

Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.

The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County

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2012

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITOR RULES AND INFORMATION

FAIR DATES ARE FEBRUARY 3rd – 12TH, 2012

1. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of the Charlotte Senior FFA or a Charlotte County 4-H Club, and be active in their membership. They must be enrolled in school/home schooled. Exhibitors are no longer eligible after graduation from high school. Age categories as of September 1: Juniors 8 - 10 yrs; Intermediates 11 - 13yrs.; & Seniors 14 - 18 yrs. Or still in High School.
2. Market Animal Exhibitors may exhibit one type of market animal up to two animals total. (Types are as follows: 1-steer, 1-hog, 1-lamb or 1-sale breed animal)
3. All exhibitors will comply with FDA regulation 21CFR589.2000. For verification a copy of the label of any and all feed, medications or supplements will be kept in the exhibitors record book. A copy of the livestock owner's compliance certificate (attached with rules) signed by the exhibitor and legal guardian will go in your record book.
4. Exhibitors must have the major role in the feeding and care of their animal.
5. Cattle Exhibitors must be able to handle their animals **by themselves in the show ring**. All un-controllable animals will be disqualified from showing.
6. There is a deduction from final check for Pictures & Buyer Plaques per animal entered.
7. All Market animals are subject to an entry fee of \$25 per animal, due with entry form. (Entry fee is non-refundable)
8. **Ads:** All exhibitors are required to sell at least one ¼ page ad for the Fair Program Book . (Per animal entered). Ad forms and information will be available on September 1st thru November 30th, 2011 on the Fair website. Prizes for top 5 Ad sellers
9. **Buyer's Letters:** Exhibitors of market animals are required to write a minimum of four (4) acceptable letters to four (4) different prospective buyers. Letters must be turned in at the initial weigh-in, with stamped envelopes, and ready for mailing. If not received animals will not be weighed in. If help is needed with your letters contact your leaders.
10. **Work Days:** All Exhibitors must attend the pre-fair workday on January 28th, or three (3) evening the week of working with barn crew, and one post-fair workday February 12th. A fine of \$100 will be imposed for unexcused absences premiums will be forfeited. Absences must be excused by the CC Fair Ag Committee.
11. All Exhibitors must turn in your Club Record Book.
12. There will be a "Rate of Gain" contest for market steers, hogs, & lambs. Also there will be one (1) Barn Herdsman. The award will be given to the winners at the fair during the sale.
13. There will be a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Class: Age categories as of September 1: Junior 8 - 10 yrs.; Intermediate 11 - 13yrs.; & Senior 14 - 18 yrs.
14. The order of sale will be: Grand Champion; Reserve Grand Champion; C. C. Grand Champion; Blue First Place class winners in class order; all others in order of a draw.
15. Exhibitors at all shows will wear official club attire. All exhibitors not showing will be asked to stay for the shows.
16. All market animals entered in the fair are consigned to be shown and sold at the Charlotte County Fair Youth Livestock Sale for exhibitors to be eligible to receive premiums, add-on money, or any other moneys from the sale/Charlotte County Fair.

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17. Animals must remain at the fairgrounds until closing time of the Fair unless for health reasons a veterinarian requests an animal be removed. Specific release times are specified by Ag Committee. Removal of any animal or exhibit prior to designated release times will cause forfeiture of all premiums won, etc, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the C.C. Fair.
18. The Agriculture Committee and its authorized agents shall have the right to handle and examine any animal at anytime after the first weigh-in. They reserve the right to reject or accept any entry or application made for entry, to revoke premiums earned, or disqualify any exhibitor for just cause and such decisions will be final. Animals will be exhibited as documented at the initial weigh-in only.
19. Based on State Laws - Exhibitors must present current health certificate(s) for their animal(s) upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are responsible for **obtaining their own health certificates**. Animal(s) **ARE NOT** to be unloaded off trailers at fairgrounds until checked by the State Inspectors, there are NO exceptions. Animals will be received at fairgrounds on Friday, February 3, 2012 between 8am-11am you must be in line by 11am with no exceptions.
20. Tampering with any animal entered, such as filling with foreign substance, etc. is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals or the possession of same after arrival at the fair will be tampering. Tampering will result in disqualification and removal of the animal. Should illness occur, all medication must be administered or authorized by a veterinarian, and/or The Agriculture Committee, and verification thereof shall be forwarded to your leadership. Random drug testing may occur.
21. Sale checks will be distributed to exhibitors as soon after this event as possible. The Charlotte County Fair Association will not be responsible for any payments not received. Reminder some buyers are billed and pay within 30 days or so. No checks will be distributed till all payments have been received.
22. Additional money deductions may be necessary for unforeseen circumstances.
23. The C. C. Fair Agriculture Committee will handle administration of the rules and disciplinary action with a disciplinary committee and your leaders.
24. **Thank You Letters:** 2-Blank Thank You letters must be received the morning of the Final weigh in, with a Stamped envelope.
25. The C. C. Fair Agriculture Committee reserves the right to modify any rule as necessary in order to provide a fair and equitable application of said rules. Exhibitors are asked in advance to cooperate as may be necessary with the respect to any modification made of these rules.
26. All Rules & Forms used for the 2012 Fair are dated July 15, 2011.
27. All exhibitors show at their own risk to themselves and their animals. The Charlotte County Fair will bear no responsibility or liability.
28. Transportation of animals is the responsibility of the exhibitor/parents, there are NO ENCLOSED TRAILERS ALLOWED TO TRANSPORT ANIMALS, if transportation is needed contact your leaders.
29. All protests must be in writing, stating plainly the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00, which shall be forfeited to the Fair Ag Committee Funds in case the protest "is not" sustained and must be delivered to the Management within 24 hours after the cause of protest.
30. Exhibitors/Parents are to contact your leaders or the Ag Committee chairman – Tim Deah @ 941-380-4247, and/or Ag Committee Secretary - Jackie Andrews @ 941-628-6815 with any and all questions.

Dated on July 15, 2011

