

HIGHLANDS COUNTY FAIR  
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

2011-2012

2012 FAIR DATES  
FEBRUARY 10-18, 2012

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**If at any time you have any questions regarding your project please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Mishoe at the Fair Office 863-382-2255. The Junior Livestock Committee will be happy to advice and/or assist you.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

**Orientation and Entry Deadlines**

**ENTRIES DUE – ALL COMMERCIAL HEIFERS & OPEN CLASS HEIFERS**

Thursday, June 9, 2011 - 3:00 pm Fairboard Office

**Completed Entry Forms Due**

**\*See Heifer Attachment on Highlands County Fair website**

**MANDATORY PICK OUT, PICK UP & IDENTIFICATION – COMMERCIAL HEIFERS**

Saturday, Early August – TBA -Exhibitor will be contacted by Fair Office

**ENTRIES DUE - STEERS**

Thursday, August 25, 2011 - 3:00 pm Fairboard Office

**Completed Entry Forms & Copy of Sales Receipts Due**

**SALES RECEIPT DUE – OPEN CLASS HEIFERS**

Thursday, August 25, 2011 – 3:00pm Fairboard Office

**MANDATORY ENTRY WEIGH-IN & IDENTIFICATION – STEERS & OPEN CLASS HEIFERS**

Saturday, August 27, 2011- 5:30 am- 7:00 am Fairgrounds

**ENTRIES DUE - SMALL ANIMALS (POULTRY AND RABBIT)**

Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 3:00 pm Fairboard Office

**Completed Entry Forms & \$5.00 Entry Fee Due**

**ENTRIES DUE – HOGS**

Thursday, October 13, 2011 – 3:00 pm Fairboard Office

**Completed Entry Forms & Copy of Sales Receipts Due**

**MANDATORY ENTRY IDENTIFICATION – HOGS**

Saturday, October 22, 2011 – 5:30 am -7:00 am Fairgrounds

**MANDATORY ENTRY IDENTIFICATION – POULTRY & RABBITS**

Saturday, October 15 2011 – 8:00am - 10:00am Fairgrounds

**MANDATORY SHOW ORIENTATION - ALL EXHIBITORS AND PARENTS**

Monday, January 30, 2012 – 6:30 pm - Fairgrounds

**Passes & Picture Purchases Available that Night and until February 4, 2011. No EXEPTIONS!! EXCUSES must be in writing and received by January 3rd to the Fair Office and will be reviewed by the Junior Livestock Committee.**

**ENTRIES DUE – PEE-WEE**

Monday, January 30, 2012 – 6:30 pm Due at MANDATORY SHOW ORIENTATION.

**\*ALL ENTRY FORMS AND COPYS OF SALES RECEIPTS DUE  
ACCORDING TO CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## HIGHLANDS COUNTY FAIR DATES

FRIDAY February 10, 2012  
4:00-7:00 pm

**Check-In - Poultry & Rabbit**

SATURDAY February 11, 2012  
5:30-7:30 am  
8:30 am  
4:00-6:00 pm

**WEIGH-IN & INITIAL SIFTING-** Steers & Commercial Heifers  
**Final Sifting Begins – ALL** Steers & Commercial Heifers  
Poultry Judging- Showmanship follows

SUNDAY February 12, 2012  
5:30-7:30 am  
3:00 pm

**WEIGH-IN-Hogs**  
Market Swine Show - Showmanship follows selection of Grand & Reserve Champion

MONDAY February 13, 2012  
10:00am  
6:00-8:00pm

Record Books Due – **Overall Participation Only**  
Rabbit Judging-Showmanship follows

TUESDAY February 14, 2012  
**5:15 pm**  
6:00 pm

**Pee Wee Show**  
Market Steer Show - Showmanship follows selection of Grand & Reserve Champion

WEDNESDAY February 15, 2012  
6:00 pm

Commercial Heifer Show - Showmanship follows selection of Grand & Reserve Champion  
**Open Class Heifer Show – Showmanship follows selection of Grand & Reserve Champion**

THURSDAY February 16, 2012  
5:00 pm  
6:30 pm

Buyers Dinner  
Junior Livestock Auction

FRIDAY February 17, 2012  
9:00-10:00 am  
10:00-11:00 am  
11:00 am  
6:00-7:00 pm

Livestock Judging Registration  
Livestock Judging and Carcass Clinic  
Livestock Judging Contest  
Exhibitor / Parent Dinner and Awards Presentation

SATURDAY February 18, 2012

**Only Junior Livestock Members are allowed on the Fairgrounds until ALL market animal are loaded and shipped from Fairgrounds.**

7:00 am Steers & Hogs Released  
7:00-9:00 pm Small Animals Released  
9:00am-12:00 pm Steer & Hog Barn Clean Up

SUNDAY February 19, 2012  
7:00-8:00 am  
10:00 am  
8:00am-9:00 am

Commercial Heifers Released  
Buyers' Letters and **ALL** Record Books Due  
Heifer Barn Clean Up

**\*\*Schedule is tentative - times and dates may change and/or will be released.**

Barn will be CLOSED 30 minutes prior to any Livestock Show!  
Only Exhibitors and persons with prior approval will be allowed in Barn.

