Livestock Rule Book

February 18, 19 & 20, 2010

Livestock Show / Sale Committee

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Purpose

• To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit the products of their projects before the public.
• To teach youth the value of their project and accurate record keeping skills.
• To promote and provide the incentive for achieving excellence in livestock production skills and practices.
• To encourage sportsmanship, leadership, citizenship and responsibility in members through participation in shows and achievement.
• To educate members, leaders and parents through the judging and placing of entries of modern livestock standards.
• To make available to the public the superior products produced in 4-H and FFA projects through the Livestock Sale.

***There are many changes to the 2010 Livestock Rule Book. Please read carefully!***
The Washington County Youth Fair Board and Livestock Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle all matters, questions and differences in regards to, arising out of, or connected with this show and the right to amend or add to these as it deemed necessary. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and are subject to such penalties as the show committee and youth fair board may order.

**GENERAL ENTRY INFORMATION**

- The WCYF Livestock Show and Sale is open to youth ages 8-18 in grades K-12 (as of September 1 of current year) in Washington and Holmes Counties enrolled in either 4-H or FFA.
- Beef exhibitors must be 11-18 years old.
- Swine exhibitors must be at least 8 years old.
- Entries must be on official WCYF Livestock entry forms available through the Extension office. Only current year forms are accepted.
- All paperwork must be filled out completely on the mandatory weigh-in date of the specific species or the entry form will not be accepted.
- All exhibitors, along with entry forms and fees, must be in attendance at the mandatory weigh-in.
  - The YOUTH exhibitor must be in attendance with the animal.
  - In the event of a family emergency, hardship, school, church or sports conflict, the YOUTH will need to submit a request to the Livestock Committee for a hardship waiver if the event prevents the youth from attending the weigh-in.
  - Address the letter to the LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE and turn the letter into your 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.
- STEER MANDATORY INITIAL WEIGH-IN – August 29, 2009, 7:30 AM
- HOG MANDATORY INITIAL WEIGH-IN – December 5, 2009, 7:30 AM
- Market animals will be tagged with ear tags provided by the Washington County Youth Fair. Existing tags will be removed and destroyed. Ear tags must match record book numbers, back numbers and project numbers.
- In the event that an animal loses its ear tag:
  - Notify the WCYF Livestock Committee immediately.
  - The animal will be re-tagged following an inspection by the WCYF Livestock Committee or designee.
- The WCYF Livestock Show/Sale Committee reserved the right to limit entries to facilities and may limit the number of entries by an exhibitor. Any refusal of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination.
- No livestock will be allowed in the barn without a valid paid entry form.

**ENTRY FEES**

- $10 per livestock entry.
- $25 late fee assessed for all late entries
- All livestock must be tagged and weighed-in on mandatory weigh-in date.
- No refunds of entry fees upon acceptance of the entry.
- $20 service fee will be charged on returned check. Exhibitor’s entry will not be completed until cash has recovered the returned check.
- All livestock entries and fees are due February 1, 2010.
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***NEW*** STEER SHOW ***NEW***

- ONE steer entry per exhibitor is allowed.
- Steers are required to be slick sheared on body and legs even with underline.
- Steers should be sheared to the hide the weekend PRIOR TO THE SHOW w/remaining hair not to exceed ¼ inch at final weigh-in.
- ABSOLUTELY No clipping of steers will be allowed on fair grounds.
- If the WCYF Livestock Committee determines at weigh-in that hair on the body of steer is too long, members will be instructed to slick shear their animals on the fair grounds.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to work with FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or Leader or member of the WCYF Livestock Committee during process.

MARKET HOG SHOW

- TWO hog entry per exhibitor is allowed.
- Hogs may be clipped prior to the show; HOWEVER, they should not be shaved!
- Hogs with hair shorter than ½ inch or shaved will be disqualified.
- It is recommended that hogs should be clipped around the end of December or by the first week of January leaving at least 45 days for hair re-growth of at least ½ inch.

HEIFER SHOW

- Heifers, cows and cow/calf pairs up to two years of age are eligible to be shown.
- After entries are received, livestock will be divided into appropriate age classes.

SHOWMANSHIP

- Exhibitors must show their own animal shown in the WCYF Livestock Show.
- Showmanship order will be determined by judge.

BEEF CARCASS EVALUATIONS

- As part of the youth livestock market project, all beef carcasses will be evaluated as part of the project.
- WCYF will participate in the traditional carcass evaluation done post-slaughter.

