at 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32056. No parents will be allowed in the show ring to assist their child without prior consent of Florida Gateway Fair.
30. The Fair Association will supply sufficient bedding for ALL animals. Feed and water pails must be supplied by the exhibitor. All exhibitors are required to feed and care for their animal(s) through Thursday after the sale. Florida Gateway Fair will not be responsible for any items including, but not limited to, items remaining after the sale. Each exhibitor is required to check in with the designated official once daily to verify the care and feeding of their animal(s). A \$25.00 per day charge will be assessed for non-compliance and will be deducted from sale proceeds. Feed and water pans are not to be left in beds between feeding. Exhibitors are encouraged to affix their name to any personal belongings brought to the fair.
31. All steers and heifers must be double-tied with BOTH a halter and neck rope until final loading on Thursday.
32. **Social Media guidelines for the Florida Gateway Fair Board, Volunteers, Leaders, Parents and Exhibitors. Ultimately you are responsible for what you post online. Before creating online content, consider some of the risks, and rewards that are involved. Keep in mind that any of your conduct that adversely affects the Florida Gateway Fair & Livestock Show, its clients, exhibitors, volunteers, parents, leaders and its ability to secure the resources needed to fulfill its mission promises, may result in being disqualified from participating as a board member, volunteer, leader, exhibitor, or committee member for the Florida Gateway Fair.**

The impact of negative online content and negative comments shall mean loss of premium money, any awards received and disqualification from this year's

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Livestock Show. At the committee's discretion this could include loss of sale money and disqualification from future Livestock Shows. The Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Board of Directors reserves the right to take down and/or report any content that may be negative to the Florida Gateway Fair image or exhibitors. All actions will be determined by the Livestock Board and the Florida Gateway Board of Directors. All decisions of the committee will be final.

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## GROOMING, TACK, SHOW BOXES AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

34. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own tack and show boxes sufficient to secure their personal belongings for the duration of the fair. Tack boxes, feed or water pails, and other personal belongings used during fair week may be removed Thursday before noon or immediately following the close of the sale. No items are to be removed during the sale.
35. Exhibitors are expected to groom their own animal for the show. However, parents, guardians, advisors and leaders may assist the child if necessary. Grooming may take place **ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED GROOMING AREA.**
36. **Dairy exhibitors, no washing dairy heifers on Monday (steer show day) and Thursday (sale night) .**

## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

37. An official photographer will be designated by Florida Gateway Fair. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him through the Florida Gateway Fair Office. The designated photographer is the **only person allowed to take photos during scheduled events** including, but not limited to, livestock show, awards ceremony, and sale. All exhibitors and parents are required to cooperate with the photographer and refrain from violating this rule. Please respect this rule!

## EXHIBITOR SHOW AND SALE ATTIRE

38. Exhibitors are to wear the following attire during the shows and sale:
- Blue or black jeans (without holes) worn outside boots
  - Long sleeved, button up shirt tucked inside jeans
  - No hats or baseball caps
  - Belt
  - Boots or leather shoes – no tennis shoes, open toed shoes or flip flops.

*Please note that Chapter or Club Advisors may require exhibitors to wear the club official dress that complies with this dress code.*

## JUDGES AND JUDGING

39. The decision of the judges shall be final.
40. Any exhibitor or parent who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if incident occurs after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
41. Animals will be judged with a Grand and Reserve Champion being selected. The first-place animal from each class will compete for Grand Champion. The second-place animal of the class from which the Grand Champion was selected will then compete with the first-place animals of the other classes for Reserve Champion.

## SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

42. Showmanship will be judged on the exhibitor's ability to display their animals and themselves. Classes will be:
- Pee-wee, ages 4-7 years;
  - Junior, ages 8-12 years;
  - Intermediate, ages 13-15 years;
  - Senior, ages 16-18.
- Exhibitor age to be determined as of October 24, 2019. The showmanship judge will be present during the judging for Grand and Reserve Champion. He/she will call back the exhibitors from the show that he/she feels are the best showmen from each class. The showmanship contest will be held immediately following the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion. Only exhibitors who have animals entered in the show are eligible for this contest. Any age division may be deleted or combined with another depending upon number of total entries.

## PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

43. All exhibitors **MUST** attend awards program on Wednesday. All ribbons will be presented as part of the awards program at this time.
44. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the modified Danish Judging System.
- Blue Ribbon = \$30.00
  - Red Ribbon = \$25.00
  - White Ribbon = \$20.00
45. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after the close of the fair and mailed to the exhibitor at the address provided on the entry form. Any change in an exhibitor's address should be promptly reported to the Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32056.

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46. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion heifer will be selected. Both the Grand Champion exhibitor and Reserve Champion exhibitor will be awarded a belt buckle.
47. The Showmanship Champion in each age group will be awarded a belt buckle.

## RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK

48. Animals will be released at the conclusion of the sale.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Entry Deadline</i>	<i>Friday Aug. 16</i>
<i>Late Entries Accepted with penalty</i>	<i>Aug. 17-23</i>
<i>Arrival / Check in</i>	<i>Thurs., Oct.24</i>
<i>Florida Gateway Fairgrounds</i>	<i>3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Show</i>	<i>Friday Oct 25</i> <i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Awards</i>	<i>Wed. Oct 30</i> <i>7:00pm</i>
<i>Sale</i>	<i>Thur. Oct 31</i> <i>7:00pm</i>
<i>Animal Release</i>	<i>Thur. Oct 31</i> <i>Conclusion of sale</i>

## **Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting** **(Must attend one class)**

<i>April 27</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Fairgrounds Banquet Hall</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Ft. White High School Ag Room</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Fairgrounds Banquet Hall</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Fairgrounds Banquet Hall</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Fair Grounds Banquet Hall</i>

Mail entries to:  
**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT**  
**FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR**  
**164 SW Mary Ethel Lane**

**FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR**  
**LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Completed entry form must be  
 received by August 16, 2019  
 Late entries accepted until  
 August 23, 2019 \$25.00 per animal

**Lake City, Florida 32025**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

**Dairy Heifer**

Exhibitor/Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print name)

Exhibitor Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of 10/24/19) \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Showmanship Division Pee Wee (4-7) Junior (8-12) Inter.(13-15) Senior(16-18)

T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Child

Florida Gateway Fair Office Use  
 Proof of Eligibility (ie: Drivers License, utility bill, report card )  
 See: 2019 Youth Livestock Show Rule #1  
 Document \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Breed	Class	Date of Birth	Tattoo/Tag #	Registration Number	Animal Name

ENTRY FEES INCLUDED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 EACH ANIMAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

By signing this entry form I (we) agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR & COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC., it's agents and employees against any and all liability for injuries to persons or damage to property, whether such damage or injury is from the FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR & COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC.'s negligence or not, which may arise by reason of use by signing exhibitor(s) of the FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR & COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC.'s property.

I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the rules and regulations of the market animal competition as stated in the premium book of the Florida Gateway Fair.

The undersigned specifically releases and forever discharges the Fair, its officers, directors, trustees, employees and all person connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Fair from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, breach of contract, negligence or other tort, harm damage to property, injury or death suffered by me which may occur during or as a result of participation by me in the Fair.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitors Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

***Entry form must be filled out completely and accurately or your animal will not be allowed to show.***