Polk County Youth Fair

Fair Dates - January 23-January 29, 2016

(863) 519-1046

All exhibits must be entered on a 2016 entry form and submitted to the Polk County Youth Fair Office 1702 Highway 17 South, Bartow FL 33830 or **mailed to** P O BOX 9005, Drawer HS03, Bartow, FL 33831-9005, or online at www.pcyf.net. Entries **postmarked** (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted) on the entry deadline date will be accepted. Entry forms are available online at: www.pcyf.net. Your signature on the entry form you are entering your project on signifies that you have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Please read specific department rules for other deadlines and penalties related to market animals and plants for auction.

Date:	***What's Due:***
March 30, 2015	Commercial Market Steer Show entry form due
June13, 2015 8:00 am	Commercial Market Steer Selection Day
July 10, 2015	Open Show Market Steer entry forms due
July 17, 2015	Late entries for Open Show Market Steers due
July 25, 2015 6:00 am - 9:00 am	Mandatory Market Steer Open Show Initial Weigh in/Tagging Day
August 15, 2015 8:00 am - noon	Mandatory Livestock Field Day and Market Steer(Open and Commercial) Exhibitor Rules Meeting
September 10, 2015 6:30 pm	Horticulture Workshop(Brenneman Auditorium)
September 12, 2015 9:00 am	Mandatory meeting for Poultry exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and Teachers(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2 meetings) Poultry Workshop for Poultry exhibitors(following mandatory meeting)
September 15, 2015 7:00 pm	Mandatory meeting for Poultry Exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and Teachers(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2 meetings)
September 17, 2015 7:00 pm	1st Mandatory meeting for all Market Hog Exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and Teachers(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2)
September 19, 2015 9:00 am	2nd Mandatory meeting for all Market Hog Exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and Teachers(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2)
September 21, 2015	Market Hog entry forms due
September 22-25, 2015	Late entries accepted for Market Hogs
September 24, 2015 6:00 pm	Mandatory Meeting for Goat Breeding and Goat Tying Skills Contest(Exhibitors must attend this meeting)
September 25, 2015	Blueberry, Citrus, Peach, Ornamental Plant Entry Form due, Plants for Display Only Entry Form due
October 1, 2015	Horses must be owned/leased or cared for by this date(lease to be turned in with entry form due November 6, 2015)
October 2, 2015	Late entries for Blueberry, Citrus, Peach and Ornamental Plant Entry Forms, Plants for Display Only Entry Forms due
October 3, 2015 6:30 am - 10:00 am	Market Hog Tagging Day
October 9, 2015	Archery Competition Entry Forms due
October 15, 2015 7:00 pm	1st Mandatory meeting for all Horse Exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and Teachers(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2)
October 16, 2015	Late entries for Archery Competition due with late entry fee
October 24, 2015 9:00 am	2nd Mandatory meeting for all Horse Exhibitors, 4-H Leaders and Teachers(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2) 1st Mandatory Archery Safety and Training Session/Fun Shoot and Turkey Shoot(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2 training sessions being held)
November 6, 2015	Beef Breeding, Commercial Heifer, Breeding Goat, Goat Tying Skills Contest, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit entry forms due
November 7, 2015 8:00 am - 9:30 am	2nd Mandatory Archery Safety and Training Session/Fun Shoot and Turkey Shoot(exhibitors must attend 1 of 2 training sessions)
December 4, 2015	Purebred Beef, Commercial Heifer, Breeding Goat, Horse late entry forms due with late entry fee
December 4, 2015	Chili Cook Off Contest Entry Forms Due. Vegetable entry forms due. Bedding Plants, Hanging Baskets ownership deadline. Dog Entry Form and Dog Class entry forms due.
December 11, 2015	Vegetables late entry forms due with late entry fee. Dog Entry and Dog Class Entry late entry forms due with late entry fee.
December 16, 2015	Family & Consumer Sciences Entry Forms due in the Youth Fair Office(mail and hand delivered only) Copies of letters to potential buyers due for cake auction, blueberry, citrus, peach, ornamental plants, market hogs, market steers, commercial heifers.
January 4, 2016	Whip Popping entry forms due.
January 8, 2016	Scrap Off entry forms due.
January 15, 2016	Copies of late letters to potential buyers for blueberry, citrus, peach and ornamental plants late letter with late letter fee deadline
January 19, 2016 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Non-perishable exhibit check in, cake Auction and cake auction recipes due. Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Mannequin Modeling, Sew Off Contest, Storytelling Contest, Tablesetting & Menu Planning, Working Booth entry forms due.
January 22, 2016 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Perishable exhibits check in and Food Preservation exhibits check in
January 25, 2016 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cakes for auction check in

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2016 Rules and Regulations
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Exhibit Check In/Check Out Dates and Times	
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm 6:00 pm - Midnight	All Family & Consumer Sciences Perishable exhibits Check In. Food Preservation Exhibits Check In Market Hogs Check in
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016 7:30 am 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Horse Check In Rabbit Check In
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016 7:00 am - 11:00 am	Commercial Heifer Check In
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 8:30 am 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 11:00 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 9:00 pm	Archery Competition Juniors check in/safety inspection Horticulture Check in(Blueberry, Citrus, Peach, Ornamental Plants, Vegetables) Archery Competition Intermediate check in/safety inspection Goat Tying Skills Contest check in Archery Competition Seniors check in/safety inspection Cakes for auction Check In Judging of Cakes for Auction Notification of Cake Auction Winners
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Rabbits Check Out
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016 6:00 am - 9:00 am 6:00 am - 9:00 am 8:00 am - 10:00 am 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Purebred Beef Check in Market Steers Check in(Open and Commercial) Breeding Goats Check in Poultry and Eggs Check in Chili Cook Off Teams Check In Dogs for Showmanship Check in
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016 8:30 am - 9:00 am	Dogs for Agility, Test, Obedience and Rally Check in
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Blueberry, Citrus, Peaches, Ornamental Plants, Poultry Check out Breeding Goats Check out Stuart Center Exhibits Check out Purebred Beef Check out
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016 9:00 am - 11:00 am	Stuart Center Exhibits Check Out
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Stuart Center Exhibits Check Out

Check out of Exhibits - No exhibits may be removed except during the hours and dates specified listed above. Removal of exhibits without permission of the Fair Management, Department Superintendent or Department representative will result in the forfeiture of all premiums and awards. All exhibits not removed from the Fair Grounds by 4:30 P.M., Monday, February 1, 2016 will become the property of the Fair and exhibitor will forfeit all premiums unless other arrangements have been made in advance with the Fair Management, Department Superintendent or Department representative. All check-out of exhibits must be cleared through the appropriate Department Superintendent or Department representative.

Schedule of Events Agriculture Center

open to public each day at 8:30 am and close after last event of the evening

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016 8:30 am	Horse Show (Open Horse Arena)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016 10:00 am (first half) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm 2:30 pm (second half)	Market Hog Show(Hayman Arena) *Intermission of Market Hog Show* Market Hog Show
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 10:00 am 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 3:00 pm 8:30 am - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Market Hog Showmanship Goat Tying Skills Contest Rabbit Showmanship(Rabbit Barn) Archery Competition(Open Horse Arena) Whip Popping Contest
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Market Hog Sale (Hayman Arena) Cake Auction(Hayman Arena)(first five of ten cakes to be auctioned) Cake Auction(Hayman Arena)(last five of ten cakes to be auctioned) Commercial Heifer Show/Showmanship (Hayman Arena)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016 ????? 2:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Top Ranch Hand Contest Poultry Showmanship(Hayman Arena) Dog Showmanship Class(Open Horse Arena) Breeding Goat Show
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016 8:30 am 9:00 am - noon 8:30 am until judge is finished 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Dog Show(Open Horse Arena) Poultry & Egg Judging Contest, Rabbit Skillathon (for 4-H Individuals and FFA teams)not held in the poultry barn -location to be announced Poultry will be judged(Poultry Barn will be closed) Purebred Beef Show/Showmanship (Hayman Arena) Market Steer Show/Showmanship(Open and Commercial)(Hayman Arena)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016 9:00 am - 9:45 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:3 pm	Horticulture Judging Contest(for 4-H Individuals and FFA teams) Livestock Judging Contest(for 4-H Individuals and FFA teams) Judging Contest Awards Presentation Horticulture Awards Presentation for Exhibitors Blueberry, Citrus, Peach & Ornamental Plant Sale(Hayman Arena) Parade of Champions(Hayman Arena) Commercial Heifer Sale(Hayman Arena) Market Steer Sale(Hayman Arena)(immediately following Commercial Heifer Sale

Schedule of Events - Stuart Center	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 9:00 am	Closed to public Judging of Non Perishable Exhibits
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 10:00 am	Closed to public Tri Color Judging of Non Perishable Exhibits
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016 9:00 am	Closed to public Judging of Perishables/Tri-Color Judging
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016	Open to public 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 9:00 am - 3:30 pm 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Open to public 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Tablesetting & Menu Planning Contest(See rules for details) Scrap Off Contest Working Booths Mannequin Modeling
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Open to public 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Sew Off Contest - Individual(pajama pant) Sew Off Contest - Team(pillow) Storytelling Contest
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016 8:30 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Open to public Decorative Food Centerpiece Contest Closed for Chili Cook Off teams preparing for Contest Reopen to public
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016 9:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Open to public 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Demonstrations Illustrated Talks Mannequin Modeling Working Booths
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016 10:00 am - noon 10:00 am - noon 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Open to public 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Working Booths Mannequin Modeling Tri-Color Presentation Parade of Champions
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016 9:00 am - 11:00 am	Stuart Center Exhibits Check Out
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JANUARY 23 - JANUARY 29, 2016
2016 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTE: YOU MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE YOUTH FAIR IF YOU FAIL TO FOLLOW ANY OF THE YOUTH FAIR RULES.

Exhibitors:

✗ a. Any bonafide member of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA as determined by the respective organization on date of entry. Exhibitors must declare organization affiliation at time of entry of exhibit and may not change affiliation between entry time and Fair. Each exhibitor must also be a bonafide full time student in the Polk County school system(12th grade or below). All exhibitors must be a resident of Polk County including those who are home schooled in their own home. **Minimum age of exhibitors is 8 years old as of September 1, 2015**. No adult school students or students over the age of 22 will be eligible. An exception may be made for exhibitors attending a special needs school outside of Polk County if the exhibitor notifies the Polk County Youth Fair in advance for consideration of entering an exhibit in the Fair.

b. **Exceptional Students:** The Fair encourages parents, leaders and teachers of exceptional students to study the exhibit categories and select those that are reasonably within the abilities of the individual youngster. The Fair Management, if contacted in advance will make all reasonable efforts to permit alternatives to be used in such a way to allow the youngster an opportunity to participate.

c. **All exhibitors are required to wear organizational dress as defined below for all shows and all sales. Exhibitors not in organizational dress will be fined a $50.00 fee for each show and sale in which they are not properly attired. Polk County Youth Fair Official Guidelines are as follows:**

FFA: FFA jacket zipped to the top. White collared shirt with FFA scarf or tie - solid black or navy tie/scarf. Black pants. Black, dark brown or gray boots/shoes.

4-H: A white shirt with green scarf, green ribbon or green tie and dark pants.
No soft shoes such as tennis shoes allowed.

FCCLA:

Females: Red, black or white polo or oxford shirt(long or short sleeves)
Black or khaki dress slacks/pants/capris(no shorts)
Black or khaki skirts
Dress shoes or dress sandals
Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

Males:
Red, black or white polo or oxford shirt(long or short sleeves)
Black dress slacks or khaki pants
Dress shoes
Jeans, t-shirts, athletic wear ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

d. **Showmanship, Competitions, Special Activities and Judging Contests:**

Age of exhibitors to compete in shows, showmanship classes, special activities and judging contests will be divided into three divisions and will be based on the exhibitor's age as of **September 1, 2015:**

Junior - 8 to 10 years old
Intermediate - 11 - 13 years old
Senior - 14 to 18 years old

Showmanship Contests - Exhibitors in the showmanship contest may be allowed to show another exhibitor's animal that is entered in the same department, if the committee of the department in which they are entered determines an exhibitor's animal shows signs of having health issues and cannot be shown at the time of the showmanship contest.

Poultry Showmanship - Exhibitors can only show birds they entered.
Purebred Beef/Commercial Heifer Showmanship - Exhibitors can only show animals they entered.

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e. Exhibitor Conduct: Exhibitors are required to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Appropriate dress is required at all times. No radios are allowed to be played in the building including the inside of the barn. **NO SNUFF OR CHEWING TOBACCO IS ALLOWED DURING AN EVENT. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs and related substances is forbidden on the Fair Grounds. Violators will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency for prosecution. Unbecoming conduct such as the use of profanity, on the part of the exhibitor or anyone associated with the exhibitor will, at the discretion of the Fair Management, result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and requires the immediate removal of the exhibitor and his/her exhibits from the Fair Grounds with forfeiture of all premiums and awards.**

f. School Attendance: School attendance is important, but exhibitors should take care of their own exhibits during the Fair and make prior arrangements with teachers to make up work missed while at the Fair.

Entry Forms & Exhibits:

Exhibits are to be the result of a planned learning experience -- made, grown, raised, trained, and/or completed by the exhibitor since the last Fair. The exhibitor must be involved on a continuing basis to provide a meaningful educational and personal development experience. Please refer to the rules of each department for specific requirements in regards to entry deadlines, ownership deadlines, etc. Preparation of any exhibit **should** be done by the exhibitor.

Entry Forms: Exhibitors who knowingly state false information on entry forms will be subject to disqualification from the Fair. Exhibitor's signature, parent/guardian's signature and teacher/leader's signature on the entry form that is submitted for a project signifies the rules and regulations have been read by the exhibitor, parent/guardian, teacher/leader and that all understand and agree to abide by rules and regulations. **All signatures on entry forms are required for entry to be accepted. A bill of sale listing buyer and seller's name with complete address and contact information is required to be submitted along with entry forms for all market hog, market steer, breeding goats and commercial heifers(not shown in a prior year)**. A physical address where market animals will be raised is required to be listed on the entry form submitted. Specific committee members will spot check market animals from initial entry deadline until final date of check-in at fair time. Entry forms, online entry and additional copies of the Rules and Regulations are available from the Youth Fair Office, located at 1702 Highway 17 South, Bartow, Florida 33830 **or** online at www.pcyf.net

✗**Ownership and Payment Disputes:** If a department rule requires an exhibitor to own an exhibit, exhibitors shall have good, marketable and sole title to exhibits as of the date identified in the rule. Fair Management reserves the right to prohibit display of any exhibit at the Fair where title to the exhibit is disputed, title to the exhibit cannot be proven by bill of sale, or where an action for the price has been filed against the exhibitor.

Number of Exhibits - The number of exhibits allowed will vary with each department. See specific rules for the Department under which the exhibit will be entered for details.

Exhibit Tags - A completed exhibit tag available from the Youth Fair office is required for all Family & Consumer Sciences projects, blueberry, citrus tree, peach tree, ornamental plants, vegetables, eggs and rabbits.

ENTRY AND TAGGING FEES

Entry Fees: A $5.00 entry fee will be in effect for the following departments: Archery Competition, Family & Consumer Sciences, Breeding Goats, Goat Tying Skills Contest, Dog Show, Egg, Poultry, Rabbit, and Horticulture. Each exhibitor must submit a $5.00 entry fee per division for the 2016 Polk County Youth Fair. This entry fee **must** accompany entry form in order for entry to be considered valid. Those exhibitors entering more than one exhibit in a division need only pay the entry fee one time for the division they are entering. **Entry forms received without entry fee being paid will not be accepted. Entry fees are nonrefundable**.

Entry Fees for large animals: A $10.00 entry fee will be in effect for the following divisions: Purebred Beef Breeding, Commercial Heifer, Horse, Market Hog, Market Steer. Each exhibitor must submit a $10.00 entry fee for the 2016 Polk County Youth Fair for the division they are entering. This entry fee **must** accompany entry form in order for entry to be considered valid. Those exhibitors entering more than one exhibit in a division need only pay the entry fee one time for the division they are entering. **Entry forms received without entry fee being paid will not be accepted. Entry fees are nonrefundable**.

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Market Steer Carcass Ultrasound Fee: A carcass ultrasound fee in the amount of $10.00 per animal entered must be submitted with entry form. The market steer carcass ultrasound fee is required and is not optional. All steers accepted at the final weigh-in for the Polk County Youth Fair Steer Show and Sale will be measured using ultrasound.

LATE ENTRY FEES:
Beef, Commercial Heifer, Market Steer - $100.00
Archery Competition - $10.00
Breeding Goats - $10.00
Dog - $10.00
Horse - $25.00
Horticulture - $10.00
Market Hog - $50.00

Late fees in addition to the entry fee for the proper amount **must** accompany entry form in order for entry to be considered valid. **Entry forms received without late entry fee will not be accepted. All late fees are nonrefundable**.

Tagging Identification Fee: Exhibitors entering the Market Hog and Market Steer department will need to submit a $10.00 identification fee per animal entered. This fee must accompany the entry form for entry to be considered valid. Entry forms received without tagging identification fee being paid will not be accepted. **Tagging identification fees are nonrefundable**.