***NEW*** PROJECT RECORD BOOKS ***NEW***

- Project record books are a REQUIREMENT of the WCYF Livestock Show and Sale.
- Record books are available from the Washington County Extension Office or may be downloaded from the Washington County 4-H website: http:\/\ washington.ifas.ufl.edu
- Record books will be issued per species. (Example: If exhibitor has two hogs, he will complete one market hog record book).
- A copy of your record book is due on February 1 with your entry fee and form.
- A copy of FIVE BUYER’S LETTERS are due on February 1.
- The final copy of your record book is due by NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 to the Washington County Extension Office.
- Youth WILL NOT be allowed to show if record book is not received by NOON, FEBRUARY 19.
- Record books may be typed or handwritten.
- Photographs may be digitally imported into the record book or created using other computer software.
- Only BLUE RIBBON record books, earning a 90 or above in points, will earn premium.
PREMIUMS and RIBBONS
Premiums will be awarded according to adequate funding.

WCYF Livestock Committee use the Danish system for awards.

Premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor AFTER THANK YOU LETTERS ARE RECEIVED.

DISQUALIFICATION of ANIMALS

The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibitors in the class is prohibited.

Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal’s body.

Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge of having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with the intent relative to the animal’s soundness, will be disqualified.

Any animals showing signs of sickness or abnormalities after ear-tagging, weigh-ins or entrance to the show will not be allowed to show.

Any animal may be disqualified at any time during the show when sickness or abnormalities develop.

All sick animals must be reported and checked by the barn manager/veterinarian.

Livestock must be manageable by their exhibitor. Animals that pose a danger to the exhibitor, other exhibitors or the public will not be allowed in the show or sale.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All livestock shall be checked for proper health certificates, signs of communicable disease, external parasites, any unsightly disease condition and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious.

Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from the fairgrounds as soon as possible by the WCYF Board.

Any animal sold in the State of Florida must be in compliance with existing Florida Department of Agriculture Health Requirements.

All beef exhibits require a certificate of veterinary inspection.

All market animals must remain in the barn at the close of the sale.

ARRIVAL and WEIGH-IN

All entries must arrive within the time limits given on the show schedule.

Late arrivals will be disqualified unless proof of extenuating circumstances is given.

If a question arises over the weight of the animal, that animal will be taken off the scale, the scale checked and balanced and the animal re-weighed immediately.

The animal in question cannot leave the scale area until the dispute is settled. If an exhibitor leaves the scale area without registering a protest, the scale weight will be considered official.

Market animals that do not make weight requirements at weigh-in may not compete in market classes or the livestock sale but may be used in showmanship classes.
MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

- **Market Steer**
  - Minimum – 950 lbs.
  - Maximum – none

  - Minimum beginning weight at weigh-in should be no less than 600 lbs and no more than 800 lbs.
  - Rate of gain should be 600-800 lbs.

- **Market Hog**
  - Minimum – 225 lbs.
  - Maximum – 280 lbs.

  - Minimum weight at weigh-in should be at least 90-140 lbs.
  - Pay weight for hogs exceeding maximum weight of 280 lbs. will receive a pay weight of 280 lbs.

SHOW ATTIRE & SHOWMANSHIP ATTIRE

- Exhibitors are required to be clean and neat dressed dark blue or black jeans with a colored shirt.
- Closed-toed shoes or boots required.

- FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended.
- No caps or hats.

JUDGING

- Judges decisions are final in all cases.
- In instances where fraud, misrepresentations, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given out, the WCYF Livestock Committee may make a decision regarding final placement.
- No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judges during their adjudication or to offer any criticism of any exhibit.
- Any exhibitor, or parent of an exhibitor, attempting to interfere or influence judges by way of publicly expressing disapproval in the arena or on the grounds shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an exhibitor and shall forfeit premiums and be excluded from further competition.
- The WCYF Livestock Committee reserves the right to dismiss any exhibitor, exhibitor’s parents or exhibitor’s relatives from the premises using aid of local authorities if situation warrants.

PROTEST

- In the event of a disagreement, a written protest, submitted in triplicate and signed by the exhibitor, shall be delivered to the appropriate division chair within six (6) hours or prior to the end of the current day of the protested occurrence.
- A $50 cash deposit must accompany the protest. The deposit will be forfeited if adjudicated by WCYF Livestock Committee, and their decision is final.
- Judges decision on awards cannot be protested.

SAFETY

Work with the barn manager to ensure safety measures are taken. Our goal is to ensure safety for all involved.