The Highlands County Junior Livestock Show Committee would like to extend a Special Thank You to the 2011 Buyers.

7L Brands  
Advanced Air Systems  
Alan Jay Automotive Network  
Anderson Animal Clinic  
Barben Fruit  
Big T Tire  
Steve Bronson  
George Brown  
Matt Byler  
C & C Plumbing  
Canter Cattle Co  
Dennis Coulter  
Cowpokes Watering Hole  
Crews Groves Inc  
Crop Production Services  
Edward Jones  
Everglades Farm Equipment  
Farm Bureau Insurance  
Farm Credit Service  
Farr Groves & Cattle  
Walter Farr  
Andrew Fells  
Florida Grove Hedgers  
Glades Electric Cooperative  
Glisson Animal Supply  
Graham Farms – Melon Sales  
Hancock Citrus  
Hardee Petroleum  
Howerton Farms  
Lake County Farms  
Lake Forest Veterinary Clinic  
Gary Lee

Lephew Inc  
Lextron  
Lykes Bros Ranch  
M E Stephens & Son Fruit  
Mac-Bee Harvesting  
MacArthur Research Center – Buck Island  
Marmer Construction  
Max Duke Allstate Insurance  
McKenna & Assoc Citrus  
McPhails Auto Sales  
Doug & Sarah Miller  
Mountain Top  
Okeechobee Livestock Market  
Pathology Assoc of Sebring  
Perry Cattle  
Publix Super Markets  
Rafter T Ranch  
Sebring Tractor Service  
Seminole Tire Co  
Smoak Groves Inc  
South Ridge Abstract  
Southern Cleaning  
Stephens & Cooper  
Sunridge Harvesting  
Swaine & Harris PA  
Swaine & Leidel Wealth Services  
The Group  
Gene Tomlinson  
Tradewinds Power Corp  
Witham Chevrolet  
Yarbrough Tire Service

## GENERAL RULES

### ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY DEADLINES

1. The Show is open to exhibitors of Highlands County clubs and chapters who are bonafide 4-H and/or FFA members that comply with the respective organization's rules and regulations, and are currently enrolled in school, public, private or home school, first through twelfth grades. A junior exhibitor is Elementary and Middle school and a senior exhibitor is High school.
2. No entry will be allowed in the Show that is not a bonafide 4-H or FFA project.
3. All middle and high school livestock exhibitors must be a full-time student and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA on coursework taken at current school. Eligibility for elementary students will be based on principal/teacher recommendation. All exhibitors must be in good standing according to the Code of Student Conduct as required by The School Board of Highlands County for participation in extra curricular activities. All GPA's will be requested from the School Board of Highlands County in January prior to the fair. GPA's will be figured from this point on.
- 3a. Seniors in High School that have completed requirements for graduation prior to the Fair may participate in the Junior Livestock Show, providing they were enrolled in High School in Highlands County at the beginning of the current school year and they meet all other requirements of this rule book including organizational membership requirements and GPA requirements for extra-curricular activities participation.
4. The Junior Livestock Rules Committee reserves the right to alter or modify procedures, classes, schedules or rules in this book for safety, show facility restrictions or other circumstances that may arise during the entire course of the Highlands County Fair Junior Livestock Show period beginning with first orientations through final release of animals at the Fair.
5. **PROTESTS.** Protests of any ruling or incident arising in connection with the Junior Livestock Show will be considered **only** if submitted in writing within 6 hours of the occurrence. **Protests of any judge's decision will not be considered.** Protests **must** be submitted in writing to the Junior Livestock Rules Committee accompanied by a \$50.00 money order made payable to the Highlands County Fair Association. Within 24 hours of filing the protest, the Junior Livestock Rules Committee will assemble a quorum to rule on the matter. Protestor will be afforded the opportunity to address the committee for a brief statement, no longer than 5 minutes, on the protest if they desire before a ruling is made. Upon rendering their ruling, all parties involved or affected will be notified of the outcome by the Junior Livestock Chairman or their designated representative. Once a ruling is made, the matter will be considered closed; no further action will be considered by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee. If the ruling goes in favor of the protestor, the \$50.00 will be returned; otherwise, the protestor forfeits same.
6. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) market animal and one (1) commercial heifer in the Junior Livestock Show and Auction, provided that the animals were shown in their respective Jr. Livestock Shows. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) market animal (Hog or Steer). Exhibitors may enter other non-market animals for show. An exhibitor may win overall champion in any category shown.
  - A. In order to show heifers (commercial) that will not be presented at auction there will be an entry fee of \$50.00 which must be paid at the final weigh in or you will not show.