Overall Fair Rules:

Protests: Protests of any ruling or incident arising 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 Protest Committee accompanied by a $25 protest fee payable in cash. Within 24 hours of filing the protest, the Protest 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 10 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 Protest Committee or their designated representative. Once a ruling is made, the matter will be considered closed; no further action will be considered by the Protest Committee. If the ruling goes in favor of the protestor, the $25.00 will be returned; otherwise, the protestor forfeits same.

Liability - Exhibitors, by entering the Polk County Youth Fair, assume all responsibility for their exhibits. The Polk County Youth Fair, Inc. will not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to an exhibit or any liability caused by an exhibit or exhibitor. The Fair will make every reasonable effort to protect property or exhibits from loss or damage.

Sale or Advertisement of items other than exhibits - No posting of advertisements for sale of property, exhibits or any other items allowed on the Fair Grounds without prior approval of Fair Management.

Judging - The Danish System of judging will be used and the decision of the judges will be final. Exhibits may be screened at the time of check-in for quality, appropriateness, and conformity to the rules and regulations prior to being placed on exhibit. Excellent (blue), Good (red), Worthy (white) and other appropriate awards will be given to each entry based on the judges decision. Should an exhibit not meet the minimum standards, in the opinion of the judges, a **No Award** may be given and the entry will not be exhibited.

Tri-Color & Special Contests Awards - Exhibitors will be notified to participate. Eligible winners should report to the Stuart Center at 3:00 p.m. in FCCLA, FFA or 4-H dress to receive awards.

Parade of Champions - Notification to participate will be attached to exhibitor's award. Eligible winners should report to the Stuart Center at 4:30 p.m. in FCCLA, FFA or 4-H dress with all received awards.

✗**Record Books:** Exhibitors are required to present either an approved up to date record FFA or 4-H record book at check in for the following departments: Beef, Commercial Heifer, Horse, and Market Steers. Market hog record books(completely filled in) will only be accepted after final weigh-in, Saturday, January 23, 2016, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Record books will be returned to exhibitors after review by the committee.

Penalties for not turning in an up to date record book are as follows:

Purebred Beef, Commercial Heifer and Horse exhibitors will not be allowed to participate. **No** exceptions will be

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made. Market Hog and Market Steer exhibitors: $25.00 to be deducted from sale check.

Buyer Letters for Livestock Projects
Copies of at least two letters which are legible with potential buyers names (one letter with two potential buyers names is not acceptable) to potential buyers are due in the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015** or postmarked (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted) on that date and should be marked to the attention of the committee for the department they are selling. If one letter is sent to a potential buyer and is used for several different projects(hog, cake, blueberry plant, citrus tree, peach tree or plant buyer letter), a separate copy must be sent to the Youth Fair office addressed **to each committee.** Exhibitors not submitting copies of two letters to potential buyers to the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015 will be fined $50.00 to be deducted from sale check.**. No buyer letters will be accepted after **December 16, 2015.** Letters postmarked by the deadline are acceptable.

Buyer Letters for Cake Auction Projects
Copies of at least two letters which are legible with potential buyers names (one letter with two potential buyers names is not acceptable) to potential buyers are due in the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015** or postmarked (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted) on that date and should be marked to the attention of the committee for the department they are selling. If one letter is sent to a potential buyer and is used for several different projects(hog, cake, blueberry plant, citrus tree, peach tree or plant buyer letter), a separate copy must be sent to the Youth Fair office addressed **to each committee.** Exhibitors not submitting copies of two letters to potential buyers to the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015 will be fined $50.00 to be deducted from sale check.**. No buyer letters will be accepted after **December 16, 2015.** Letters postmarked by the deadline are acceptable.

Buyer Letters For Blueberry, Peach, Ornamental Plant Projects
Copies of at least two which are legible with potential buyers names (one letter with two potential buyers names is not acceptable) are due in the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015** or postmarked on that date. Exhibitors submitting copies of letters after **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015** and prior to **5:00 p.m. January 15, 2016** will be assessed a nonrefundable late fee of $10.00. Late fee is due with copies of letters. Exhibitors not submitting copies of letters to potential buyers by **January 15, 2016** will not be included in the 2016 Blueberry Plant, Citrus Tree, Peach Tree, Ornamental Plant Auction. If one letter is sent to a potential buyer and is used for several different projects(blueberry, citrus, peach tree plant buyer letter and hog or steer buyer letter), a separate copy must be sent to the Youth Fair office addressed **Attn: Horticulture Committee. Letters inviting potential buyers to the Horticulture Auction must mention Blueberry, Citrus Tree, Peach Tree and Ornamentals Plants, if the exhibitors have entries in these areas.**

No costumes or decorations of any kind will be allowed on any livestock animal during the show or sale which includes but not limited to hats, bandanas, ornaments, etc.

At time of sale, no additional incentives can be added to sale of any sale project which includes but not limited to fishing trips, hunting trips, vacations, etc.

Sale of Projects

Only live animals, blueberry plants, citrus trees, peach trees, ornamental plants, cakes for auction and gift baskets for auction will be auctioned. **NO** medically unsound or dead animals will be auctioned.

Commercial Heifers: The top five placing exhibitors in either division will be given the opportunity to sell. If any of the top five placing exhibitors in either division choose not to participate in the sale, the next placed exhibitor will be offered the chance to sell their animal. Exhibitors must own their animals should they choose to participate in the sale. **Health certificates on sale heifers must be available to buyers.**

Sale Fee: Each exhibitor participating in an auction will be assessed a 5% fee to be deducted from the sale of their project.
Market Hogs: In addition to the 5% fee, a pork referendum fee of $.0040 per total of sale will be deducted.
Cattle: In addition to the 5% fee, a beef check off fee of $1.00 per head will be deducted.
Add-ons: A 5% fee will be deducted from all add-ons received. Add-ons will be included with sale check provided

they have been paid for by the donor. Other add-ons received after sale check has been written will be paid separately.

Checks From Sale Projects

Monies from the sale of blueberry plants, citrus trees, peach trees, cakes, gift baskets, commercial heifers, market hogs, ornamental plants and market steers, will be mailed to exhibitors as soon as money is received from the buyer and resale packer, and copies of thank you letter to the buyer (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted) is received from exhibitor. **Exhibitors not submitting copies of thank you letter to buyer to the Youth Fair within 90 days following the sale will be fined 50% of all sale money.**

Add-on check will be mailed separately if not paid by the time money from sale has been received.

Add-ons received by the Youth Fair office for exhibitors that do not sell an auction project cannot be accepted and will be returned to the donor.

Special Contests: Awarding of special contests is subject to funding from sponsors and will not be awarded unless sponsor provides funding before fair time.

Premium checks will be distributed to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, FCCLA Chapters as soon as possible after the closing of the Fair.

CAMPGROUND RULES:

Registration for camping must be received by December 4, 2015. Contact the Youth Fair Office for full details.
Youth Fair exhibitors and their families planning to park travel trailers or other equipment on the Fair Grounds must pre-register with the Youth Fair office.
People other than Fair exhibitors and families will not be permitted to camp on the Fair Grounds.
Campers must camp in designated areas only.
Cancellation of camping space must be done prior to December 11, 2015, otherwise camping fee will be forfeited.
All exhibitors remaining on the grounds after Fair closing time must be accompanied by a responsible adult **at all times**.
Campers may not plug into the Agriculture Center's electrical system because of the shock hazard and danger of overloading electrical circuits.
A permit will be issued to each camper upon arrival and permit must be displayed visually from roadway. **See complete rules for camping attached to camping registration form**.

Camping Fees:

Main Campground - 12 spaces as available - $150.00 per week.
Dry camping - 10 spaces as available - $75.00 per week
Club/Chapter Tent Site (20' x 20') 10 spaces as available - $25.00 per week.

FAIRGROUND RULES:

No golf carts, ATV's or any other off road vehicles other than used by Fair Officials will be allowed on fairgrounds at any time unless prior approval is made with Fair Officials.
After the Horse Show, ALL livestock trailers, regardless of size, MUST be parked in a designated area of the horse arena. Any livestock trailer parked in any other location is subject to impoundment by Security.

The only dogs (other than dogs in service to the disabled or dogs on leashes in campgrounds) allowed on the Fair grounds are those participating in the Dog Show on the day of the Dog Show. **No other animals of any kind other than those entered are allowed on the fairgrounds at any time.**

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

General Rules

NO CHAPTER ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED TO BE ENTERED IN ANY LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT.

All market animals presented at check in will be refused entry should animal appear to be medically unsound or exhibit any condition that would affect the market value.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to show either one market hog or one market steer only. Exhibitor must show and sell his/her own animal.

Youth not present to show animal will be disqualified and must remove animal from premises immediately. Animals belonging to youth who are not present to take their animal into the sale ring at designated time as per the sale order will be sold at packer price and forfeit all premiums and awards.

No Livestock (except horses) will be allowed in the Horse Arena at any time during the Youth Fair for any purpose. Violation of this rule will subject exhibitors to disqualification from the Fair and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.

Fire Safety: All animals will be bedded on sand provided by the Fair. The use of straw, hay or other combustible materials to bed animals is prohibited. It is suggested that exhibitors use hay bags to feed animals. Hay and show boxes will be placed in designated areas of the barn to minimize the fire hazard and provide more access through the alleys for the exhibitors and spectators. **SMOKING** is strictly **prohibited** in the barn.

Handling of Animals: Failure of the exhibitor to be able to handle his/her animal **at all times**, may result in disqualification. All animals (except market hogs) must be halter broken. No animals will be accepted that cannot be handled properly by the exhibitor. All large animals must use halters only, except for bulls which must use nose rings in conjunction with the regular halter. Each exhibitor must show and sell his/her own animal (unless prior approval is received from fair management. All beef cattle including market steers, must be double tied at all times with halter and neck rope furnished by the exhibitor.

Tampering of Animals : The use of drugs, not in compliance with manufacturers' label instructions or Youth Fair regulations is prohibited. The use of any medication **must have prior approval from fair management** for any medications given. Any form of tampering (filling with water, tranquilizing, etc.) is prohibited. Animals will be subject to examination at any time and violators will automatically be disqualified with forfeiture of all premiums, awards, and all rights to exhibit in future Youth Fairs. Market steer and market hog exhibitors and their parent(s) are required to sign and turn in a Drug Certification Slip **prior to unloading** the animal at final check-in.

Removal of Horns: No animal will be allowed to show with dangerous horns. Animals with spurs, nubs or tipped horns, and certain registered horned breeding animals, may be allowed to show, if in the opinion of the Department Superintendent they are not dangerous to the exhibitors or spectators. Questions concerning horns **must be resolved prior to entry.**

Grooming and Fitting Assistance: Preparation of any exhibit for showing **should** be done by the exhibitor. Hand clippers, scissors, etc. are permitted. Electric service is not adequate to support the use of electric grooming aids. No grooming chutes, stalls, etc. will be allowed except in designated areas. Fair management will designate a specific area for the use of this type of equipment. A fenced grooming area will be designated by Fair Management for exhibitors to groom their animals at fair time. Grooming chutes are to be kept at least six feet inside fenced area. No animals will be tied to chain link fence.

Exhibit Space:

✗**Breeding Goats:** Exhibitors will be assigned a specific pen. No show boxes in pens with livestock or decoration of pens is allowed.

Market Hogs: Exhibitors will be assigned a specific pen. No show boxes in pens or decoration of pens is allowed.

Large Animals: Each commercial heifer, market steer and purebred beef exhibitor will be assigned an exhibit space and be expected to arrange his or her own exhibit. Each exhibitor will be required to furnish feed and care of his/her exhibit(s) with the exception of poultry and rabbits. Show boxes and other show equipment must be placed as to maintain a minimum alley width of six feet. Show boxes should not exceed eighteen (18) inches in width, thirty (30) inches in length and eighteen (18) inches in height - show boxes larger than this will be placed in a designated area rather than exhibit space. Retainer boards not to exceed six inches in height will be allowed. Carpet, ornamental plants, and other decorative material will not be allowed in the exhibit area of the barn.

Exhibitors will be responsible for maintaining a clean tie space. Exhibitors are also required to leave beds completely clean at check out. Exhibitors who fail to clean assigned stall areas will forfeit all premium money.

All animals must be housed inside the barn **AT ALL TIMES** except when showing, exercising or during washing or grooming times. Exhibitors shall keep animals on display in their assigned areas. Exercising, walking, etc. of large animals will be limited to designated areas only. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the Fair.

Herdsman Contest: Each exhibitor will automatically be entered in the Individual Herdsman Award Contest. In order to qualify for the individual award, the exhibitor must do all work in maintaining the exhibit and exhibit area. Failure to maintain minimum standards may result in disqualification of the exhibit and forfeiture of premiums and awards. Individual Herdsman Awards will be given for first place in Beef, Commercial Heifer, Market Hog, and Market Steer Departments. Those individuals who choose to compete within a club or chapter will not be eligible for individual competition. Club or Chapter Herdsman Awards will be given for first place in the Beef and Commercial Heifer Departments. There will be no club or chapter competition in the Market Hog Department and Market Steer Department.

Eagle(Barn) Award Contest: Each exhibitor will automatically be entered in the Individual Eagle Award Contest. In order to qualify for the individual award, the exhibitor must do all work in maintaining the exhibit and exhibit area. Failure to maintain minimum standards may result in disqualification of the exhibit and forfeiture of premiums and awards. Individual Eagle Awards will be given for first place in Beef, Commercial Heifer, Market Hog, and Market Steer Departments. Those individuals who choose to compete within a club or chapter will not be eligible for individual competition.

TRAILERS FOR TRANSPORTING ANIMALS

A. Vehicles - Trucks & Trailers (Beef, Commercial Heifer, Market Hog, and Market Steer)

1. Trailers or boxes used for transporting animals deemed unloadable or inhumane by officials will not be unloaded and the exhibitor must leave check in line and return to the end of the check in line with another trailer before the deadline.
2. Commercial vehicles and trailers must be cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian with a statement to this effect indicated on the Health Certificate..
3. Non-Commercial (Owner's) vehicles and trailers may be cleaned and disinfected by the owner. A Vehicle Disinfectant form for each animal must be turned in prior to animal being unloaded. Proper cleaning means that all dried manure, bedding and other materials must be removed prior to disinfecting. Vehicle Disinfectant Forms are available from the Youth Fair Office.
4. The cleaning and vehicle disinfectant form is valid for thirty (30) days provided no livestock, other than those qualified for exhibition are hauled.
5. Any of the acresylic disinfectants are acceptable. Examples are Lysol or other commercial acresylic compounds.

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✗Livestock Health Regulations

Exhibitors are responsible for and shall follow Florida Administrative Code 5C-4 also known as Admission of Animals for Exhibition. Information can be found at freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry/Industry-Rules
Chapter 5C-4.Admission of Animals for Exhibition

Exhibitors are responsible for and shall follow Florida Administrative Code 5C-31 also known as the Florida Cattle Identification Rules. Further information can be found at www.freshfromflorida.com/cattleid

Purebred Beef Breeding Department

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
November 6, 2015 5:00 pm	Ownership/Entry due with entry fee
December 4, 2015 5:00 pm	Late entry due with entry fee and late entry fee
January 27, 2016 6:00 am - 9:00 am	Check in of animals
January 28, 2016 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Beef Show/Showmanship
January 29, 2016 9:00 pm	Check out of animals

All purebred beef breeding animals must be registered

All purebred beef breeding animals must be registered. The exhibitor must list on the entry form the breed, sex, birth date, registration numbers, ear tattoo numbers or brand. At the time of check-in, the exhibitor must show either registration papers or a letter from the Breed Association showing the registration to be pending to the Department Superintendent. No Grade animals will be allowed to show in the Beef Breeding Department.
EACH EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED TO ENTER SIX ANIMALS BUT CAN SHOW ONLY FOUR, WITH ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS.

Maximum age of beef animals is three years of age as of **January 1, 2016**. Beef cattle born prior to **January 1, 2013** will not be eligible to show.

✗Calves born after **July 15, 2015** will not be allowed to show as a single entry. Single entry calves must meet a minimum weight requirement of 400 lbs.(no minimum weight for zebu cattle only)

Nose rings must be used for all bulls.

Classes for the 2016 Youth Fair Purebred Beef Breeding Show:

Class 01 - Calves born May 1, 2015 and after
Class 02 - Calves born April 1 to April 30, 2015
Class 03 - Calves born March 1 to March 31, 2015
Class 04 - Calves born January 1 to February 28, 2015
Class 05 - Calves born November 1 to December 31, 2014
Class 06 - Calves born September 1 to October 31, 2014
Class 07 - Calves born July 1 to August 31, 2014
Class 08 - Calves born May 1 to June 30, 2014
Class 09 - Calves born April 1 to April 30, 2014
Class 10 - Calves born March 1 to March 31, 2014
Class 11 - Calves born January 1 to February 28, 2014
Class 12 - Calves born September 1 to December 31, 2013
Class 13 - Calves born May 1 to August 31, 2013
Class 14 - Calves born January 1 to April 30, 2013

All beef breeding animals must be handled by the exhibitor only from the trailer to tie space at fair check-in. Exhibitors who cannot handle their cattle will have two hours after the end of check-in to demonstrate handling ability or be disqualified. During the show any unruly cattle deemed a safety hazard by the beef committee will be removed from the arena, placed last

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in class and receive a white ribbon.

Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal in the class which they are entered. No adult assistance in the show ring will be allowed.

✗Breeding Goat Department

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
September 24, 2015 6:00 pm	Mandatory Meeting for Exhibitors
October 1, 2015	Ownership deadline
November 6, 2015 5:00 pm	Entry form due with entry fee
December 4, 2015 5:00 pm	Late entry form due with late entry fee
January 27, 2016 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Check in of animals
January 27, 2016 6:00 pm	Breeding Goat Show/Showmanship
January 29, 2016 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Check out of animals

Goats can be registered or commercial females. NO MALE GOATS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All exhibitors must follow all health regulations and general rules stated in the Youth Fair Rule Book.

ALL GOATS ENTERED MUST HAVE A FORM OF PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION. TATTOOS AND BRANDS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS VALID ID (NO PLASTIC HERD EAR TAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED). ID MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE ENTRY FORM AND HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

A bill of sale is required to be turned in with entry form from the breeder to establish ownership and the date in which the animal was born. Animals to be shown must be owned by the exhibitor as of October 1, 2015.

EACH EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED TO ENTER FOUR ANIMALS, WITH ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS.

All goats must be trained for the show and be controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be removed from the ring and not judged.
✗ No feed or water buckets with handles are allowed to be left in the pens overnight.
Animals will be placed in classes by age and type.
Goats must be shown in their respective age classes.

Classes for the 2016 Youth Fair Goat Breeding Show:

Senior - any goat that has kidded regardless of age
Junior - any goat that is under 2 years of age that has not kidded

01. Boer - Senior
02. Boer - Junior
03. Pygmy - Senior
04. Pygmy - Junior
05. Other Breeds - Senior
06. Other Breeds - Junior

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07. Other purebred breed categories may be added at the discretion of the committee
✗08. Dairy Goats

Grand and Reserve champions for each breed will be selected from class winners in each category. There will not be an overall champion selected for each breed.
✗Overall Grand and Reserve champions will be selected for dairy goats.

Commercial Heifer Department

Important Dates	***Event***
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
November 6, 2015 5:00 pm	Entry forms due with entry fee
December 4, 2015 5:00 pm	Late entry forms due with entry fee and late entry fee
January 24, 2016 7:00 am - 11:00 am	Check in of animals
January 26, 2016 4:00 pm	Commercial Heifer Show/Showmanship
January 26, 2016 10:00 pm	Check out of animals not selling
January 29, 2016 9:00 pm	Check out of animals

There will be two divisions for commercial heifers - Brahman influence and European influence. The divisions will show separately. Both divisions will consist of the yearling, two year old and three year old classes meeting the same criteria and class dates. At check in a panel that consists of a representative of the Brahman influence, a representative of the European influence, and the Commercial Heifer Committee Chairman to view each heifer to verify their placement in the correct division. The Panel of Representatives judgement is final.

All commercial heifers must be handled by the exhibitor only from the trailer to tie space at fair check-in. Exhibitors who cannot handle their cattle will have two hours after the end of check-in to demonstrate handling ability or be disqualified. During the show any unruly cattle deemed a safety hazard by the beef committee will be removed from the arena, placed last in class and receive a white ribbon.

Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal in the class which they are entered. No adult assistance in the show ring will be allowed.

Animal Requirements: EACH EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED TO ENTER SIX ANIMALS, BUT CAN SHOW ONLY FOUR, WITH ONLY ONE ANIMAL PER CLASS. THE FAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO FURTHER LIMIT ENTRIES BELOW FOUR IF SPACE BECOMES LIMITED.
ALL HEIFERS/COWS MUST HAVE A FORM OF PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION. TATTOOS, BRANDS AND CALFHOOD VACCINATION TAGS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS VALID ID (NO PLASTIC HERD EAR TAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED). ID MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE ENTRY FORM AND HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

All heifers must be polled, dehorned or tipped to a 1" diameter end.

Calves born after **September 30, 2015** will not be allowed to show as a single entry.

✗**NO MINIATURE BREEDS OF CATTLE ALLOWED**.

Classes for the 2016 Youth Fair Commercial Heifer Show(Brahman Influence and European Influence):
Yearling Division:
Summer Heifers born July 1 2015 - September 30, 2015
Spring Heifers born April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015
Winter Heifers born January 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015
Fall Heifers born October 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Remember - most commercial ranches do not keep birth date records. Exhibitors need a signed lease or contract agreement or bill of sale from breeder estimating the month in which the heifer was born. If necessary, classes could be further divided to prevent overly large classes.

Two Year Old Division:
Summer Heifers born July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014
Spring Heifers born April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014
Winter Heifers born January 1, 2014 - March 31, 2014
Fall Heifers born October 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013
Heifers with calf at side may be awarded higher class placement over bred and open heifers due to actual proof of fertility and productivity).

Three Year Old Division:
Summer Heifers born July 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013
Spring Heifers born April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013
Winter Heifers born January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013
Fall Heifers born October 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012
ALL ENTRIES IN THE THREE YEAR OLD DIVISION MUST HAVE CALF AT SIDE - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Horse Department

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
October 1, 2015	Exhibitors must own/lease horses(lease to be turned in with entry form due November 6, 2015)
October 15, 2015	1st Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting (exhibitors must attend 1 of the 2)
October 24, 2015	2nd Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting (exhibitors must attend 1 of the 2)
November 6, 2015	Entry Deadline
December 4, 2015	Late entry Deadline
January 23, 2016 7:30 am	Check in of animals/Horse Show

Important Dates:

Mandatory Meeting: A mandatory meeting for all horse exhibitors will be Thursday, October 15, 2015 or Saturday, October 24, 2015 to review rules and questions concerning horse show. This meeting will be held at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Exhibitors failing to attend one of the mandatory meetings will be fined $50.00 for non attendance. This fine is due with entry form November 6, 2015. **NO ADMITTANCE AFTER DOORS ARE CLOSED.**

Number of Entries: Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two horses. Exhibitors can participate only once in each event. No substitute riders will be allowed.
Exhibitors must provide a negative Coggins for their horse(s) at check in.

Required Classes: All exhibitors are required to participate in the quiz class and one and only one Showmanship

class. Material for the Quiz will be taken from the "4-H Horse Project Manual". Copies of the manual are available through the 4-H office at the Polk County Extension Office. Failure to participate in the required quiz class or showmanship class will result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards earned in the Horsemanship Contest. A student with a horse project but without a horse entered in the Fair, may enter the Quiz category only.

Walk Trot Class: This class is for beginners only(Novice). Beginner exhibitors may enter this class, but will be prohibited from entering any other class that requires cantering or loping.

Each exhibitor is responsible for making sure they receive the appropriate quiz for their age group. Each exhibitor is also responsible for all classes entered and making sure they are at ring side and enter the class when called. The classes will not wait on an exhibitor and the class will not be repeated if an exhibitor misses a class.

All classes will be divided by ages as of September 1, 2015 - junior(ages 8-10), intermediate(ages 11-14) and senior divisions(14 - 18) if there are three or more entries in each class.

Classes:	**Classes:**
Record Book Contest	Western Walk Trot
Quiz	Western Pleasure
Grooming & Conditioning	Western Horsemanship
**Horse Judging Contest	Horse Therapy
Mares 6 years and under	Trail - Open 11-3
Mares 7 and older	Costume
Geldings 6 years and under	Egg & Spoon
Geldings 7 and older	Hollow Log
English Showmanship	Musical Flags
Western Showmanship	Stakes
Speed Showmanship	Poles
***Tack Change & Warm Up**	Keyhole
English Walk/Trot Pleasure	Barrels
English Pleasure	
English Equitation	
***Tack Change**	

*** Horse Judging will be judged in FFA teams of 4 and 4-H individuals will be judged by age division.*

Only horse exhibitors are allowed to work their horses while on the show grounds. NO COACHING ALLOWED ON THE FAIR GROUNDS. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. No parental or professional grooming, "tuning up" or assistance from outside the ring will be allowed. If there are any questions referring to assisting participants, rule compliance, or conduct at the show, please contact one of the committee members.

Show management reserves the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class or event if they deem that entry unsafe for the exhibitor and/or other exhibitors or animals. With the exhibitor's safety in mind, any activity or situation deemed unsafe can be stopped by show management and may result in disqualification from that class.

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An official of the show may check the appointments of any horse/rider combination throughout the duration of the show. It is the responsibility of the contestant to comply with all rules and regulations. The judge at his/her discretion may disqualify an exhibitor for inappropriate clothing or equipment.

Management reserves the right to cancel all or part of the show based on weather conditions.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Personal appearance of the exhibitor: neat, clean, well groomed, attentive, courteous, and in appropriate attire. SEI or ASTM approved safety helmet, with fastened chin harness, is required.

Equipment:

a) **English:** Clean, adjusted bridle or halter. No crops, bats or whips are permitted.

b) **Western:** Clean adjusted halter to fit the horse. Fancy halters shall not be given preference over good working halters. No whips or bats permitted.

- Showmanship classes will judged strictly on the ability of the exhibitor to fit and show a horse in a halter class.

ENGLISH DIVISION

Appropriate Attire: All exhibitors are to wear a SEI or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian safety helmet with fastened chin harness in every class. Clothing must be clean, neat and appropriate for English classes. **Riders must wear coat with breeches. and boots.** Spurs of the unroweled type, gloves, crops or bats are optional. Gloves are preferred in the equitation class.

Tack: Clean English forward, hunting or dressage type saddles. Saddles may have suede seat and/or suede inserts on the skirts. Snaffle, pelham, kimberwick or full bridles (Weymouth) are permitted. A caveson noseband is required. Pelham bridles must have 2 sets of reins attached. (Pelham connectors are not allowed). Breast plates are optional. Martingales are not allowed in any under saddle flat classes. Draw reins and hackamore are not permitted.

WESTERN DIVISION

Appropriate Attire: Clothing must be clean and neat. **Riders shall wear western boots(No tennis shoes or sport shoes are acceptable) and western dress pants or jeans. Shirts with a collar and long sleeves are required.** Spurs, chaps and similar equipment are optional. All exhibitors are required to wear an SEI or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian helmet with fastened chin harness in every class, regardless of age

Tack: Horse shall be shown with a stock saddle; silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Martingales, tie-downs, nose bands or draw reins are prohibited except in speed events. Absolutely no metal will be permitted under the jaws, regardless of how taped or padded, and no chin strap narrower than one-half inch will be permitted. Chain curbs are permissible, but must be of the standard flat variety with no twist and must meet the approval of the judge. A bosal may be used any class . Mechanical hackamore is prohibited except in timed events. The judge shall have the authority to require the removal or adjustment of any piece of equipment, which in his opinion would give a horse an unfair advantage or constitute excessive harshness or cruelty.

Horse Therapy Class Rules for these classes will be given at a later time. If interested in classes, please contact the Horse Committee.

OPEN TRAIL

Appropriate Attire: Exhibitors will be attired appropriately with English or Western clothing.

Tack: Tack (bridle and saddle) must be acceptable for use in Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, Flat Saddle Pleasure or Hunter Type Pleasure Horse or Pony. No tie downs, martingales or mechanical hackamores.

SPEED EVENTS

Appropriate Attire: Clothing must be clean and neat. **Western dress pants or jeans and boots are required. Shirts with long sleeves and collar are required.** All riders are required to wear an SEI or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian safety helmet with fastened chin harness.

Tack: Western-type saddles must be used. A mechanical hackamore or other type bridles can be used. Use of two hands on the reins is allowed in speed events. The judge or appointed equipment official may prohibit the use of bits or equipment deemed too severe. Use of martingales, tie-downs and nosebands is permitted in these classes. Draw reins are not allowed in speed events.

- Striking a horse with anything other than the open hand in front of cinch is an automatic disqualification. Striking the horse with anything, including hand, in front of the throatlatch is an automatic disqualification.
- No string, rubber bands or other material to tie feet or legs in stirrups is allowed.
- Protective leg equipment will be permitted in classes .
- The Horse Committee Members reserve the right to change specified classes for safety reasons or to cancel classes for insufficient entries. Any class times quoted by show staff are approximate.

Concession Stand will be available day of the Horse Show. No horses will be allowed in the concession stand area.

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Market Hog Department

Important Dates

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	**Exhibitor must be 8 years of age**
September 17, 2015 7:00 pm	**1st Mandatory meeting for exhibitors(exhibitors must attend 1 of the 2 meetings)**
September 19, 2015 9:00 am	**2nd Mandatory meeting for exhibitors(exhibitors must 1 of the 2 meetings)**
September 21, 2015 5:00 pm	**Ownership/Entry deadline**
September 22-25, 2015 5:00 pm	**Late Entry Deadline**
October 3, 2015 6:30 - 10:00 am	**Tagging Day**
December 16, 2015 5:00 pm	**Buyer Letters Due**
January 22, 2016 6:00 pm - 12:00 midnight	**Final Weigh in**
January 23, 2016 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	**Market Hog Record Books to be turned in**
January 24, 2016 10:00 am	**Market Hog Show**
January 25, 2016 10:00 am	**Market Hog Showmanship**
January 26, 2016 9:00 am	**Market Hog Sale**

* These dates are a quick reference guide only. See corresponding rules for complete information concerning the dates.

Eligible Animals: Projects are limited to market barrow or open gilts (boars and stags will not be permitted). Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell only one market hog. In the event exhibitor has two market hogs entered, he/she must decide which market hog they want weighed in at final weigh-in in January. **Only in the event of the first market hog being eliminated will the second market hog be allowed to unload and weigh-in.**

Important Dates:

✗Mandatory Meeting: A mandatory meeting for all market hog exhibitors will be Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to review rules and questions concerning market hog show and sale. The meetings will be held at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Exhibitors failing to attend one of the two mandatory meetings will be fined $35.00 for non attendance. This fine will be deducted from exhibitor's sale check. **NO ADMITTANCE AFTER DOORS ARE CLOSED.**

Mandatory Tagging Date: All market hogs entered will be permanently ear tagged on **Saturday, October 3, 2015** from 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Ear tag with Youth Fair symbol/number and plastic ear tag must correspond with each other.

Exhibitors must notify the Polk County Youth Fair office of an incorrect ear tag number placed in hog's ear at initial tagging day by October 5, 2015. If the incorrect ear tag number is not reported, the ear tag placed in hog's ear will remain as is. In the event of loss of these ear tags, exhibitor is required to notify the Youth Fair within 48 hours after loss so market hog can be retagged.

CONTEST: Gain-in Weight Contest: Those wishing to enter the market hog gain in weight contest will have the opportunity to weigh in their market hogs on the mandatory tagging date scheduled for October 3, 2015. Weight recorded on certified scales at weigh-in site will be official weight. There is a $25.00 gain in weight contest fee that is to be paid in cash on October 3, 2015. This contest fee is nonrefundable. The gain in weight contest will be based on:
1-25 hogs entering - 1st place will be awarded, 26-50 hogs entering - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded, 51 or greater hogs

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entering - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places will be awarded. This will be an approximate 50% pay back with prize amounts to be determined by the Market Hog Committee.

OTHER:

Weigh-in Procedures: If an exhibitor questions the accuracy of weight, he may request a reweigh of his/her pig immediately. At that point pig will be removed from scales for recalibrating and pig reweighed. This request must occur before pig leaves the scale area and before another pig is weighed. Pigs will not be reweighed under any other circumstances. This rule applies to both the October and January weigh-ins. **EXHIBITORS ENTERING TWO PIGS MUST HAVE BOTH ON VEHICLE AT WEIGH-IN IN OCTOBER AND JANUARY IN ORDER TO EXERCISE THE SECOND PIG OPTION. EXHIBITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SCALE WITH A PIG AFTER HAVING LEFT THE SCALE AREA.**

No holding of place in line. Animals must be present in the vehicle when you arrive to get in line.

Clipped/Shaved Hogs: If an exhibitor's hog that has been entered for the 2016 Polk County Youth Fair is found with hair that is less than 3/4" long at any time during the 2016 Polk County Youth Fair, exhibitors must remove hog from fairgrounds immediately.

Penning/Class Sizes: The management reserves the right to determine the number and size of classes to insure the maximum efficiency in conducting the show.

Owner'S Responsibility: Exhibitors are responsible for providing water and feed for their hog.

Washing of animals: Sponging off in assigned pens with water in buckets only will be allowed for both ends. NO OILS, GLITTER, SOAP, POWDERS OR WIPES TO BE USED ON MARKET HOGS.

✗Record Books: All market hog exhibitors are required to turn in a filled out record book after weigh-in. Record books will be accepted by the Market Hog committee from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Saturday, January 23, 2016.

Daily Sign In: Exhibitors or a designee for the exhibitor must sign in daily at a registration table to show that they are caring for their animal. Exhibitors failing to sign in will have their market hog pen red tagged. Exhibitors receiving two red tags will be required to remove their animal and forfeit all premiums and awards.

NO SIGNS OR BANNERS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE HOG BARN OR ASSIGNED PEN OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY YOUTH FAIR.

Health Regulations: All hogs presented at check-in or **any time during the fair** will be disqualified should animal exhibit symptoms of communicable disease, hernias or any condition deemed unsatisfactory by the market hog committee. Also see livestock health regulations.