- All fans, blowers, hand clippers and electrical appliances must be equipped with a ground wire.
- Use of electrical appliances is limited to plug in outlets provided in the barn.
- Stapling, attaching or extending any extension cord in an unsafe manner is prohibited.
All extension cords must be Underwriter Laboratory (UL) approved for outdoor use.

All walkways will be kept clear during public viewing times.

No wires, extension cords, chairs, feed bags, etc. can be left in or positioned across the common walkways in such a manner as to create a hazard for people or animals.

Any items found in the common areas during peak public viewing times will be removed.

Exit gates are not locked at any time during the fair hours.

Panels are to be used to aid in the safe movement of animals.

The barn layout can and will be rearranged during periods of inclement weather.

**CARE of ANIMALS**

All animals must be cared for and fed during and after the show and sale at the expense and time of the exhibitor.

Feeding, grooming, cleaning, walking and caring for livestock projects are essential duties of the livestock project and therefore are the responsibility of the youth exhibitor.

Remember, this is a YOUTH project – adults should serve in an ASSISTANT role and not as primary caregiver in livestock projects.

TEAMWORK (youth and adult partnerships) should be discernable to the average observer.

All livestock pens and stall areas shall be kept clean and free of litter at all times.

All exhibit and exhibit areas must be cleaned by 8 am each day of the show.

Beef projects – feed and water may not be left in the stalls for extended periods of time.

Youth need to work with the barn manager and their fellow exhibitors to create a schedule that allows for feeding of animals and attendance at school.

Hay bags may be used; however, they must be positioned on the gate of the stall so as to not pose a hazard for other animals.

Hay bags are the only acceptable method of providing hay to animals.

Hay MUST NOT be used as bedding.

The penalties for an exhibitor not conforming to the above rules are:

- **1st** offense – WARNING
- **2nd** offense – DISQUALIFICATION

Humane treatment of animals is expected. Any abuse of animals is grounds for immediate disqualification, expulsion from the show and sale and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.

Nose leads are *highly discouraged* at the WCYF. If an exhibitor feels they need to use a nose lead, they will be required to demonstrate that the steer is unmanageable without it but can safely be handled with it.

To enter, show or sell, animals must be properly cleaned, fitted and manageable by the exhibitor.

Animals that are not sufficiently trained to be handled safely may be disqualified.

**DISQUALIFICATION – NO EXCEPTIONS**

At all times of judging, animals may be sifted (removed from the class) by the judge for type, quality and finish.

**WHITE RIBBON RULE** – No animals receiving a white ribbon placing in market classes may be sold through auction. If an animal does not make weight or exceeds the maximum weight limit, the animal will be given a white ribbon.
SALE of ANIMALS

- The WCYF Livestock Show is a TERMINAL show.
- Only blue and red ribbon animals will be sold through the auction.
- All qualifying and healthy market animals entered through the WCYF Livestock Show and Sale will be sold through the sale and slaughtered.
- All market animal exhibitors should begin contacting potential buyers and sponsors at the beginning of the project year. Exhibitors needing assistance may contact their FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or Leader or any member of the WCYF Livestock Committee.
- Exhibitors will need to provide a list of potential buyers and additional sponsors to the committee at the official weigh-in.

BUYER’S APPRECIATION

THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYERS AND SPONSORS ARE ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY!!!

- Thank you letters should be brought to the WC Extension Office the FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE FAIR in addressed and stamped envelopes.
- In the case where thank you letters are hand-delivered by the exhibitor, a copy of the thank you letters are due the Friday following the fair.
- Buyer’s Appreciation Dinner
  - Each exhibitor will receive five (5) individual dinner tickets to the Buyer’s Appreciation Dinner to be given out with your buyer’s letters.
  - Additional tickets for the exhibitor, family members and friends will be available for purchase during the Exhibitor’s Meeting and Swine Show on Friday night.
- Buyer’s Gifts
  - Each market animal exhibitor will be required to purchase a buyer’s recognition gift to be presented during the livestock sale on Saturday of fair week.
  - Buyer’s gifts should be unique and cost approximately $15.
  - It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to thank their buyer(s) and add-on donors.
### Livestock Entry Form

Name: ____________________________

Age Group:  
- _____Junior 8-10  
- _____Intermediate 11-13  
- _____Senior 14-18  

Address, City, Zip: ____________________________

School: ____________________________  
Club: 4-H  FFA

Home Phone: ____________________________  
Cell Phone ____________________________

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**Entry Fees:** $10 per animal due upon registration

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Make checks payable to Washington County Youth Fair. All entries must be received by 4 pm, Friday, February 1, 2010.