7. An entry blank will not be accepted from an exhibitor that did not comply with rule #49 and/or #51 and **pay all bills** related to their previous year's project within 60 days after the Sale and Premium checks were mailed. All checks issued by the Highlands County Fair Board will be void after 60 days.
8. A chapter or club animal must have a designated exhibitor by November 18th at 3 pm as set in the Calendar of Events, and no changes in exhibitor may be made, except as allowed by rule #39. Exhibitor must meet all 4-H and FFA requirements.
9. All animals will be tattooed, tagged and/or photographed for identification at initial mandatory weigh-in and animal identification as set forth in the calendar of events.
  - A. Any animal at final weigh in without proper identification either tattoo and/or tagged will not be admitted into the Fair.
10. **ALL** entry forms must be completed to include **ALL** information on exhibitor and department including small animals. Entry forms must be completed and turned in by entry date as set in calendar of events for exhibitor's respective show department. A sales receipt showing place of purchase with signature and phone number of owner or manager of place of purchase must be turned in with entry form. Small animals are not exempt from turning in a signed sales receipt.
11. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER ENTRY DATE AS SET IN CALENDAR OF EVENTS. ANY ENTRY MAY BE DISQUALIFIED AT ANY TIME** if the exhibitor or entry does not meet any or all rules pertaining to them as set down in the Rules and Regulations of the Highlands County Junior Livestock Show. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON CONCERNING ENTRY DEADLINES.**
12. If within 30 days of initial weigh-in date it is determined that an animal will not meet eligibility requirements due to illness or injury, as attested to by a veterinarian, or due to death, a substitute that meets all requirements of the department in which entered, and approved by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee will be allowed. The substitute animal will not be eligible for weight gain competition **and must be purchased within 10 days of Vets notice.** Arrangements for market animals to be sold or slaughtered after they do not make it into the Fair, is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Highlands County Fair Assoc., Jr. Livestock Rules Committee, or Extension Service will not be held responsible for these arrangements.

### **SHOW ORIENTATION & ADMISSION TO SHOW**

13. **All** animals will be admitted to the Fairgrounds on the dates set in the **Calendar of Events by Exhibitor Only. If conflicts arise, written excuses may be granted, but must be cleared with the Junior Livestock Rules Committee 24 hours PRIOR to the check-in.** Animals will be admitted only at these times. Sifting committees at the designated areas will weigh-in, check identification, and determine that specific and general requirements for show departments as listed in later sections of this book are met by each animal and exhibitor.
14. Any animal judged to be uncontrollable by exhibitor or unruly during initial sifting may be separated into a holding pen adjoining sifting area and allowed to calm down. These animals will be re-evaluated at a time designated by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee to determine suitability to continue the sifting process for admission to show. Any animal determined to be uncontrollable by exhibitor or unruly after this re-evaluation will be dismissed. Any animal that

becomes uncontrollable by exhibitor or unruly after admission to the fairgrounds and any time during fair week, will be dismissed from show, moved to a holding area and must leave the grounds as determined by a quorum of the Junior Livestock Rules Committee.

15. **Animals will be allowed to weigh one time only at the Fair Sifting and Weigh-in.** In case an animal weighs out, exhibitor may request the scales be zeroed and **re-weighed immediately**. The request must be made before the animal leaves the scales and **the animal cannot be removed from the scale area before being re-weighed.**

### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

16. Trucks or trailers hauling livestock must be **clean and disinfected** prior to hauling to Fairgrounds.
17. All livestock for exhibition in Florida must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection(OCVI), not more than 30 days prior to presentation (OCVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian. All certificates of veterinary inspection for cattle and swine must show detailed record of tests for each animal, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers, and if from a tuberculosis certified herd, give accredited or certified herd number **prior to Date of Final Weigh-In.**
18. **State law requires that all market steers and swine be sold for slaughter. NO MARKET STEERS OR SWINE CAN RETURN TO THE FARM!**
19. The Junior Livestock Committee **recommends** that **all** beef animals including steers be given preventative vaccinations for blackleg, malignant edema, and pneumonia type diseases (IBR, BVD, PI3, Hemorrhagic Septicemia).
20. No shots or vaccinations will be administered to any animals 45 days prior to final weigh in unless administered by veterinarian as prescribed by legal label. Absolutely no shots or injections will be allowed after final weigh in onto Fairgrounds. Additionally, each exhibitor and their parents or guardian will be required to sign a statement guaranteeing that their animal is drug free.
21. Any animal that becomes ill or contracts what may be a contagious illness or disease after entering the Fairgrounds will be moved to a holding area and be disqualified from the show upon examination and advice of a veterinarian.
22. **All** poultry and rabbit entries must be clean and free of insects and infectious diseases prior to admission to the Fairgrounds.
23. **All** poultry must meet all state regulations relative to poultry as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and must have a negative test for Pullorum Typhoid at the time of admission to the Fair.

### **BARN & CONDUCT RULES**

24. All exhibitors, leaders, and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, orderly, professional, positive, and sportsmanship like manner at all times, or they will be dismissed from the Fair and will be banned from participating in future Fairs. The Jr Livestock Committee recommends that exhibitors attend a Ethics Educational Seminar.

25. Each Club and/or Chapter will automatically be entered in the Herdsman Award Contest. Exhibitors must do all work for eligibility (NO PARENTAL PARTICIPATION). The winning club and/or Chapter in the large animal barn will be awarded the Herdsman award and receive \$250.00. The winning club and/or Chapter in the small animal barn will be awarded the Glisson Animal Supply Herdsman award and receive \$100.00.
26. Any exhibitor at the barn during school hours other than days they are preparing for a show they are entered in will be disqualified unless accompanied by a Parent or Teacher.
27. Exhibitors assume all liability in cases of death or injury to their animals. Every effort will be made to prevent accidents, however, neither the Highlands County Fair Association or the Junior Livestock Show Committee, its members, nor the sponsorship of the Fair will be responsible.
28. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing for the care and feeding of their animals. This includes feed and water containers, and **clean quarters** for their animals. **If the barn superintendent has to care for any animal due to neglect of an exhibitor, the exhibitor shall forfeit their premium money and will be placed on a one year probation status.**
29. **All bovine animals must be tied with safety ropes while in stalls.** Barn halters must be clean and in good condition.
30. Sand will be provided for the bovine animal bedding only. No flammable or combustible bedding will be allowed due to fire regulations. **Only Sand!**
31. All hogs will be housed on rubber mats which are provided by the Fairgrounds. **Animals should be conditioned to this environment prior to the Fair.** No flammable or combustible bedding will be allowed due to fire regulations.
32. Exhibitors should care for and fit animals while at the Fair with **minimal assistance** from parents and leaders. Parents and Leaders may assist when safety and education are involved, but exhibitor must be present when parents and leaders are performing any grooming or related duties or exhibitor shall forfeit their premium money.
33. In order to insure animals will be on display for the duration of the Fair, animals will be released only at the times designated in the Calendar of Events for each species.
34. **Parents of exhibitors will be given 2 gate passes and may purchase 2 gate passes per family for the entire week of the Fair.**

### **SHOW RULES**

35. The Livestock Show Categories Are:  
**Market Steer, Commercial Heifers, Open Class Heifers, Market Swine, Poultry, Rabbits.**
36. Entry by exhibitor expressly implies their willingness to accept the decision of all judges. The utmost care will be taken by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee to select qualified Judges.
37. A Modified Danish System of judging will be used. **THE DECISION OF ALL JUDGES WILL BE FINAL**, and awards (ribbons, rosettes, trophies) will be given by judges on an individual exhibits merit.

38. All Exhibitors are **required** to wear appropriate show attire, which shall be clean and neat. All exhibitors shall be dressed in white, green, dark blue, or dark black jeans or slacks with a solid white collared **long-sleeved shirt**, which must be tucked in. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended. No caps or hats will be allowed. Closed toed shoes or boots are required. **If exhibitor does not meet proper show attire requirements he or she will not be allowed to show.**
39. If injury, illness, or other emergency prevents an exhibitor from showing their animal, an alternate individual may show for the entrant, provided they meet the qualifications of rules 1-3 and the matter is brought to the attention of the Jr. Livestock Rules Committee in writing prior to the beginning of the particular class showing.