✗Final weight requirements: All market hogs will be weighed in on **Friday, January 23, 2016.** At the final weigh-in hogs must weigh in **between 240 and 295 pounds**

Sale: Order of sale will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, First Place Junior Showmanship winner, First Place Intermediate winner, First Place Senior Showmanship winner, class winners in each class with all other hogs being sold at random as penned in the barn. Market price will be established by packer bids. **At time of sale, no additional incentives can be added to sale of hog which includes but not limited to fishing trips, hunting trips, vacations, etc.**

Each exhibitor will be allowed to show either one market hog or one market steer only. Exhibitor must show and sell his/her own animal. Youth not present to show animal will be disqualified and must remove animal from premises immediately. Animals belonging to youth who are not present to take the hog into the sale ring at designated time as per the sale order will be sold at packer price and forfeit all premiums and awards.
Exhibitors Removing ear tag from market hog after sale will be charged a fee of $100.00 to be deducted from sale check. This rule will be strictly enforced.

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ALL MARKET HOGS MUST SELL AND GO TO SLAUGHTER TO A DESIGNATED SLAUGHTERHOUSE. Load out time for market hogs is Tuesday, January 26, 2016 immediately following barn reconciliation and Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

✗Market Steer Department

Important Dates	*Event*
March 30, 2015	**Commercial Market Steer Entry Form Due**
September 1, 2015	**Exhibitor must be 8 years of age**
June 13, 2015 8:00 am	**Commercial Market Steer Selection Day**
July 10, 2015	**Open Show Market Steer Ownership deadline**
July 10, 2015 5:00 pm	**Open Show Market Steer Entry form due**
July 17, 2015 5:00 pm	**Late Entry Deadline For Open Show Market Steers**
July 25, 2015 6:00 am - 9:00 am	**Mandatory Initial weigh-in and Tagging day(Open)**
August 15, 2015 8:00 am	**Livestock Field Day/Mandatory Rules meeting**
December 16, 2015 5:00 pm	**Buyer Letters Due(Open and Commercial)**
January 27, 2016 6:00 am - 9:00 am	**Check In/Final Weigh in(Open and Commercial)**
January 28, 2016 6:00 pm	**Market Steer Show(Open and Commercial)**
January 29, 2016 6:30 pm	**Market Steer Sale(Open and Commercial)**

* These dates are a quick reference guide only. See corresponding rules for complete information concerning the dates.

Exhibitor Rules

Age of Exhibitors: Exhibitors must be 8 years old as of September 1, 2015.

Field Day and Rules Meeting: All market steer exhibitors are required to attend the Livestock Field Day to be held August 15, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Field Day will include a rules meeting and any questions concerning the 2016 market steer show and sale. These meetings will be held at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Market Steer exhibitors failing to attend the mandatory field day/rules meeting will be fined $100.00 for non attendance. This fine will be deducted from exhibitor's sale check.

Animal Rules

Eligible Animals: The exhibitor shall be the sole owner of the market steer entered from the time of entry until the market steer is sold at the market steer sale. Partial or fractional ownership of a market steer by an exhibitor is prohibited. Each exhibitor will be allowed enter two market steers but allowed to show and sell only one market steer. In the event exhibitor has two market steers entered, he/she must decide which market steer they want weighed in at final weigh-in in January. **Only in the event of the first market steer being eliminated will the second market steer be allowed to unload and weigh-in.**

Steers will be grouped into two separate shows. One show will be composed of commercial steers and all of the other steers will be in the open steer show. The open and commercial market steer classes will not compete against each other. An exhibitor will only be allowed to show and sell one market steer in either the open or commercial class.

Open Market Steer Show

All steers entered in the open steer show are those not participating in the commercial steer show.

Commercial Steer Show

All steers entered in the commercial steer class must be purchased from an approved commercial producer on the selection day.

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Commercial Steer Selection Day Procedures

✗On the day of steer selection, exhibitors will select their steer based upon a random order. Exhibitors may select up to two (2) steers based upon the availability of animals. If the exhibitor chooses to select two (2) steers, the second steer may only be chosen after all other exhibitors have chosen their first steer. All calves will be ear tagged with corresponding numbers and tattooed on the selection day. The sale of the animals will be between the producer and the exhibitor. All sales are final and payment is due on the day of selection. Immediate family members (children and grandchildren) of the approved commercial producer will be offered at least second choice of steer selection from the producer's group of steers, present on selection day. The selection must be made on the official selection day and must be of similar type/quality steers. The selection day will serve as the official weigh-in for the commercial steers.

Mandatory Weigh-in Dates and Weight Requirements: All market steers entered in the open show will be weighed in, ear tagged with corresponding numbers at the initial weigh-in on **Saturday, July 25, 2015.** Market steers should weigh a minimum of 550 lbs.(550 lbs. or more) at the initial weigh-in on July 25, 2015. This is a suggested weight, however, there is no minimum weight at the initial weigh-in. Weigh-in will be from 6:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 25, 2015. All market steers entered into the open show will be weighed in at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. **Market steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds(1,000 pounds or more) at the final weigh-in on January 27, 2016**.

Official Reweighs: At the sole discretion of fair management, one or more animals may be reweighed after the final weigh-in in January, 2016. A market steer's show and sale weight shall be the most recent official weight as determined by fair management.

Bull Calves: **No bull calves will be accepted at the July 25, 2015 weigh-in.** The neutering process must be sufficiently healed before the weigh-in. We recommend the neutering be done as early as possible.

Animal Identification: As a condition for participation in the Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Show and Sale, exhibitor hereby agrees to submit to unique animal identification of any and all animals entered by exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Polk County Youth Fair requires that the animal exhibited at the Polk County Youth Fair be the same as the animal entered at the initial weigh-in on July 25, 2015. If the animal's identity is found to differ from initial weigh-in exhibitor will forfeit any prize money and/or sale proceeds, any add-ons and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Polk County Youth Fair. An identification tag fee in the amount of $10.00 per animal entered will need to be submitted with entry form. The Polk County Youth Fair office must be notified within forty-eight(48) hours of a hanging tag or electronic tag that is lost, missing, or is no longer attached to the steer. Failure to notify the Youth Fair office within forty eight (48) hours will result in disqualification from the fair.

Owner Responsibility: It is the responsibility of the owner to verify ear tag and unique individual identification match from the initial weigh-in in July, 2015. At time of sale, halter will be supplied for each steer. This halter is the property of the Fair and must remain with the market steer after the sale. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a $10.00 service fee assessed to the exhibitor. Market steers must be double tied with a halter lead and neck rope, each tied to a separate ring.

Tag Removal: Exhibitors removing ear tag from market steer after sale will be charged a fee of $100.00 to be deducted from sale check. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Certified Age Certificate and/or Mouthing

No market steer will be accepted whose known age is more than 24 months. A signed statement from the breeder certifying age will be accepted. The management reserves the right to determine age by mouthing in cases where the physiological age differs greatly from the certified chronological age.

Animal Handling: At final weigh-in market steers must be handled by exhibitor only from scale to tie space. Any exhibitor who cannot handle their steer at final weigh-in will have until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2016 to demonstrate handling requirement or be disqualified at that time. During the 2016 Market Steer Show any market steers deemed a safety hazard will be removed from the show and receive a no award and will be sold at the end of the sale. Any market steers removed from the show by the market steer committee after being judged will also be sold at the end of the sale.

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Grooming and Clipping: Only exhibitors may groom or clip their steer on fairgrounds. If assistance is needed with grooming and/or clipping, prior approval must be obtained from a Steer Committee member. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification from the fair.

Carcass Ultrasound: A carcass ultrasound, held in conjunction with the Polk County Youth Fair, emphasizes the end product of the beef industry and provides a valuable educational compliment to the Steer Show. A comprehensive report is prepared following the judging of the carcass qualities using ultrasound. The ultrasound report measurements will include FOE (fat over the ribeye at the 13th rib), ribeye area, and marbling score, which is a measurement of intramuscular-fat. These measurements will be used to calculate yield grade and estimate carcass quality. All steers accepted at the final weigh-in for the Polk County Youth Fair Steer Show and Sale will be measured for the carcass ultrasound. **A carcass ultrasound fee in the amount of $10.00 per animal entered must be submitted with entry form. The carcass ultrasound fee is not optional.**

Show Classes: Market steers will be placed in classes based on weight regardless of age. The management reserves the right to determine the number and size of classes to insure the maximum efficiency in conducting the show.

Sale: Order of sale will be set by Fair Management. Market price will be established by packer bids.

All exhibitors are required to sign a "Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding" and must be turned in with entry form March 30, 2015(for commercial steer exhibitors) or July 10, 2015(for open steer exhibitors). This ethics policy must be signed by the exhibitor, parent/guardian and teacher or 4-H leader. Exhibitors, parent/guardian, teacher or leader must be present at the weigh-in. Parents/guardians not present for the initial weigh-in must sign and turn in a "2016 Polk County Youth Fair Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement" prior to the initial weigh-in in July 25, 2015. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell either one market steer or one market hog only. Exhibitor must show and sell their own animal.

ALL MARKET STEERS MUST SELL AND GO TO SLAUGHTER TO A DESIGNATED SLAUGHTERHOUSE.
Load out time for market steers is Friday, January 29, 2016 immediately following barn reconciliation and Saturday, January 30, 2016, 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Poultry Department

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
September 12, 2015 9:00 am	Mandatory Poultry Exhibitor Meeting and Poultry Workshop
September 15, 2015 7:00 pm	Mandatory Poultry Exhibitor Meeting
November 6, 2015 5:00 pm	Ownership/Entry Deadline
January 27, 2016 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 2:30 pm	Check in of birds and eggs Poultry Showmanship
January 28, 2016 8:30 am (until judge is finished)	Judging of Poultry & Egg Exhibits(barn will be closed during this time)
January 29, 2016 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Poultry Check Out

✗MANDATORY MEETING: All poultry exhibitors are required to attend a MANDATORY meeting at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Two separate meetings will be offered: Saturday, September 12, 2015 beginning at 9:00 am and Tuesday, September 15, 2015 beginning at 7:00 pm. Exhibitors failing to attend one of the mandatory meetings will be fined $20.00 for non attendance. This fine will be due with the Poultry Entry form and $5.00 entry fee(total $25.00) on or before the entry deadline November 6, 2015. NO ADMITTANCE AFTER DOORS ARE CLOSED.

A. Entry Requirements: Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of **two entries**; all poultry must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor by **November 6, 2015.** Poultry **must be** six months old or older at show time.

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NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED after the November 6, 2015 entry deadline.

Entry forms that are **NOT PROPERLY COMPLETED** with the **CLASS #, VARIETY, MALE OR FEMALE will be returned to exhibitor and entry will be denied. This rule will be strictly enforced.**

No substitute entries will be accepted at check-in. Any bird entered in wrong class, breed and/or variety, or as wrong sex will be denied entry into fair. Only birds listed on the exhibitor's entry form may be shown and the exhibitor must own the bird he/she uses for showmanship.

Birds will be checked for lice and mites. Birds found to have lice or mites **any time** during the fair must be removed immediately. Also see state health regulations.

Eligible Breeds:

Class # 01: BANTAM MALE OR FEMALE - Purebred bantam chicken breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association and/or the American Bantam Association.

Class # 02: COMMERCIAL FEMALE ONLY - Commercial female layer breeds accepted: Female Leghorn, Female Rhode Island Red(also known as Production Red), Female Barred Plymouth Rock, Female Sex Link. **NO MALE COMMERCIAL BIRDS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

Class # 03: LARGE FOWL MALE OR FEMALE - Purebred large fowl chicken breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association.

Class # 04: TURKEY MALE OR FEMALE - Purebred turkey breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association accepted: Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black, Slate, Bourbon Red, Beltsville, Small White and Royal Palm.

NO PHEASANTS, QUAIL, GUINEA FOWL OR WATER FOWL WILL BE ACCEPTED. **ONLY THOSE POULTRY LISTED IN THE ABOVE CLASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Poultry may be banded for identification purposes, but is not required.

Trophies will be given for Champion Commercial Female, Champion Bantam Male, Champion Bantam Female, Champion Large Fowl Male, Champion Large Fowl Female, and Champion Turkey. An overall Grand Champion will be chosen from the six champion poultry.

B. POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP CLASS: Poultry Showmanship will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. Exhibitors must sign up for Poultry Showmanship on their poultry entry form due November 6, 2015.
Classes will be divided into three divisions and will be based on the exhibitor's age as of **September 1, 2015**:
Junior Division -8 to 10 years old Intermediate Division -11 to 13 years old Senior Division - 14 years old and older
Only poultry show exhibitors are eligible for showmanship. Exhibitors must use one of the birds listed on their entry form for showmanship, no substitutions allowed.

Egg Department

Note Poultry Show Exhibitors: If you are entering eggs as well as poultry, please use the space provided on the poultry entry form due November 6, 2015 to enter your eggs.

Entry deadline: January 27, 2016 8:00 am to 12:00 pm during the check in of poultry. Eggs are to be entered using a Poultry and Egg Show Entry form and must accompany egg exhibits at time of check in. Exhibitor's signature and parent/guardian's signature on the entry form that is submitted for a project signifies the rules and regulations have been read by the exhibitor, and parent/guardian and that both understand and agree to abide by rules and regulations.

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All eggs shown must be chicken eggs selected by the exhibitor. They need not be produced by the exhibitor's flock. Eggs should not be purchased from a grocery store. There should not be identification marks on the eggs. Eggs entered **should be cleaned** and displayed in **clean egg cartons.** Exhibitors need not have birds entered in the Poultry Show to be eligible to participate in the Egg Show. No eggs other than **BROWN OR WHITE** will be accepted.

Exhibitors may not enter more than 2 dozen eggs total. All eggs must be entered in single dozens. A separate exhibit tag will be filled out for each dozen and attached to the carton. **THERE WILL BE TWO CLASSES - EXTRA LARGE AND LARGE FOR BOTH WHITE AND BROWN EGGS.**

Large eggs shall weigh from 24 to 26 ounces per dozen and extra large eggs shall weigh from 27 to 29 ounces per dozen. A dozen eggs of minimum weight for the class shall receive as many points, other things being equal, as a dozen eggs of maximum weight for the class.

Eggs will be judged on interior as well as exterior quality.
Except for the Best Dozen Brown Eggs, the Best Dozen White Eggs, all other eggs will be disposed of after judging. Only the best of each category will be displayed.

Rabbit Department

Important Dates	***Event***
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
November 6, 2015 5:00 pm	Ownership/Entry Deadline(no late entries will be accepted after November 6, 2015)
January 23, 2016 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Check in of Rabbits
January 24, 2016 as soon as judge arrives	Judging of Rabbits(barn will be closed during judging)
January 25, 2016 3:00 pm	Rabbit Showmanship
January 26, 2016 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Rabbit Check Out

Each exhibitor is allowed to enter and show **one rabbit** which exhibitor must have possession of by **November 6, 2015. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED** after the November 6, 2015 entry deadline.

Acceptable Breeds: Only purebred rabbits will be permitted to show. Breed of rabbit must be identified on the entry form. **NO CROSSBRED** rabbits will be accepted. Any rabbits not portraying the characteristics of a purebred will be disqualified by the Judge.

All rabbits must have a permanent, legible tattoo at the time of check-in. This is important for the identification of your rabbit. Tattooing must be done prior to check-in on Saturday, January 23, 2016 and any excess ink must be wiped out of ear prior to check-in. Rabbits will not be tattooed at the Fair.

✗Any rabbit with visible signs of distress or illness, including **EAR MITES**, will not be allowed into the Fair.

Exhibitors must provide a water bottle for their own rabbit. Exhibitor must fill water bottle before leaving check-in. Once rabbits are checked in, exhibitors may not remove their rabbit from cage until check-out time: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

No one will be allowed in the barn during time of judging. Exhibitors do not need to be present day of judging.
No toys allowed in cages.

✗**RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP:** Rabbit showmanship will be held Monday, January 25, 2016, beginning at 3:00 pm. Exhibitors must sign up for rabbit showmanship during rabbit check-in/arrival times. Exhibitors must use their own rabbit, and the rabbit must be entered in the 2016 Polk County Youth Fair rabbit show. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge. Rabbit showmanship guidelines can be found at Florida State Fair Agribusiness

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website under the Rules and Entry Forms section. Classes will be divided in three divisions and will be based on the exhibitor's age as of
September 1, 2015.

Junior Division -8 to 10 years old Intermediate Division -11 to 13 years old Senior Division - 14 years old and older

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

General Rules - applies to the following Blueberry, Citrus, Peach, Ornamental Plants and Vegetables

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
September 10, 2015 6:30 pm	Horticulture Workshop(Brenneman Auditorium)
September 25, 2015 5:00 pm	Ownership/Entry Deadline(entry form, $5.00 entry fee due)
October 2, 2015 5:00 pm	Late Entry Deadline (entry form, entry fee and $10.00 late entry fee must be submitted)
December 4, 2015	Bedding Plants, Hanging Baskets Ownership Deadline
December 4, 2015 5:00 pm	Vegetable Ownership & Entry Deadline
December 11, 2015 5:00 pm	Vegetable Late Entry Deadline (entry form, entry fee, and late entry fee must be submitted)
December 16, 2015 5:00 pm	Buyer Letters(to two different potential buyers) Due
January 15, 2016	Late Buyer Letters(to two different potential buyers) and $10.00 late letter fee due
January 25, 2016 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Check in
January 26, 2016	Blueberry, Citrus, Peach, Ornamental Plants, Vegetables judged(Room will be closed for judging)
January 29, 2016 12:30 pm	Horticulture Awards Presentation
January 29, 2016 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Blueberry, Citrus, Peach and Ornamental Plant Auction
January 29, 2016 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Check Out
January 30, 2016 9:00 am - 10:00 am	Check Out

Bedding Plants and Hanging Baskets: Bedding plants or hanging baskets that were entered September 25, 2016 must be in the possession of the student by **December 4, 2015**. Plants must have been pre-entered no later than **5:00 P.M., September 25, 2015** or postmarked (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted) on that date. Exhibitors owning or intending to enter plants by entry deadline, but fail to properly submit entries by entry deadline, may enter upon payment of a $10.00 late entry fee by the late entry deadline of **5:00 P.M., October 2, 2015** or postmarked (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted). Late entry fee and entry fee must be submitted with entry form. No plants will be accepted after the late entry deadline of **October 2, 2015.**

Vegetables: Vegetables must be in the possession of the student by **December 4, 2015**. Vegetables must be pre-entered no later than **5:00 P.M., December 4, 2015** or postmarked on that date. Late entries will be accepted until **5:00 P.M. on December 11, 2015** or postmarked (no metered mail, email or fax copy accepted) on that date with a $10.00 nonrefundable late entry fee. **Late entry fee must be submitted with entry form**.

Buyer Letters For Blueberry, Citrus Tree, Peach, Ornamental Plants Projects

Copies of at least two letters which are legible with potential buyers names (one letter with two potential buyers names is not

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acceptable) are due in the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015** or postmarked on that date. Exhibitors submitting copies of letters after **5:00 P.M., December 16, 2015** and prior to **5:00 p.m. January 15, 2016** will be assessed a nonrefundable late fee of $10.00. **Late letter fee is due with copies of letters**. Exhibitors not submitting copies of letters and late letter fee to potential buyers by **January 15, 2016** will not be included in the 2016 Blueberry Plant, Citrus Tree, Peach Tree, Ornamental Plant Auction. If one letter is sent to a potential buyer and is used for several different projects(blueberry, citrus, peach tree plant buyer letter and hog or steer buyer letter), a separate copy must be sent to the Youth Fair office addressed **Attn: Horticulture Committee. Letters inviting potential buyers to the Horticulture Auction must mention Blueberry, Citrus Tree, Peach Tree and Ornamentals Plants, if the exhibitors has entries in these areas.**

Horticulture Project Summary: Horticulture Project Summary Sheets must be presented at time of check-in. Project Summary will be checked and returned to exhibitor immediately. **A Horticulture Project Summary is required for all entries. A single Project Summary may be used for all entries. Exhibitors may choose to use the regular 4-H Horticulture Record Book or the FFA Record Book.**

Plants may be grown at home or personally cared for in the school nursery. Entries will be subject to a spot check by the Horticulture Committee.

The committee has the right to reject entries of inferior quality or diseased plants. If any doubt exists as to whether an exhibitor raised the plants entered, the committee can request an interview with the exhibitor to question the exhibitor as to his/her knowledge in growing the plants entered.

Criteria for the Premier Horticulture Exhibitor Award will be based on Judge's placing of exhibits and exhibitor's level of participation in horticulture related activities such as:

1. A completed up to date set of Horticulture Project Summary sheet or Record Book.
2. Entries of ornamental plants, plants grown for auction, plants for display, blueberry, citrus tree, peach tree
3. Participate in the Horticulture Judging Contest.
4. Enter vegetables.
5. Be present for sale of project.
6. Submit copies of buyer's letters

Blueberry, Citrus and Peach

Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell only **one** blueberry plant, only **one** citrus tree, **OR** only **one** peach tree. Exhibitors may not show and sell both blueberry plants, citrus trees or peach trees. This is a contest organized solely for the purpose of recognizing participants' skills in growing containerized blueberry plants, citrus trees or peach trees and rewarding participants by providing a blueberry plant auction, citrus tree auction and peach tree auction.

Blueberry plants, citrus trees and peach trees entered must have been purchased in April, 2015 from the Polk County Citrus Advisory Blueberry Plant/Citrus Tree/Peach Tree Sale.

Growing instructions for participants interested in competing for the 2016 Contest is listed in the "Care of Blueberry Plants" "Care of Citrus Trees" "Care of Peach Trees" fact sheet available from the Polk County Citrus Advisory Committee.

All blueberry plants must be grown and exhibited in a standard 5 gallon container.

All citrus trees must be grown and exhibited in a standard 10 gallon container.

All peach trees must be grown and exhibited in a standard 10 gallon container.

If an exhibitor uses their own container, it may not be any larger than the containers available at time of purchasing the plants, soil and containers.

Entries entered in competition will be judged according to Florida Department of Agriculture Grades and Standards. All plants/trees must be judged Florida #3 or better to be exhibited.

All plants/trees graded Florida #1 and judged blue ribbon or better will be sold at the blueberry, citrus tree, peach tree and ornamental plant auction.

Participants in the blueberry plant, citrus tree, peach tree auction **must be** present during the sale of their project.

Exhibitors should remove their plant from the sale arena and return it to the exhibit area after it is sold.

Ornamentals Department
Plants Grown For Auction, Bedding Plants and Hanging Baskets .

Each student is eligible to pre-enter eight (8) entries, but may show only four at the Youth Fair. Participants **may show a maximum of two exhibits in any one of the four categories.**

Plants in a single exhibit must be of the same species or variety and grown in containers of the same size. No substitute plants will be accepted at check-in in January. **NOTE - Maximum container size: 10 gallon.** All exhibitors must be able to move and handle their own plants regardless of container size.

Purchased plants must be transplanted to a larger container size and a dated receipt must be stapled to the record book, indicating proof of purchase. If plants are propagated by cuttings, indicate type of cuttings, when taken, etc., in the record book. **Plants kept by the exhibitor for the next project year must also be transplanted to a larger container size and indicated in record book.**

The Horticulture Committee may make changes necessary to correct the entry of plants listed in the different categories listed below. Exhibitors may contact the Horticulture Committee to determine the proper section in which to enter different plants.

Plants MUST be grown in standard plastic production pots, flats or trade baskets.

All entries (not individual plants) shall be labeled with common and/or variety of cultivar. Patented plants must be identified with the proper patent tag.

All plants will be judged according to Florida Department of Agriculture Grades and Standards.

All plant entries judged blue ribbon or better will be sold at the horticulture auction. Entries may not be split and auctioned as separate lots.

Plants ineligible for the plant auction will not be sold through the Youth Fair office.
Exhibitors should remove their plants from the sale arena and return them to the exhibit area after they are sold.

NOTE: Exhibitor may show a maximum of 2 entries in one of the four classes:

Class #01: Bedding Plants
An entry in each class shall consist of one flat containing **18** or more plants grown in cell-packs or 2 1/4" pots; or one flat containing 10 plants grown in 4" pots.

All bedding plants shall be grown from seed or starter plugs by the exhibitor.

Examples of bedding plants which may be used include the following:

Class #01 Examples of Bedding Plants			
Begonia	Coleus	Gerbera	Marigold
Petunia	Salvia	Snapdragon	Vegetables

Other bedding plants may also be used, but must be listed by name.

Class 02: Foliage Plants
An entry shall consist of 3 plants of the same species, grown in identical pots (6" pots or larger containers for each entry. The maximum container size is 10 gallons.

All exhibitors must be able to move and handle their own plants regardless of container size.

Examples of foliage plants which may be used include the following:

Class # 02 Examples of Foliage Plants		
Dieffenbachia	Dracaena	Ficus
Peace Lily	Pothos	Schefflera

Other foliage plants may also be used, but must be listed by name. Plants which may be listed as either foliage or landscape ornamentals must meet the container size and number of plants in entry requirements for the class under which they are entered.

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Class #03: Landscape Ornamentals

An entry in each category shall consist of one flat of rooted liners with at least 32 liners in the flat or 10 plants in one gallon containers, or 5 plants in two gallon containers, or 3 plants in three gallon or larger containers. Maximum container size: 10 gallon.

All exhibitors must be able to move and handle their own plants regardless of container size.

Examples of Landscape Ornamentals which may be used include the following:

Class #03 Examples of Landscape Ornamentals			
Asparagus Fern	Azalea	Blue Daze	Boxwood
Confederate Jasmine	Croton	Daylilies	Heather
Hibiscus	Juniper	Ligustrum	Lorapetalum
Ornamental Grasses	Palms(outdoor)	Pittosporum	Plumbago
Podocarpus	Split Leaf Philodendron	Viburnum	Xanadu Philodendron

Other landscape ornamentals may be used, but must be listed by name. Plants which may be listed as either landscape ornamentals or foliage must meet the container size and number of plants in entry requirements for the class under which they are entered.

Class #04: Miscellaneous Plants - Plants that do not fit any of the above sections may be used, but must be listed by name.

An entry in each class shall consist of 3 plants of the same species, grown in identical pots (6" pot or larger containers for each entry. Maximum container size is 10 gallons.

All exhibitors must be able to move and handle their own plants regardless of container size.

Class #04 Examples of Miscellaneous Plants - name of plant must be included		
African Violet	Flowering House Plants	Hanging Baskets (trade baskets only)

Plants For Display - Not To Be Auctioned

This class allows the students to exhibit plants which they do not wish to sell in the plant auction. This also allows the student the possibility to earn additional points in competition for the Premier Horticulture Exhibitor Award.

Exhibitors are allowed to have <u>one entry</u> in up to four classes from the following list

Class #05 Plants For Display		
Bedding Plants	Bromiliads	Dish Garden
Flowering House Plants	Foliage Plants	Hanging Basket
Landscape Plants	Orchid	

Plants in a single exhibit must be of the same species or variety and grown in containers of the same size except dish gardens.
No substitute plants will be accepted at check-in on January 25, 2016.

Plants (except dish gardens) MUST be grown in standard plastic production pots, flats or trade baskets.

An entry shall consist of 3 plants of the same species, each grown in an individual 6 inch or larger container.

One dish garden constitutes an entry and one flat of (18 or more) bedding plants constitutes one entry.

Maximum size of a hanging basket is 12".

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✗Vegetables Department

Following are the acceptable varieties and the amount or quantity of specimens necessary to constitute an entry.

Each exhibitor is eligible to **pre-enter only ten (10) entries** and show ten (10) different entries only in the Vegetable Department.

VEGETABLES MUST BE CLEANED FROM ALL DIRT BEFORE CHECK-IN AT FAIR TIME.

The Fair reserves the right to discard vegetable items which deteriorate and become unattractive for display. **No vegetables will be returned to exhibitors.** The Fair will dispose of all vegetables at the close of the Fair for health and safety reasons.

Vegetable:	Quantity:	Vegetable:	Quantity:
Beans - snap or pole	2 dozen	Mint - bunched	1 -1" at tie
Beets - bunched	3 - tightly tied	Mustard - bunched	2 stalks
Beets - topped	3	Onion - green - bunched	6
Broccoli	3 heads	Parsley - bunched	1 - 1" at tie
Cabbage	2 heads	Peas - English(pods)	2 dozen
Cabbage - Chinese	2 heads	Peppers	3 or 1 pint
Carrots - bunched	6 - tied	Potatoes - Irish	6
Carrots - topped	6	Radishes - bunched	2 bunches of 3
Cauliflower	2 heads	Rutabaga	3
Chives - bunched	12	Spinach - bunched	1 - 3" at tie
Collards	2 stalks tied	Strawberries	1 pint
Cucumber	3	Swiss Chard - bunched	1 - 2" at tie
Endive	2	Tomatoes -	Large 3, Small 10
Escarole	2	Turnips - bunched	3
Kale	1 bunch	Turnips - topped	3
Kohlrabi	3	Yellow Squash	3
Lettuce - head	2 heads	Zucchini	3
Lettuce - leaf	2 bunches		

Archery Competition

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitors must be 8 years old
October 9, 2015 5:00 pm	Entry Deadline
October 16, 2015 5:00 pm	Late Entry Deadline
October 24, 2015 8:00 am - 9:30 am	1st of 2 Mandatory Safety & Training Session Fun Shoot & Turkey Shoot(Exhibitors must attend 1 of 2 offered)

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Important Dates	*Event*
November 7, 2015 8:00 am - 9:30 am	2nd of 2 Mandatory Safety & Training Session Fun Shoot & Turkey Shoot(Exhibitors must attend 1 of 2 offered)
January 25, 2016 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Juniors 8:30 am - 11:00 am Intermediate 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Seniors - 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Competition

✗Participants must attend one of the two scheduled **mandatory** safety and training session prior to the competition. Each individual must sign in by 8:00 am prior to the beginning of the safety training and must sign out at the end of the safety training. Participants not attending one of the mandatory meetings or does not sign in prior to 8:00 am and sign out at the end of the safety meeting will not be allowed to compete at the Youth fair in January, 2016.

If a participant needs special assistance/allowances, please notify the Archery committee ahead of time so that proper accommodations can be made.

Dress Code: Closed toe shoes are required and long pants are recommended.

All archery equipment will only be allowed at the range and nowhere else on fairgrounds. Equipment must be kept in competitor's vehicle until time for their division's check-in. Participants will not handle bows or arrows until receiving permission from the Range Officer. Those who fail to meet this criteria will be disqualified. This requirement is necessary to maintain a safe and fun atmosphere.

Range will be maintained by certified 4-H archery instructors or those certified by "Archery in the School".

Participants can enter only one of the following divisions: Divisions are divided by ages as of September 1, 2015: junior(8-10 years old, intermediate(11-13 years old), senior(14-18 years old)

Class Number	*Description*
1	Junior Instinctive Long or Recurve Bow
2	Junior Sighted Long or Recurve Bow
3	Junior Instinctive Compound
4	Junior Sighted Compound
5	Intermediate Instinctive Long or Recurve Bow
6	Intermediate Sighted Long or Recurve Bow
7	Intermediate Instinctive Compound
8	Intermediate Sighted Compound
9	Senior Instinctive Long or Recurve Bow
10	Senior Sighted Long or Recurve Bow
11	Senior Instinctive Compound
12	Senior Sighted Compound

Participants will use their own archery equipment which includes bow, arrows, arm guard, finger glove or tab, and quiver. All of these are required.
Quivers must be clip on hip quivers.
Hand carrying of arrows will not be permitted.
The Youth Fair will not provide any equipment.

Each archer must provide an adequate number of arrows to compete. That would mean a minimum of five arrows with at least two extras in case of damage or loss.

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Each participant is responsible for the safe condition of his/her equipment. The Archery Committee reserves the right to safety inspect any equipment and pull it from the competition if found unsafe. If equipment is found to be over weight limit the participant will not be allowed to compete.

Maximum bow weight allowed in any division is 50 pounds. This can be checked anytime before or during the match. If equipment is found to be over 50 pounds at anytime the competitor will not be allowed to participate or complete the competition and all previous scores will be thrown out.

A nocking point indicator is required to position the nock of an arrow on the string. The nocking point indicator may be of any conventional design, including materials that may be crimped, wound or heat shrunk to the center serving.

An arrow must be released off of an arrow shelf or an arrow rest. The use of an overdraw arrow shelf or rest is prohibited.

Arrows consist of a shaft with a target or practice point, nock, fletching and personal identification markings. Arrows must be sound and spined for the bow.

At full draw, arrows must extend a minimum of 1" beyond the back of the bow.

Release aids may be used only by compound shooters. Competence with the equipment must be demonstrated before the release aid may be used.

Sky drawing is not allowed. Bringing arrow up from ground to shooting position during draw is permissible. Bringing arrow down to shooting position during draw is not permissible.

Commands for shooting will be done by the whistle method and are as follows:
2 blasts - go to shooting line
1 blast - shoot designated amount of arrows
3 blasts - retrieve arrows
Quick multiple blast - cease fire

40 centimeter FITA targets will be used for the competition. The distance from the shooting line to the target will be:
Juniors - 30 feet
Intermediate - 45 feet
Seniors - 60 feet

Course of fire will consist of 3 ends of 5 arrows each. Five practice arrows will be allowed. Time limit for each arrow end will be five minutes.

Scoring is as such:
Gold - 9 and 10 point rings
Smallest center ring is 10 points for compound bows.
Red - 7 and 8 point rings
Blue - 5 and 6 point rings
Black - 3 and 4 point rings
White - 1 and 2 point rings

Any shaft that fails to remain in the target, such as pass throughs or bounce outs, may be scored by the mark on the target face.
In case of a tied score the winner will be determined by the most number of 10's scored. If still tied then determination will continue with number of 9's, then 8's, and so on. If still tied then a winner will be determined by the “Number Game”. There will be a clear cut winner.

Awards will be given to the top six scores in each division.