### **SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS**

40. There will be a showmanship contest in **all** show categories. Showmanship contests will be divided into Junior (Elementary School through Middle School) or Senior (High School) divisions. ALL large animal showmanship classes will be determined during Market Show.
41. All small animal exhibitors are eligible for showmanship and can participate if they so choose excluding Pee-Wee and Clover Buds.
42. The top 2 individuals in Showmanship contests will be placed in Junior and Senior divisions and down to ten may receive participation ribbons and premiums.
43. Additional trophies and other awards for Champion and Reserve Champion, Showmanship may be offered in most categories sponsored by businesses, organizations, and individuals.

### **JUDGING CONTESTS**

44. There will be a Junior Livestock Judging Contest during Fair Week. Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member who meets the grade requirements of Rule 3 may participate in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest.
45. Judging classes for the contest will include animals and species from all regular show categories except rabbits and poultry, if enough animals are available.
46. Premiums will be paid to the top 5 individuals in the Junior and Senior divisions of the Junior Livestock Judging Contest.
47. Additional trophies donated by businesses, organizations, and individuals may be given for individual and team honors.

### **RECORD BOOK CONTESTS**

48. There will be a Record Book contest for all Junior and Senior exhibitors. The completed Highlands County Fair Record Book will be used. **All fair exhibitors must submit a completed record book with signature of Leader or Advisor.** Exhibitor will forfeit premium money if a completed record book is not turned in and will not be eligible for a livestock entry in the following year fair.

49. Any Exhibitor wishing to compete in the Overall Grand Champion award will need to submit their Record Book no later than 10am on Monday of Fair week. The Record Book will be judged and returned to the Exhibitor immediately following the Awards Dinner on Friday night. Exhibitor will have until Saturday at 12pm to pick up their Record Book from the Fair Office.
50. All Record Books, competing for Overall or not, must be submitted or re-submitted no later than 10:00 AM on the last Sunday of Fair week in order to be considered eligible for a livestock entry in the following years Fair.
51. **ALL** Exhibitors must submit their Record Book for competition. In the event the exhibitor or animal does not make the fair the exhibitor must turn in a completed Highlands County Fair Record Book for each entry in order to be eligible for a livestock **entry** in the following years Fair. **This requirement is for eligibility to show in next years fairs and record book will not be eligible for record book contest.**
52. Premiums will be paid to the top two entrants in each show category with separate categories for Junior and Senior members.
53. Additionally, trophies donated by businesses, organizations, or individuals may be given to first place winners
54. The Record Book **must not be** in a binder, folder, page protector or notebook and contain no artwork. The Record Book must not be disassembled. The Record Book will not be judged if the previously mentioned is not followed.
55. The Record Book placing will be used in figuring Overall and Reserve Overall Champions of all show categories.

### **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE**

56. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held at the Fair on the date set in the **Calendar of Events** and Order of Sale will be determined by the Junior Livestock Show Committee.
57. The Highlands County Fair Board will serve as the agent for the exhibitor and buyer in selling the animal. The exhibitor (seller) should allow **45 days** for their checks. Checks issued by the Highlands County Fair Board will be void 60 days after issue date. A Livestock fee of not more than 5% of the total sale price for each animal will be charged to cover expenses of the Sale including judges, auctioneer expenses, beef and pork industry charges, buyer picture, ultra sound procedure, etc.
58. An exhibitor may sell two (2) animals in the Jr. Livestock Auction, providing that one animal is a commercial heifer and the other is a market animal. A market animal is either a market steer or market hog. **All market animals (steers & swine) shown at the Fair must go through the sale ring and to slaughter.**
59. All sale commercial heifers and open class heifers must meet health requirements as outlined in the Health Requirements and Recommendations section of this book, plus any additional requirements by The State of Florida Department of Agriculture and USDA for Sale and movement of breeding animals. Unless all requirements are met prior to the Fair, breeding animals will not be allowed to sell.