✗Dog Show Department

Important Dates	***Event***
November 3, 2015	Owned or leased by date
December 4, 2015 5:00 pm	Entry Deadline
December 11, 2015 5:00 pm	Late Entry Deadline
January 27, 2016 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Showmanship Classes
January 28, 2015 at 8:30 am	Quiz, Obedience, Rally and Agility Classes

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Youth Dog Show Definitions:

Beginner or Basic Handler/Exhibitor - Exhibitors who have NEVER competed in ANY Polk County Youth Fair dog show, and are competing within their FIRST PROJECT YEAR of 4-H or FFA. Handlers may compete in Basic classes(assuming the dog is also a beginner/basic dog) for only one year and then MUST move up to the next level.

Beginner or Basic Dog - Any dog who has NEVER competed in Polk County Youth Fair dog show or any other outside venue(AKC, UKC, experienced trainer, etc.). A dog may compete in basic classes during its first project year of showing only(assuming the handler is a beginner/basic as well).

Experienced Handler - Exhibitors who have previously competed in Polk County Youth Fair dog show or any other outside venues(AKC, UKC, etc.), or have completed their first full year of 4-H or FFA participation in the dog project.

Experienced Dog - Any dog who has previously competed in a state level competition or has competed in other outside venues(AKC, UKC, etc.), or any dog who has completed their first full year of 4-H or FFA training/participating in the dog project.

EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES:

- Each exhibitor is responsible for picking up after his/her dog. While on grounds each exhibitor will be responsible for their dog.
- Purebred and mixed dogs will be allowed to compete.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Dog Project or a structured training venue for the current year or manage at least one dog of any age. The dog(s) must be owned or leased by November 3, 2015.
- All exhibitors with a score of 200 must advance to the next level.
- Exhibitors may enter and show only two dogs. Exhibitors entering basic classes are only to show one. No substitute dogs will be allowed at check in time. This does not include Assistance dogs.
- A dog may be shown by one person only in each area(Showmanship, Obedience, Rally or Agility). No sharing of dogs except in Brace.
- A handler may show two dogs in all classes with exception of Showmanship. Dogs must not be entered in the same skill level.
- An entry form for each dog is to be submitted.
- Dogs must be on a leash, except during performance requiring unrestricted movement. Dogs must be kept in Dog Show Area only. Dogs must be removed from the grounds at the conclusion of the show.
- No pinch collars or gentle leader collars are allowed on show grounds.
- No tags are allowed in the show ring.
- **Proof of vaccinations must be on file with the exhibitor the day of the show.**

Record Book: Failure to present a record book will result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards earned in the Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show. The preferred book will be the FSF Dog Project Record Book available on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at www.floridastatefairag.com. Records books must be up to date and presented at time of check-in. Record books will be checked and returned to exhibitor by end of show. Copies or a draft copy will be accepted.

PROJECT ATTIRE:

- See Polk County Youth Fair General dress code with the exception of showmanship, which can be 4-H, FFA or FCCLA showmanship attire or business attire in accordance with established nationally recognized Junior Showmanship rules. Athletic shoes are acceptable.
- DOG COLLAR REQUIREMENTS:
  1. Showmanship: Showmanship collars in accordance with nationally recognized dog organization Junior Showmanship standards are preferred.
  2. OBEDIENCE & RALLY: Dogs may wear nylon, leather or fabric leashes and collars with a flat buckle. Choke chains, rolled leather collars AND/OR martingales are preferred.
  3. AGILITY: Dogs may wear nylon, leather or fabric leashes and collars with a flat buckle. Choke chains and martingales will not be allowed. Off lead dogs may wear a flat buckle collar, rolled leather collar **or no collar.**
  4. A six foot leash is required for Basic and Sub-Novice A and B classes only.

DOG HYGIENE:

- Dogs should be bathed, combed, and nails clipped.

SAFETY:

- Crates with emergency information are required for all dogs entering in show and will be assigned to a designated area.

MINIMUM DOG AGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Assistance Dog puppies must be at least four months of age. All other dogs must be at least six months as of the date of the show. Dogs must be at least six months old to compete in obedience. **Dogs must be fifteen months of age at the time of Youth Fair to compete in Agility.**

VACCINATIONS:

- All dogs are required to have all up-to-date rabies, parvo and distemper vaccinations. **Proof of vaccinations must be on file with the exhibitor the day of the show.** Vaccinations must be given by a licensed veterinarian. Proof of Rabies vaccination is a county registration paper, a receipt, or a signed vaccination certificate from the issuing veterinarian

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including the dog's description.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Each exhibitor is liable and responsible for his/her dog's behavior. **ANY DOG EXHIBITING ACTS OF AGGRESSION WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION**. This decision will be made by the Dog Show Committee representatives.
- Female dogs in season will not be allowed on fair grounds.
- No animals other than dogs entered in the competition will be allowed on show grounds.

High Point Award
High point award will consist of total of points in quiz class, showmanship class, obedience class, rally class and agility class. Tie breakers will consist of best showmanship score and then best obedience score.
Basic High Point - For the basic exhibitors only. One award will be given for all age divisions.
Overall High Point - To exclude all basic exhibitors. Awards are given for High Point Juniors, High Point Intermediates, High Point Seniors.

PERFORMANCE CLASSES: Each performance class competition shall be judged according to the age level and skill level of the participants. Age levels shall be designated as Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Performance classes may be combined or divided **if** the number of entries warrant at the committee's discretion. **Whenever performance classes are combined for exhibition purposes, the preferred method is to combine Junior, Intermediate or Senior classes into the appropriate competitive skill levels. Combined performance may be judged simultaneously and scored separately.**

Quiz Class:

- All exhibitors are required to participate in the Quiz class. Failure to participate in the Quiz class will result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards earned in the Youth Fair Dog Show.
- Class will begin at 8:30 a.m. the day of the show. Material for the QUIZ will be taken from the Florida State Fair Skillathon subject for the current year.
- Tie breakers will be given in the form of additional questions.
- The results of the quiz will be added in to high point score.

Showmanship Classes: Showmanship classes will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Handlers are judged on preparation and presentation of their dog in grooming, posing, and gaiting. Showmanship exercises are to be performed according to AKC rules and regulations as modified by 4-H. Tie breakers are at the discretion of the judge.

SKILL LEVEL

Basic Showmanship - Beginner handlers and basic dogs only. See definitions.
Novice Showmanship - Handlers who have shown for one or more years with beginning dog or beginning handlers with experienced dog.
Open Showmanship- Handlers who have the skill level or have won first place in Novice Class at a previous year's Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show.
Advanced Showmanship - Handlers showing a conformation titled dog or who have won in Junior Showmanship competition through a nationally (AKC, UKC, CKC, or breed speciality) recognized dog organization Dog Shows.

Assistance Dog Class Only Assistance Dogs may enter the Assistance Dog Class.
This class is for evaluation and recognition of exhibitors training service dogs in conjunction with a recognized service dog organization. Contestants will be given participation ribbons only. Basic evaluation will be judged according to the age of the dog. Scores earned in this class will not be counted toward youth fair dog show high point award.

Assistance Dog Evaluation Class Scoring:
Exercises are judged: E = Excellent, G = Good, P = Practicing, NE = Needs Exposure.

Assistance Dog Obedience Exercises:
Sit, Down, Come, Sit-Stay, Down-Stay, Forward, Come and Recall.

Assistance Dog Obedience Expectations:
Some exercises performed as in the basic obedience class. Judged the same except for the following differences: HEEL: Service dogs may heel on either the right or left of the handler. The dog's nose should be at the handler's knee. Guide dogs do not heel. The dog should put slight tension on the leash as if gently pulling the handler. The dog's shoulder should be slightly in front of the handler's knee. When the handler stops while heeling the dog is not required to sit. RECALL: The dog should go to "come front" position then to side or heel position by the handler as commanded, not crossing behind the handler. Other requirements based on assistance dog standards.

Assistance Dog Practice and Exposure:
Greeting people, noise exposure, food distraction, garbage can, garbage bag, hat/sunglasses, sitting at table, item retrieving, umbrella, leave food (age appropriate - at discretion of judge), load and unload in car.
NOTE: Evaluator may make special comments.

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Obedience Performance Classes: Obedience exercises are to be performed according to AKC rules and regulations as modified by 4-H. A six foot leash is required for Basic and Sub-Novice A and B classes.

- Dogs with CD titles must compete in novice classes or higher.
- Obedience Tiebreakers: Any scoring ties will be broken first by the best sits & down score, secondly (if needed) by the best heeling score.
- **No tags or no pinch collars will be allowed.**

Basic and Sub-Novice Competitions:
Individual Exercises: Heeling on lead, figure 8 on lead, recall on lead, stand for examination on lead.
Group Exercises: One minute sit on lead, three minute down on lead.

SKILL LEVEL:
Basic: First year dog and first year handler. See definition.

Sub-Novice A - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Handlers who have shown two or more years. Dogs may be in Sub-Novice A for one year and will advance to Sub-Novice B or higher according to the dog's ability.
Sub-Novice B - Handlers who have shown other dogs in obedience competition at nationally recognized dog organization obedience trials, have competed Sub-Novice A at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show according to the dog's ability.

Beginner Novice Competitions:
Individual Exercises: Heeling on lead, figure 8 on lead, sit for examination, sit stay, and recall.
Group Exercises: Three minute down on lead.
Rally Signs for Class: Right Turn - #5, Left Turn - #6, About Turn - #7, Slow Pace - #17, Fast Pace - #18, Normal Pace - #19 and Halt/Sit - #3

SKILL LEVEL:
Beginner Novice A - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Dogs may be in Beginner Novice A for one year and will advance to Beginner Novice B or higher according to the dog's ability.

Beginner Novice B - Handlers who have shown other dogs in obedience competition at nationally recognized dog organization obedience trials, have completed Beginner Novice A at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show or according to the dog's ability. A Beginner Novice obedience title requires that dog and handler compete in Beginner Novice B class.

Novice Competitions:
Individual Exercises: Heeling on lead, figure 8 on lead, stand for examination off lead, heel free, recall off lead.
Group Exercises: One minute sit off lead, three minutes down off lead.

SKILL LEVEL:
Novice A - For handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice exercises(except dogs with Novice Obedience titles) or handlers and dogs who have scored a 200 in Beginner Novice B at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show.

Novice B - Handlers showing dog with Novice obedience title other than Rally or have scored a 200 in Novice A at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show. Also includes handlers who have trained and showed at a Novice level at any nationally recognized dog organization dog show. A Novice title in obedience requires that dog and handler compete in Novice B class.

Graduate Novice - For dogs and handlers who have completed Novice work and are training for Open, but are not ready to compete in Open exercises or scored a 200 in Novice B at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show.

Open Competition:
Individual Exercises: Heeling on lead, figure 8 off lead, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump.
Group Exercises: Three minute sit off lead, Five minute down with handler out of sight.

SKILL LEVEL:
Open - For dogs and handlers ready to compete at this level.

Utility Competition:
Individual: Signal exercise, scent discrimination of leather & metal articles, directed retrieve moving stand and examination, directed jumping

SKILL LEVEL:
Utility - For dogs and handlers ready to compete at this level. Handlers showing dog with Utility obedience title.

Brace Competition:
Dogs do not have to be the same breed, but should be similar in size. Dogs may have different owners. Class will be judged using the Novice exercises. Scores earned in this class will not be counted toward High Point Award.
Individual Exercises: Heeling on lead, figure 8 on lead, recall off lead, stand for examination off lead.
Group Exercises: One minute sit off lead, three minute down off lead.

Four Member Team Competition:
The team consists of four handlers with four dogs who work simultaneously. Scores earned in this class will not be counted toward High Point Award.
Class will be judged using Novice exercises - stand for exam, recall, finish, long sits and downs will be off lead exercises. Handlers may respond to judge's or team captain's commands. Figure 8 is done simultaneously using 5 posts. For the recall, handlers leave dogs in unison, call dogs one at a time, finish in unison.

Four Member Team Exercises:
One Team at a time: Heeling on lead, figure 8 on lead, recall off lead, stand for examination off lead.
All teams together: One minute sit off lead, three minute down off lead.
If a member of a team is unable to complete any of the off lead exercises, that member will be given no more than 50% of the total possible score for any exercise not performed off lead.

Agility

- The agility rules, heights and regulations are from the American Kennel Club as modified by 4-H. However, in the Basic class, dogs measuring over 22" will jump 20". A dog's jump height is determined by measuring the dog's standing height from the withers(at the base of the neck) to the floor.
- Agility tiebreakers: Any scoring ties will be broken by time.

CLASSES:
Basic - On Lead: For beginner handler and beginning dog. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (**Sit OR down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately six hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
Sub Novice A- On Lead: For experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above(Sit OR down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately six hurdles.
Sub Novice B- On Lead: - For experienced handler and experienced dogs or have achieved a score of 200 at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show in Sub Novice A. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above(Sit OR down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately six hurdles.
Novice - Off Lead - If the has any qualifying agility legs, it must be shown in Novice or higher. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11 "), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above(Sit OR down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately six hurdles.
Advanced - OFF LEAD: Course design **may be** more complex, may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk(3;0"), See-Saw, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, Short set of weave poles(5 or 6), Table(8" for dogs jumping for 8", and 12", 16" for dogs jumping 16" and above(to be performed at a Sit OR down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), Tire Jump, broad jump, approximately six hurdles(at judge's discretion).

Rally Obedience Classes

- Rally exercises are to be performed to AKC rules and regulations as modified by 4-H.
- Rally Tiebreakers: Any scoring ties will be broken by time.

Rally Basic: For beginner handler and beginning dog. See definition. The course exercises will be chosen from the first 36 AKC Rules list of exercises with the course consisting of 10 - 15 stations with no more than 5 stationary exercises.
Rally Novice A: For experienced handlers with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. The course exercises will be chosen from the first 36 AKC Rules list of exercises with the course consisting of 10 - 15 stations with no more than 5 stationary exercises.
Rally Novice B: For handlers who have shown other dogs in rally competition at nationally recognized dog organization rally trials or have scored a 200 in Rally Novice A at a previous Polk County Youth Fair Dog Show. The course exercises will be chosen form the first 36 AKC Rules list of exercises with the course consisting of 10-15 stations with no more than 5 stationary exercises.
Rally Advanced: For dog and handler who are ready to show off lead, have a Rally Novice title, dogs receiving a 200 score in Rally Novice B in the Polk County Youth Fair or dog and handler ready to move up. Exercises will be chosen from the AKC Signs 1-36 with 12-17 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises and one jump.
Rally Excellent: For dog and handler with Rally Advanced Title, dogs receiving a 200 score at Polk County Youth Fair Advanced Rally, or dogs and handler ready to move up. Exercises will be chosen from all of the AKC signs with 15-20 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises, two jumps and Honor.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT
General Rules

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
December 4, 2015 - 5:00 pm	Chili Cook Off Contest Entry Forms Due
December 11, 2015	Chili Cook Off Contest Teams will be notified by this date
December 16, 2015	Cake Auction Buyer Letters Due
January 8, 2016 - 5:00 pm	Scrap Off Entry Forms Due
January 19, 2016 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Non Perishable Entry Forms/Exhibits Due. Entry Forms due for: Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Mannequin Modeling, Sew Off Contest, Storytelling Contest, Tablesetting & Menu Planning Contest, Working Booths
January 22, 2016 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Perishable Entry Forms/Exhibits Due
January 25, 2016 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cakes For Auction Check-in

Class numbers must be listed on a Polk County Youth Fair Family and Consumer Sciences entry form using the terms in classifications listed. Exhibitor's signature, parent/guardian's signature, 4-H Leader or teacher on the entry form that is submitted for a project signifies the rules and regulations have been read by the exhibitor, the parent/guardian, 4-H Leader or teacher understand and agree to abide by rules and regulations. ***Entry Forms will not be accepted without all three required signatures.***

Only class numbers listed are eligible for exhibit and only one exhibit per class number is allowed.

Entries must have been completed by an individual(not group project) since the 2015 Youth Fair and evaluated in a 4-H, FCCLA or FFA activity.

All forms including exhibit tags, recipe forms, etc. that are required to be submitted with exhibit must be attached to each exhibit. All forms **except exhibit tags** may be obtained online at: www.pcyf.net. Exhibit tags will be available prior to the fair.

Exhibits not conforming to directions will be lowered one ribbon place.

Judges may reject or disqualify entries that they deem unworthy. **The Youth Fair encourages QUALITY not quantity.**

ALL PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED UPON ARRIVAL. ALL paper work must be completed by 7:00 p.m..

Tri-color rosettes may be awarded for outstanding (Best of Show) exhibits in any department by the judges and approved by the Department Superintendent. **Tri-Color winners and cake auction winners from a previous year may not enter an item made exactly like their winning entry (Example: may not use same recipe, pattern, etc.)**.

All winners of the Tri-Color, Best of Show and Family and Consumer Sciences Competitions will be awarded at the Tri-Color Awards ceremony, January 29, 2016, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Stuart Center.

Exhibits judged as a white ribbon will not receive premium points. This rules applies for all Family and Consumer Sciences Department exhibits.

Child Development Department

A descriptive paragraph must accompany each project stating age level, explaining the intended use, how it addresses development, and when necessary how the product works. This statement must be attached to the project.

Items made from kits need to be labeled "KIT".

Items must be safe for children to play with or use. Safety of product is important.

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Class Number and Description:

01	Babysitting kits or accessories (include one handmade item and list of contents with intended purpose)	06	Toy for toddler (one to three)
02	Child's Book	07	Toy for preschooler (three to five)
03	Game suitable for child	08	Teaching Portfolio
04	Storytelling aids (Example: puppets, flannel board) Story must accompany exhibit. Copies are acceptable. Mark if story is original.	09	Teaching Aide
05	Toy for infant (birth to one)	10	Other (not to duplicate previous categories)

Clothing Exhibits

Exhibits must be clean, pressed, and ready to wear. All garments must be on hangers. Failure to comply will result in the lowering of 1 ribbon placing.

Pattern envelope, guide sheet or detailed instructions must be included with each clothing exhibit.

Only class #22 Decorated garment may have a purchased item that has been embellished.
Recycled articles in class #1908 and class #1909 cannot resemble original use. Must be new use for old item.

Class Numbers and Description:

01	Apron(half, bibtop, pinafore)	15	Dress
02	Clothing accessory (belt, tie, scarf, hat, wallet)	16	One piece outfit (gaucho, jumpsuit or tennis dress)
03	Crocheted or knitted accessory	17	Ensemble (2 or more pieces that match)
04	Crocheted or knitted garment (label if knitting machine used)	18	Sleep or lounge wear
05	Fabric bag (handbag, tote bag or purse)	19	Swimwear or beachwear
06	Lingerie	20	Handmade jewelry set - must include 3 items
07	Pants (shorts, slacks or skorts)	21	Handmade jewelry - single item
08	Recycled article (must be accompanied by description of article before it was recycled and explanation of what was done	22	Decorated garment using appliques, embroidery, fabric painting, bead/rhinestone work(garment will not be judged only the technique)
09	Recycled article (must be different from 1908)	23	Coat or jacket
10	Skirt	24	Costumes(examples: Historical or Halloween)
11	Shirt	25	Other(not a duplicate of any other item)
12	Shirt (different pattern used for 1911)		
13	Clothing for infant or preschooler		
14	After 5 wear (long or short)		

Educational Exhibits

Educational Exhibits should be informative and interesting. Exhibitors are encouraged to include examples that show or illustrate the topic as a part of the exhibit. Posters should be used to "tell" what the example(s) "show".

Educational exhibits should be related to a 4-H or school project.
A complete and appropriate Project Summary form (not a 4-H record book) **is required**, and must be included with the exhibit.

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It is recommended that these forms be submitted in a folder properly labeled with exhibitor name and name of exhibit. Project Summary forms are available from the Youth Fair office.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to exhibit one educational exhibit.
Purpose: Educational exhibits will be judged on the following criteria:

A. The appropriateness of the theme as a learning experience for the student
B. How well the exhibit communicates a message to the general public
C. Attractiveness and neatness of the exhibit
D. Quality of the Project Summary form (appropriate, neat, complete).

Standard 48" x 36" Science Fair boards required. Minimum letter size ½". Each exhibit must have a clearly stated theme or title. Each part of the exhibit must relate to that central theme.

Exhibitors should complete a Youth Fair entry form as follows: Educational exhibit - Educational Display - 1401 - Florida Environment. The title of the exhibit should be written under "Description".

Each exhibit will be screened at the time of check-in for the following:

1. Completed Project Summary form
2. Neatness and attractiveness
3. Fulfilling the requirements of an Educational Display

If an educational display includes a live animal, the student is responsible for the care and safety of the animal. Valuable collections, such as coins, should not be entered because the Youth Fair cannot guarantee against theft.

Class Numbers and Descriptions:

01	**Florida Environment:** To inform the general public about an environmental concern. (Examples: endangered wildlife, water use and quality, mined-land reclamation, Asian cockroach, etc.).
02	**General:** To inform and create interest among the general public on a selected theme. (Examples: home safety, insect pests in the home garden, poisonous plants, etc.).
03	**How-To:** To show the general public an aspect or process related to making something or participating in a hobby. (Examples: collecting insects, making an object (syrup, lamp, sandals, etc.), mastering "close-up" photography, etc.).
04	**Scientific Experiments:** Must state very briefly what is being measured, method, summary of results and importance of experiment. This must be done through specimens and visuals, not in report form. Supplementary materials may be included in the project summary form.

✗Food Preservation Exhibits - due at Perishable Check in)

Categories 01-14 must be in sealed standard **clear** glass canning jars. Other categories must be displayed appropriately. Paraffin on jellies and jams is not permitted. Decorated lids are unnecessary.

All entries must include a label with the name of the exhibitor, product name, date of preserving, and method of preservation. Labels must be affixed to the jars.

Exhibitors should follow the USDA guidelines online at: http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html

Recipes must be included. Processing procedure and **processing time** must be included on recipe.

Vegetables must be pressure canned.

Inverting of jars as a process of sealing is not acceptable.

Judges have the option of opening the exhibit for tasting.

Exhibitors may not share batches of preserved food.

Dirty jars will be lowered 1 ribbon placing.

Class Numbers:

01	Berries	11	Tomatoes (whole or cut up)
02	Fruit or juice	12	Tomatoes, other products (barbeque sauce, salsa, etc.)
03	Jams	13	Vegetables (any kind)
04	Jellies	14	Syrup (recipe must be included)
05	Butters	15	Flavored Vinegars
06	Marmalades, Preserves or Conserves	16	Flavored Oils
07	Pickles (any kind)	17	Dehydrated meats ½ cup or 12 slices
08	Relishes or Chutneys (any kind)	18	Dehydrated fruit for snacks ½ cup or 12 slices
09	Tomato Juice	19	Dehydrated vegetables ½ cup or 12 slices
10	Tomato Sauce, puree or ketchup	20	Pressure canned meal (soups, stews, etc.)

Foods Exhibits

A recipe form(you may use your own or one provided by Youth Fair) **MUST** be attached to each exhibit, including class #29.

All food exhibits will be judged for taste with the exception of class #27.

Exhibits must contain exact number of items specified in class.

The Fair reserves the right to discard food items which deteriorate and become unattractive for display. **No foods will be returned to exhibitors.** The Fair will dispose of all foods at the close of the Fair for health and safety reasons.

Tri-Color winners and cake auction winners from a previous year may not enter an item made exactly like their winning entry (Example: may not use same recipe, pattern, etc.).

Disposable containers are **REQUIRED**. These containers should be no more than 2" larger than exhibit. Container may not be larger than 19"x 19" x 19". Items should be securely wrapped and visible through clear plastic or ziploc bag. Items not in or on a disposable container will not be accepted. **Container must fit and be securely closed.**

Cake containers will be for sale at non-perishable check in for $2.00. Decorated cakes should be in a disposable container also, but does not have to be a round container.

No canned, fresh fruit, or vegetables **may** be used as decoration or in frosting without being cooked(examples: strawberry, pineapple, mandarin oranges, peppers, broccoli, fresh coconut, cherries, etc.).

No item requiring refrigeration, warming or additional cooking will be accepted. Examples of items requiring refrigeration include cheesecakes, meringue, custard, pudding, whipped cream, cool whip and all pies. Any entry containing any item needing refrigeration will be disqualified. Cream cheese icings are permissible.

After judging the Fair reserves the right to use appropriate containers to display tri-color entries.

No cakes will be accepted in pans they were baked in.

Class #07 - Recipe must include a mix and additional ingredients. Those ingredients must be in addition to those required on the box.

No bread machine, canned, frozen or packaged bread products may be used. This includes no Bisquick except in Class 2107.

No store bought items can be entered except in Classes 2111 and 2127. A recipe must be included for any items made by the

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exhibitor.

All loaves of bread must be standard size. No mini loaves will be accepted.

Class #	Description of Food	Quantity
01	Loaf, muffins without yeast	1 loaf or 12 muffins
02	Coffee Cake without yeast	1
03	Biscuits or cornbread without yeast	12
04	Loaf or rolls with yeast	1 loaf or 12 muffins
05	Specialty bread - such as braids with yeast	1
06	Cookies (No purchased mixes or cereal treats accepted. Bar cookies are accepted)	12
07	Product with mix as an ingredient	1 loaf or 1 cake/12 cookies or 12 muffins or 12 cupcakes
08	Cakes made from scratch 10" or less(uncut brownies are not accepted)	1
09	Cupcakes from scratch	12
10	Cakes - Pound	1
11	Decorated cake (must be labeled made from MIX or SCRATCH)	1
12	Candy - any kind (cereal treats not accepted)	12
13	Microwave bread, cake, etc.	1
14	Microwave candy or cookies	12
15	Bread or Cake using 1/4 cup or more of citrus	1
16	Cupcakes, muffins, rolls using 1/4 cup or more of citrus	12
17	Candy using 1/4 cup or more of citrus	12
18	Cookies using 1/4 cup or more of citrus	12
19	Bread or Cake using 1/4 cup or more of honey	1
20	Cupcakes, muffins, rolls using 1/4 cup or more of honey	1
21	Candy using 1/4 cup or more of honey	12
22	Cookies using 1/4 cup or more of honey	12
23	Bread or Cake using 1/4 cup or more of blueberries	1
24	Cupcakes, muffins, rolls using 1/4 cup or more of blueberries	12
25	Candy using 1/4 cup or more of blueberries	12
26	Cookies using 1/4 cup or more of blueberries	12
27	Creative Edible Decoration/Decorative food - judged on creative, artistic value(does not require covering)	1 cake/6-12 items
28	Sugar Free Product	1 cake/12 items

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Class #	Description of Food	Quantity
29	Gluten Free Product	1 cake/12 items
30	Other (pumpkins rolls, petite fours, etc.)	1 roll/12 items
31	Desserts in jar(include ingredients with a recipe)	1
✗32	Meals in a jar	1
33	Citrus Gift Box (no cut or pierced fruit allowed	1
34	Fresh Citrus Centerpiece (no cut or pierced fruit allowed)	1
35	Fresh Citrus Arrangement - **Only** Citrus fruit, leaves, and blossoms to be displayed in or on appropriate container. Polk County Youth Fair will not be responsible for display container.	1

Cake Auction

Class 01: Cakes for Auction

Important Dates	*Event*
September 1, 2015	Exhibitor must be 8 years old
December 16, 2015 5:00 pm	Buyer's letters due
January 19, 2016 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Pre-Registration and Recipe Form due\Purchase Cake disks/covers for $2.00
January 25, 2016 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Check in of Cakes for Auction
January 26, 2016	Cake Auction

NO CAKES FROM A MIX WILL BE ACCEPTED.
NO CAKES REQUIRING REFRIGERATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.
No canned, fresh fruit, or vegetables may be used as decoration (example: strawberry, pineapple, mandarin oranges, peppers, broccoli, fresh coconut, cherries). No item requiring refrigeration include cheesecakes, meringue, custard, pudding, whipped cream, cool whip. Cream cheese icings are permissable.
Exhibitors entering a cake to be considered for auction must **pre-register on Tuesday, January 19, 2016,** between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Stuart Center during the non-perishable check-in. A recipe must be submitted with pre-registration cake auction entry form on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. At that time exhibitors may purchase a cardboard display disk and plastic cover for $2.00. All cakes considered for auction must be displayed on these disks with these covers. Cakes will not be transferred to these disks at check-in. Failure to follow this rule will disqualify cake. A completed exhibit tag must be submitted at check-in. The cake that is entered on January 25, 2016 must match pre-registration entry form and recipe form that was submitted January 19, 2016 or cake will be disqualified.
The exhibitor must sign in and designate a telephone number where they can be contacted that evening after the judging is completed should their cake be chosen for auction. Exhibitors will be notified at approximately 9:00 p.m. if chosen to have their cake auctioned as soon as cakes are judged. Only winners will be notified.
A maximum of ten (10) cakes will be selected to be auctioned.
Exhibitor may not enter more than one cake to be considered for auction. Exhibitor must be present to auction their own cake. If exhibitor is not present for the cake auction, cake will not be sold.
Exhibitors who enter a cake for auction or exhibitors who auction their cakes will not receive additional premiums, or tri-color award, but will be awarded a special blue ribbon and will be invited to attend the awards ceremony.
Each exhibitor participating in the cake auction is required to submit copies of thank you notes to buyers.

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Home Furnishings Exhibits

All exhibits must be completed and ready to use or hang. Hangers must be attached when appropriate.
Exhibits made from kits must be labeled "KIT" on the exhibit tag.
No art work accepted (ie. Pen and ink, painting, charcoal drawing, ceramics)
No purchased items will be accepted with the exception of category #27

Gift Baskets for Silent Auction:

A maximum of Five baskets entered in class #18 that are judged the best will be placed in a silent auction.
By entering a gift basket for auction class, exhibitors agree to sell the basket.
Gift baskets entered for the silent auction will not receive premium points.
Bidding will begin Saturday, January 23, 2016, 1:00 pm until Friday, January 29, 2016 7:00 pm
Bidding will begin at $25.00 for all baskets chosen for the auction.
Each exhibitor participating in the gift basket auction will be assessed a 5% fee to be deducted from the sale of their gift basket.
Each exhibitor participating in the gift basket auction is required to submit copies of thank you notes to buyers.

Class #	Description
01	Door Decoration
02	Eco Friendly Project example: reusable shopping bag
03	Fabric Covered Book
04	Fabric accessories (shoe bag, garment bag, purse caddy, sewing kit, etc.)
05	Fabric furnishings/bath (shower curtain, toilet seat cover, etc.)
06	Fabric furnishings/bed (bedspread, dust ruffle, coverlet, etc. twin or larger in size, no throws accepted)
07	Fabric furnishings/kitchen (small appliance cover, minimum of 2 each: pot holders, mitts, dish towels)
08	✗Fabric furnishings/table (tablecloth, napkins) napkins - minimum of 4, placemats - minimum of 4; tablerunner
09	Fabric lined or fabric covered Basket
10	Floral Arrangement
11	Table centerpiece - no taller than 15 inches
12	Wall decoration (not art work) - must have a hanger
13	Wreath - must have a hanger
14	Framed needlework - needlework will be judged
15	Furniture - refinished (only finish will be judged)
16	Furniture - upholstered (only upholstery will be judged)
17	Gift basket - (must include something handmade and be labeled as such). Include list of contents, price list and total cost on ***outside of the basket***. Difficulty of hand made item will be taken in to consideration.
18	**Gift Basket for Silent Auction** - (must include something handmade and be labeled as such). Include list of contents, price list and total cost on ***outside of the basket***. Difficulty of hand made item will be taken in to consideration. We recommend baskets be wrapped in clear cellophane for safety.
19	Holiday Home Furnishings Item (no ornaments)
20	Home furnishing accessory using creative photography (with the photography being used to create a unique project)

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Class #	Description
21	Homemade Dolls - including mop dolls, rag dolls, and stuffed animals **(no kits)**
22	Hoop hanging (ready to hang)
23	Lamp - not purchased
24	Lamp shade (shade must be handmade not purchased) (Lamp shade form may be used)
25	Outdoor wood craft (not judged for woodworking skills)
26	Pillow
27	Purchased home furnishing item with machine embroidery, decorative painting, hand stitching, etc.
28	Recycled article (must be accompanied by description of article before it was recycled and explanation of what was done)
29	Recycled article (must be accompanied by description of article before it was recycled and explanation what was done) Article must be completely different than 2227. Example: not two purses, but may be a purse and a lamp
30	Rug
31	Scrapbooking Project (must be a book with a minimum of 5 pages completed by an individual, appropriate pictures **only**)
32	Three Holiday Ornaments (can be different)
33	Quilt - any size; must be pieced, tied, hand or machine quilted
34	Blanket or Throw - can be crocheted, knitted or fleece
35	Tree Skirt
36	Window treatment
37	Woven item
38	Other home furnishing item (not a duplicate of any other category)
39	Braiding, Plaiting, Weaving and Knot Tying (useful and or decorative items made from string, rope, cord strips of leather or strips of synthetic material. Examples: animal halters, horse tack, whips, belts, survival bracelets, mats, and macrame' plant hangers.

Metal Works Exhibits

Metal Works exhibits are non-perishable entries and are due Tuesday, January 19, 2016.
All exhibits must be free standing, no larger than 5 feet in any direction.
No group projects are allowed.
Committee reserves the right to not accept any project if deemed hazardous (example: too many sharp points or edges)

Utility:		Artistic:	
01	Welding with use of stick	04	Welding with use of stick
02	Welding with use of wire	05	Welding with use of wire
03	Other welded item with use of wire	06	Other welded item with use of stick

Photography Exhibits

Exhibitors may enter no more than four categories. **Only one exhibit per category.** Photography exhibits are non-perishable entries and are due Tuesday, January 19, 2016. All single enlargements and special effects photographs must be matted **AND** framed. All photo series must be mounted, matted and/or framed. All photographs must be ready to hang. **All photographs**

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should be appropriate for a youth competition. Hangers should be secure and strong enough to hold the weight of the exhibit. This does not mean a paper clip taped to the back. **ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBJECTS MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR A YOUTH COMPETITION.**

All photographs within a series should be of the same size, no smaller than 4" x 6" and no larger than 5" x 7". They should all be in color or all in black and white. Each series needs to be attractively mounted together on a flat surface, such as cardboard or mat board covered with fabric or such. The total finished product should not be any larger than 16" x 24".

All mounting and photographic work, except developing, must be the exhibitor's effort.

All labels should be on front of exhibit.

Awards will be given for Best Single Enlargement, Best Series and Best Special Effects. Judging will be on overall presentation. This includes the quality of the photograph, matting, framing, labeling, and hanger. Placings will be lowered if rules are not followed.