60. All sale animals and exhibitors must meet any and all Rules and Regulations requirements for show and sale that apply to them in this book. Any animal or exhibitor disqualified from show competition or dismissed for any reason prior to sale night, will not be allowed through the sale ring.
61. Any exhibitor that “**No Sales**” their commercial heifer or open class heifer will be charged not more than 5% livestock fee for all animals in their department, and no less than \$50.00. No sale means exhibitor declared at fair final weigh-in that they will not sell the animal.
62. In order to insure continued good relationships with Sale Buyers and their participation in the Junior Livestock Sale, **all exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale must have a professional like thank you letter, in a stamped pre-addressed, non-sealed envelope to the buyer of their animal.** This letter is to be placed in a designated box located near the office in the Livestock Barn on the date as set in the Calendar of Events. **Any exhibitor not complying will forfeit any and all prize money won. Sale money will be held until the letter is written.**

## MARKET STEER RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **ALL MARKET STEERS MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER!**

1. **Steers must be owned by exhibitors, be under exhibitor’s management and it is recommended that steers be on feed for 30 days prior to the initial Weigh-In.** It is recommended that Market Steers weigh at least **700 pounds** at the time of initial weigh-in.
2. All steers must be dehorned and healed in order to show or exhibit. Any horn re-growth will be evaluated by the Junior Livestock Committee. All steers must not exceed 24 months of age at Fair time. All steers may be mouthed by a qualified veterinarian. No bulls or stags will be permitted.
3. All steers must be born and raised on ranches in Highlands County. The only exceptions are when a cattle operation has cow/calf operations in Highlands County and extends into an adjoining county, or an exhibitor lives in Highlands County and their parents’ ranch is in a county adjoining Highlands County.
4. **All Steers must arrive at the Fair clipped to a maximum of a quarter inch hair over the body only leaving the switch. Clipping of steers must be done before arrival at the fair. Clipping must be of the head-top knot-poll, tail head, body underline, and legs above the knee and hock.** Steers will be checked at final weigh-in and will not be allowed to show with more than a quarter inch of hair. If steer needs to be re-clipped it must be taken to the end of the weigh in line and must be back in line by 7:00 am. If steer is not back in line by 7:00 am or fails recheck of close clipping by 7:00 am, steer will be disqualified. **Altering the coat after check in will result in automatic disqualification.**
5. All steer entries are automatically entered in the weight-gain contest from the initial weigh-in. Steers will be initially weighed in at the Highlands County Fairgrounds on the date set in the **Calendar of Events**. All steers will be weighed-in to the Fair on the date set in the **Calendar of Events** to determine show and sale weighs.

6. Steers must be halter broken, controlled by exhibitor, properly trained and should be in show condition at admission time. They must weigh a minimum of **975 pounds and with no maximum weight**, at weigh-in time of Fair week. **Exhibitor will be paid up to 1365 pounds.** The Junior Livestock Committee recommends that all steers have gained a minimum of 2.00 pounds per day since initial weigh-in.
7. Steers will be assigned to show classes by weight upon arrival at the Fair. No separation will be made by breed.
8. Official judging of the Market Steer Show will be on the date as set in the **Calendar of Events**.
9. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Steer Exhibitor.** The overall and reserve overall champion steer exhibitors will be determined by accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and steer competition. The total number of points possible will be 100 and will be accumulated on a percentage basis in the following manner:

Weight Gain Contest	5%
Show Placing	20%
Carcass Contest	20%
Showmanship	25%
Judging Contest	20%
Record Book	10%

### **Market Steer Show**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Steer class on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	First	Second	Third
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

### **Senior & Junior Market Steer Showmanship**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Steer class on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Trophy	Trophy

### **Overall Market Steer Champion Exhibitors**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the 2012 fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Reserve Overall Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$100.00	\$50.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

### **Market Steer Carcass Champion**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Carcass Champion	Reserve Carcass Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$40.00

### **Market Steer Weight Gain**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Weight Gain Champion	Reserve Weight Gain Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	50.00	40.00

## **COMMERCIAL HEIFER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Exhibitor must declare on Entry form if choosing Commercial Heifer or Open Class Heifer as set in the calendar of events.
2. Heifers must be owned and under the exhibitor's management before the initial weigh-in and identification as set in the Calendar of Events for large animals.
3. Heifers must be polled or dehorned and healed, halter broken, properly trained, have good beef conformation, of proper size and condition for age and in show condition upon admission to the Fair. Any horn re-growth will be evaluated by the Junior Livestock Committee.
4. Official judging of commercial heifers and open class heifers will be on the date set in the **Calendar of Events**. All heifers will show in their respective weight classes regardless of breed resemblance.
5. All commercial heifers must weigh at least 750 lbs. at Fair time.

6. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Commercial Heifer Exhibitor** will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors and their animals through participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and Commercial Heifer competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:

Show Placing	30%
Showmanship	30%
Judging Contest	20%
Record Book	20%

### **Commercial Heifer – Junior Livestock Sponsored Program**

1. **Commercial Heifers selected by Highlands County Ranchers and approved by the Junior Livestock Committee. Exhibitors will then select a Commercial Heifer on Pick Up day using a lottery type selection.**
2. **All Commercial Heifers must be paid for on Pick Up day, as set in the Calendar of Events, with a check or money order.**

### **Open Class**

1. **Only grade and crossbred beef heifers that were born and raised on Highlands County ranches are eligible. The only exceptions are those that meet the same exceptions as Market Steer Rule #3.**

### **Commercial Heifer & Open Class Heifer Show**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Commercial Heifer & Open Class Heifer class on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	First	Second	Third
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

## Senior & Junior Commercial Heifer & Open Class Heifer Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Commercial Heifer & Open Class Heifer class on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Trophy	Trophy

## Overall Commercial Heifer Champion Exhibitor

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the 2012 fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Reserve Overall Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$100.00	\$50.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

## MARKET SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **ALL MARKET SWINE MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER!**

1. Market Hogs must be owned by exhibitor and under their management by the October initial Weigh-In. An entry form for each animal must be submitted with a copy of the individual bill of sale. Bill of Sale must show the individual purchase price, producers signature and place of purchase.
2. Market Hogs can be either barrows or gilts but no boars will be allowed. **It is recommended that market hogs weigh at least 80 pounds and not more than 120 pounds at the time of initial identification.**
3. Market Hogs will be assigned to Show Classes by weight upon arrival at Fair. No separation will be made by breed for competition. ONLY un-decorated wooden canes will be used while on the Fairgrounds.
4. Market Hogs must be of a recognized purebred breed or a crossbred of recognized purebred breeds.
5. All swine will be housed on rubber mats at the Fairgrounds, and animals should be conditioned to this environment prior to the Fair. No automatic feeders will be allowed in the hog pens, during the week of the Fair. Hog pans will not be allowed to remain in the pen from 9:30am – 4:30pm and from 9:30pm – 7:00am. Any pans left in the pens will be confiscated and premium money will be forfeited. It is recommended that you feed your hog no more than 2 lbs per day during the Fair. It is asked that you do not dump your feed onto the rubber mats in the pen.

6. **Hogs must weigh at least 220 pounds and no more than 300 pounds. Exhibitor will be paid up to 280 pounds.** Hog must be of show quality at time of admission to Fair.
7. All hogs will be weighed into the Fair on the date set in the **Calendar of Events**, to determine the show and sale weight.
8. The Swine Show will be held on the date as set in the **Calendar of Events**.
  - A) Showmanship will be determined during the Market Show.
9. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Swine Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion swine exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and swine competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:
 

Carcass	20%
Show Placing	20%
Showmanship	20%
Judging Contest	20%
Record Book	20%
10. **All Hogs must arrive at the Fair clipped. Clipping of hogs must be done before arrival at the fair.** Altering the coat after check in will result in automatic disqualification.

### Market Swine Show

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Swine class on Sunday, February 12, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	First	Second	Third
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$12.00

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

### **Senior & Junior Market Swine Showmanship**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Swine class on Sunday, February 12, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Trophy	Trophy

### **Junior Market Swine Showmanship**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Swine class on Sunday, February 12, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Trophy	Trophy

### **Overall Market Swine Champion Exhibitor**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the 2012 fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Reserve Overall Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

### **Market Swine Carcass**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Carcass Champion	Reserve Carcass Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$50.00	\$40.00

# **SMALL ANIMAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **(Rabbit and Poultry)**

**ALL EXHIBITORS WILL PAY \$5.00 ENTRY FEE PER EXHIBIT AT TIME ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE.**

**DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT OWNED BY YOU, THE EXHIBITOR!**

***ALL RULES IN THIS BOOK APPLY TO SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS!***

### **POULTRY**

7. All birds must be of a recognized breed and be identified on entry form. Refer to the American Standard of Perfection for Poultry for recognized breeds.
8. All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and under their management by the entry date as set in the **Calendar of Event**.
1. Judging of poultry conducted in reference to the American Poultry Association of Standard of Perfection or American Bantam Association Standards.
2. Entries are exhibited one per cage unless otherwise stated.

#### **POULTRY (chickens)**

Class I - Hens (female over 1 year of age)

Class II - Roosters (male over 1 year of age)

Class III - Trio (1 male and 2 females)

5. Entrant may enter three classes of poultry with one entry per class for ribbon and prize money. However, one may enter additional animals for exhibition purpose only. The total number of exhibit entries will be limited by barn facilities.
6. The following may be entered in the Fair as exhibits only:
  - A) Hen and Chicks
  - B) Hen and Ducklings
  - C) Hen and Pullets
  - D) Doe and Her Litter
  - E) Peacocks
  - F) Ducks and Turkeys
7. Release of small animals will be to the exhibitor only on the dates and times as set in the Calendar of Events. If conflict arises, a written excuse to the Junior Livestock Committee must be turned in to release the animal.

8. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Poultry Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion swine exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and swine competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:

Show Placing	20%
Showmanship	30%
Record Book	30%
Ask Me Booth	10%
Poster Contest	10%

At time of entry Exhibitor must designate which animal will be used for accumulation of overall points. (Ex. Hen, Trio or Rooster)

9. **All poultry will be tagged and/or photographed for identification as set in the calendar of events.**

### Poultry Show

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Poultry class on Saturday, February 11, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.50

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$10.00	\$5.00
Award	Trophy	Trophy

### Senior & Junior Poultry Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Poultry class on Saturday, February 11, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.50

**Overall Market Poultry Champion Exhibitor**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the 2012 fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Reserve Overall Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$20.00	\$10.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

**RABBITS**

1. All rabbits must be of a recognized breed and be identified on entry form. Refer to the American Standards of Perfection for Rabbits for recognized breeds.
2. All rabbits, except meat pens, must be purebred of a recognized breed.
3. All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and under their management by entry date as set in the **Calendar of Events**.
4. Judging and entry classification of rabbits will be conducted in reference to the American Rabbit Association Breeders Association, which will prevail.
5. Entries are exhibited one per cage unless otherwise stated.

**RABBITS (breeding and meat)**

**Class I - Senior Doe (female over 6 weeks of age at Tagging time)**

**Class II - Senior Buck (male over 6 weeks of age at Tagging time)**

6. Entrant may enter two classes of rabbits with one entry per class for ribbon and prize money. However, one may enter additional animals for exhibition purpose only. The total number of exhibit entries will be limited by barn facilities.
7. Release of small animals will be to the exhibitor, only on the dates and times as set in the Calendar of Events. If a conflict arises, a written excuse to the Junior Livestock Committee must be turned in to release the animal.
8. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Rabbit Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion swine exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and swine competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:

Show Placing	20%
Showmanship	30%
Record Book	30%
Ask Me Booth	10%
Poster Contest	10%

At time of entry Exhibitor must designate which animal will be used for accumulation of overall points. (Ex. Buck or Doe)

9. All rabbits will be tattooed and/or photographed for identification as set in the calendar of events.
10. **Exhibitor will need to provide a water bottle that is able to be attached to the cage for the duration of the Fair.**

### **Rabbits Show**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Rabbit class on Monday, February 13, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.50

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$10.00	\$5.00
Award	Trophy	Trophy

### **Senior & Junior Rabbit Showmanship**

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Rabbit class on Monday, February 13, 2012. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ribbon	Blue	Red	White
Premium	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.50

### **Overall Market Rabbit Champion Exhibitor**

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the 2012 fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Reserve Overall Champion
Ribbon	Purple	Lavender
Premium	\$20.00	\$10.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Trophy

## **ASK ME BOOTH**

1. The “Ask Me” Booth will be available to any small animal exhibitor of the Junior Livestock Shows. The purpose of the booth is to allow participants to share their knowledge of their project with the public. **Participants will sign-up for a 30 minute time slot at the Mandatory Meeting in January.**
2. This is a voluntary program. Participants who fulfill their time will receive points towards their division overall award. Participants may sign-up for more than one time slot after everyone has had the chance to sign-up. Additional time at the booth will be voluntary and will not include additional points.

## **PEE WEE RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Pee Wee exhibitors must be a minimum of four (4) years old before September 1st and a maximum of eight (7) years old. Pee Wee must be able to handle their chosen animal in the show arena.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per Pee Wee exhibitor. Pee Wee’s may show the following:  
Swine (less than eight (8) weeks)  
Sheep, Goat (less than 6 months of age)  
Small animal (as listed in Small animal rules)  
Jr. Dairy Calf (less than six (6) months of age)  
Jr. Beef Calf (less than six (6) months of age)
3. No record book is required for Pee Wee projects.
4. All animals must meet general health requirements. Pee Wee animals are not allowed in the Show Barn due to these animals not being required to have certified health papers.
5. All Pee Wee entries and type of animal must be declared no later than January 30, 2012.
6. All Pee Wee entries will show Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 5:15 p.m.
7. There are not to be any premiums awarded for the show.

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