8. Categories are defined as :

Photographer's Choice:

Class #01. A series of five photographs chosen by photographer. Photos do not have to be related. The photographs must be displayed as a group. Photographs will be judged as a group. Each photograph is to be individually labeled underneath with a title.

Practice Series:

Class #02. A series of five photographs containing one each of the following:

1. An interesting building or architectural structure (statue, fountain, archway)
2. An unusual tree or landscape
3. A person or portrait
4. A flower or flowering plant
5. An animal

Each photograph is to be individually labeled underneath with a title. Photographs must be displayed as a group. Photographs will be judged as a group

Story Series:

Class #03. A series of five photographs that tell a story in sequence. All photographs must be displayed as a group. All photographs will be judged as a group. Each photograph is to be labeled underneath with a comment explaining the steps in the story. An additional label is also required with a title for the whole series.

Single Enlargement:

Class #04. Photographs must be enlarged to 8" x 10". This does not include matting and frame size. Photographs enlarged on digital devices will be judged as digital enlargements. Photographs must be of fine quality, attractively matted **AND** framed. Photographs must be labeled with title.

Special Effects:

Class #05. Includes such things as **MAJOR** alterations(anything more than 50% of original print). Such things as changing a photo from color to sepia or black and white is not considered a special effect. Photography must be enlarged to 8" x 10". This does not include matting and frame. Photographs must be of fine quality, attractively matted **AND** framed. Photographs must be labeled with title and stated SPECIAL EFFECTS. An original photography before alterations must be attached on back of entry and can be 4"x6" or 5"x7". Also a list of what special effects were done and the process to achieve those effects must be listed on back. Judging will be on overall presentation and final appearance of photo.

Woodworking Exhibits

A completed Project Summary (not a 4-H record book) is required. Plans and directions are to be attached to the entry.

It is recommended that the Project Summary, plans and directions be submitted in a folder properly labeled with exhibitor

name and name of exhibit. Project summary forms are available from the Youth Fair office.

Exhibits entered must be cut, assembled, sanded, finished (if applicable) by the exhibitor and ready for use.

Each exhibitor is eligible to submit five entries, but only one made from kit. Duplicate entries are not allowed(i.e. only one bird house).

No computer assisted woodworking.

Classes:

01 Cut or constructed from Kit	04 Item not made from a kit
02 Item not made from a kit	05 Item not made from a kit
03 Item not made from a kit	06 Item not made from a kit

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Special Activities - Judges reserve the right to award ribbons according to quality of product. For example, a blue ribbon is not guaranteed for a single entry.

CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST

Entry forms are due December 4, 2015.

The Chili Cook Off will consist of a maximum of 32 teams. Each 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or FCCLA Chapter will be allowed to enter up to two teams(an A team and a B team). Once the A teams have been selected, any remaining slots will be chosen by Lottery Draw from the B Teams. **Chosen teams will be notified by December 11, 2015.**

✗Team members and alternates cannot swap teams if one team member is a no show. Teachers/Leaders must designate A or B on Entry Form.

Each team will be composed of 3 members. Teams may come from 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA. Only registered members of the team may be in the booth during the entire time. All team members must be present at 12:30 for check-in. Those teams not present at this time will be disqualified.

✗Once check in of teams is complete, no parents, 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, FCCLA advisors will be allowed past the point of check in. 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, FCCLA advisors are not allowed in the Stuart Center during set up and preparation.

Tables will be assigned at 12:45 p.m. in the Stuart Center on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. At that time teams may begin to decorate and set up their booth. A 2.5' x 6' table and 3 chairs will be provided. Any other table or props for storage or supplies or decoration must be provided by the team. When decorating booth be sure to bear in mind any safety hazards. Costumes for team members will be considered part of the booth decoration. (Be sure to include your team name on your booth). Any work table cannot be larger than 2.5' x 6'.

No spectators will be allowed in Stuart Center until notified by committee.

No canned or premade chili allowed. No ingredient may be pre-cooked or treated in any way prior to the starting time which will begin at 1:100 p.m. Meat may be pre-cut or ground, but not treated in any way. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.

Set up, preparation and cooking will be for a maximum of 2 hours from start time. Cooking during the entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the team.

Teams are responsible for supplying their own utensils, small appliances, etc. The Stuart Center kitchen facilities may not be used. Please bring refrigerated items in a cooler. No gas or open flames are allowed. Only one electric appliance 1,000 watts or less (i.e. crock pot, fry pan, food processor, etc.) may be operating and plugged in at one time. No multiple outlets are allowed. Extension cords and surge protectors must be provided by each team.

Teams **may not** bring their own chili serving cups. Serving cups will be provided by Youth Fair.

Teams must use a cutting board.

✗Members of teams must have their hair pulled back and must wear gloves when preparing food. Must be appropriately dressed. NO Tank tops.

Each team must cook a minimum of **two quarts** of chili. Teams are encouraged to prepare additional quantities of chili to serve.

Teams are encouraged to bring recipes to share.

Each team will be assigned a team number by the director and will be given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. A copy of the team's recipe must be submitted with the sample. After the official judges have

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collected their sample for judging, the spectators will be given the opportunity to purchase a bowl and spoon in order to sample the chili. They will also be given a ticket with which to vote for their favorite chili.
Awards will be given in the following categories: Judges' Choice, Peoples Choice, Best Decorated Booth. Winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m.
Each team will be responsible for cleaning their area after winners are announced. Teams may recruit others to help in this task. Each team must bring their own cleaning supplies - don't forget the floor!
No coaching is allowed. Teams will be disqualified.
Chili Cook Off participants may not have cell phones during contest in the Stuart Center.
If club or organization selected for this event is a "NO SHOW" they will be ineligible for this event the following year.
Doors open to public at 3:00 pm

DECORATIVE FOOD CENTERPIECE

Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check- in.
Activity scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM; set up 8:45 AM
Individuals will create a decorative food centerpiece based on a self-selected theme. Participants will have 45 minutes to create a decorative food centerpiece that may include fruits and/or vegetables. Skewers, toothpicks, gelatin/aspic, nuts, coconut, food coloring, fresh/dried herbs and spices, edible flowers and dry ice may be used to enhance the centerpiece. The finished piece must be displayed on a tray or mirror that is not larger than 18 inches. No advanced preparation, other than the aspic or gelatin may be done. Fruits and vegetables should be washed. Participants should be prepared to answer questions concerning nutritional value, product availability, etc.
Projects will be judged on:

Appearance
Safety and Sanitation
Production
Creativity
Response to questions

A sign, no larger than 11" X 14", is to be affixed to the front of the table with exhibitor name, organization, and product item and should be decorated nicely.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstration Entry form to be turned in on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.
Activity scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am
A **demonstration,** as in practical showing or telling how to do something(actually making an end product) or showing(demonstrating) how a product works that has already been made. A product is involved. This event will be judged and ribbons awarded.
Presentations involving food preparation require hairnets, hats, or tie backs and the use of gloves. Sanitation standards should be followed. Items which need to be measured should be done so with appropriate equipment and correct techniques.

Individuals or a two person team (NO GROUPS) in each division may enter this event.
Both team members should be actively involved by speaking and demonstrating.
All contestants are to arrive by 8:30 a.m.
Teachers/Leaders should review and approve presentation.
Participants should be appropriately dressed.
Time Limits: Juniors: 5 to 10 minutes Intermediate: 5 to 12 minutes Seniors: 7 to 12 minutes

ILLUSTRATED TALKS CONTEST

Illustrated Talk Entry form to be turned in on January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.
Activity scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016 beginning at 1:00 pm
An **illustrated talk** is an oral presentation with talking to convey information by using a variety of visual aids such as charts, pictures, models, posters, etc. Power Point may be used. Exhibitor must provide their own equipment. This event will be judged and ribbons awarded.

Individuals or a two person team (NO GROUPS) in each division may enter this event.
Both team members should be actively involved in speaking.
All contestants are to arrive by 12:30 p.m.
Teachers/Leaders should review and approve presentation.
Time Limits: Juniors - 5 to 10 minutes Intermediate: 5 to 12 minutes Seniors - 7 to 12 minutes

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MANNEQUIN MODELING

Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.

Young people select appropriate outfits incorporating a theme and pose as if they are a "store mannequin". Models will pose for 10 minutes.

Required attendance at check-in, **Tuesday, January 19, 2016.** Participants may enter between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief orientation as to what is involved in this event given during these times. During this time participants will complete entry forms, choose modeling theme, schedule times to model, etc. **NOTE:** Specific time will be scheduled.

Any type of weapon or any form of violence is strictly prohibited. No references to alcohol or tobacco products. Displays should reflect positive and appropriate values. Youth Fair board members reserve the right to eliminate inappropriate entries. Participants should provide all supplies and props needed for their presentation and should be appropriately dressed.

SCRAP- OFF

Entry forms are due January 8, 2016

Activity scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Set up at 3:45 pm

Individuals will be designing and completing a double page layout on 12 x 12 pages that will be given out at time of contest as well as a bag of supplies(papers and embellishments) every one being identical for fairness. Participants may bring any and all tools they have as well as providing their own adhesives.

Participants may not have cell phones during contest in the Stuart Center.

Project will be judged on:

a. Workmanship

b. Creativity

c. Appearance of completed pages. Proper use of space and proportion. Title should be included.

A sign no larger than 11" x 14" is to be affixed to the front of the table with exhibitor name and organization on it. The sign should be decorated nicely.

Participants should be properly dressed.

Participants should use school appropriate pictures.

Exhibitor's sign and finished pages will be on display until the close of the fair.

SEW OFF CONTESTS

Activity for individuals scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.

Individuals will construct a pajama pant using Simplicity Pattern 2290 and a fabric of their choice. Fabric may be prepressed but not precut. They must bring their equipment, including sewing machines, irons, ironing board, scissors, all heavy duty extension cords, surge protector, pattern guide sheet, etc. Participants may practice as much as they want before the day of the Sew-Off. Pajama pants may be embellished.

Projects will be judged on:

a. Workmanship
b. Creativity
c. Appearance of completed pant

Participants must have a sign no larger than 11" x 14" which includes exhibitor names and club or chapter.

Participants will set up at 8:30 a.m.

The contest will be from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Participants should be appropriately dressed.

The poster and finished products will be on display until the close of the Fair.

Activity for Sew Off teams scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.

Teams of two will construct a nine patch pillow from scratch to be stuffed or fitted on a pillow form. They may use the fabric of their choice to construct a pillow of any size. They must bring their equipment, including sewing machines, irons, ironing board, scissors, all heavy duty extension cords, surge protector, etc. Participants may practice as much as they want before the day of the Sew-Off.

Projects will be judged on:

a. Workmanship
b. Creativity

c. Appearance of completed pillow

Participants must have a sign no larger than 11" x 14" which includes exhibitor names and club or chapter.
Participants will set up at 12:00 p.m.
The contest will be from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.
Participants should be appropriately dressed.
The poster and finished products will be on display until the close of the Fair.

STORYTELLING CONTEST

Activity scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.
This is an individual event.
Participants demonstrate knowledge of the sensory and intellectual development of 3, 4, or 5 year old children by selecting an appropriate story for one of the three age groups or combination of age groups and presenting it with appropriate visual aids.
Observers and listeners: Parents, teachers, leaders, participants and members of the public may observe if space is available. Participants may bring small children if desired.
All exhibitors are to arrive by 3:00 pm with a copy of the story or book and all supplies and visuals needed for the presentation.
Time Limit: Up to but not more than 10 minutes
Participants will not read the story from a book but will tell the story as if a group of children were present.
Storytellers will be seated at children's level.
Visuals will be used as an integral part of the presentation; however, the emphasis is on storytelling.
No visual aids using a fire or flame may be used.
The story can be original or commercially published. Handmade visuals should be suitable to the story. Visuals may be puppets, toys, flannel boards, pictures, flip charts, and any other suitable materials or objects.
Set up is to be done by exhibitor only.
Judging will be based on introduction, verbal presentation, facial expression, and visuals. The introduction should gain the attention of the children and build up an anticipation for the story. The introduction may be a finger play, song, visit from a puppet, or conversation about the story theme. Plan a conclusion for the story, to let the children know the story is finished. The conclusion may include a review or clarification of ideas.

TABLE SETTING & MENU PLANNING CONTEST

Activity scheduled for January 26, 2016, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.
Seniors - set up time 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Judging of event - 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.
Intermediate - set up time 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Judging of event 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch break 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Juniors - set up time 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Judging of event 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
No limit on number from club or school, but entries should be screened at local level to assure quality exhibits.
Individual entries only, no team entries.
The table set with two place settings should have a theme (Examples: Mother's Day, breakfast or dinner to celebrate friends; grandfather's lunch to say "I Love You")
Each contestant should plan a nutritious menu appropriate for the occasion. No actual food should be displayed.
Reference to alcoholic beverages in menu prohibited. Use sparkling juices, etc.
A place card showing the theme, contestant's name and club must be displayed. The menu and recipe should be printed and included on the table.
Each contestant will be assigned a 6 x 6 area and will supply their own table and chairs or alternate display. This should be set in keeping with the theme selected. It can be as simple as or elaborate as they wish. It should include eating utensils, glasses, dishes, cloth, napkins, and centerpiece. Materials may be handmade or purchased.
The contestant should wear an outfit that would be appropriate for the theme selected.
If parents or small children interfere with the proceedings of contest, they will be asked to leave.
ONLY contestant will be allowed in the exhibit area during set-up of the tables (no teachers, leaders or parents, please). **No coaching is allowed by spectators.** Students may be disqualified. Each contestant will sit at the table during the judging and a break will be announced during the contest.
Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits, but the Youth Fair will assume no responsibility for breakage and/or theft. We advise against using sterling silver. Winning entries will remain on display until checkout on Saturday morning.

Categories:

Best Informal Outdoor Entry	Best Informal Indoor Entry	Best Formal Entry
Most Creative Entry	Best Holiday or Celebration Entry	Judges Choice

WORKING BOOTHS

Entry forms are to be turned in Tuesday, January 19, 2016 during non-perishable check-in.

The purpose of a working booth is to show "*youth in action*". Following the consecutive steps of a project or process from beginning to end. Topics should represent things taught in clubs/classes in Family & Consumer Sciences, Agriculture and 4-H. The audience will be walking by and stop to watch for a short time. It will not be necessary to talk continuously, but participants should be prepared to explain steps and answer questions for the viewers.

Any chapter/club may enter. There must be at least three participants with no more than ten (10) participants during the 2 hour period.

Teacher or leader submits entry form due at nonperishable check-in.

This is an educational activity and nothing may be sold. Printed handouts should contain school/club name and be of high quality.

Participants must wear a name tag.

Participants must be ready and prepared to start on time and the event in each working booth must last two hours or more.

Adults may not help with the working booths, other than to give assistance when problems occur or in the initial set up or take down.

The participants need to be doing something at all times.

All participants must stay at the working booth for the entire two hour period or more.

The working booth needs to be a continuing process of showing how to complete a project, "Showing Students in Action".

A handout showing directions/steps and or a recipe must be turned in with activity form.

Have A poster or banner showing the name of the school or club and the names of the participants.

If food is being used in the working booth, you must follow health and safety standards.

No eating or drinking is allowed while you are working.

Participants are responsible for cleaning up after completion of their working booth, **especially the kitchen**.

A copy of thank you note to the sponsor of Working Booths from participants is required to be turned in to the Youth Fair office before club check will be disbursed.

GOAT TYING SKILLS CONTEST

Entries due: November 6, 2015. Entries may be hand delivered or postmarked by the entry deadline. No late entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.

✗Participants must attend the mandatory meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 beginning at 6:00 pm

Activity Scheduled: Monday, January 25, 2016, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the arena

All contestants are to arrive by 12:30 p.m.

1. This is a skill event. Participants must be 8 years old as of September 1, 2015. The event is open to junior(ages 8-10) and intermediate(11-13) age groups.
2. A $20.00 goat tying skills contest fee and a $5.00 Youth Fair entry fee will need to be submitted November 6, 2015. The amount of cash awards to be given to exhibitors will be determined by the number of exhibitors entering the contest. The contest fee and Youth Fair fee is nonrefundable.
3. The three fastest averages out of two rotations in both age categories will receive cash awards.

EVENT RULES:

1. This is an on foot competition, no horses required.
2. Goat will be tied to a stake with a rope 10 feet in length.
3. If the goat is down when contestant reaches it, goat must be stood on at least three feet and thrown again. The contestant must cross any three legs and tie with leather string, pigging string, or rope. The contestant will then signal finish and they must stand clear of the goat.
4. The goat's legs must remain crossed and secure for 6 seconds after completion of tie.
5. To qualify for a legal tie, there will be one or more wraps and a half hitch hooey or knot.
6. Time will start when the participant enters the arena at the designated starting line.
7. Time will stop when the signal of completion of tie is given.
8. All participants will provide their own tie strings.
9. Each goat will be tied two times and then replaced by a new goat.

✗10. Participants will tie in two rotations. Contingent upon number of entries, committee has the right to lower the number of rotations to one per contestant.

11. Contestants must wear long pants/jeans and boots/hard toed shoes.

Scoring and Penalties:

1. Judge will flag time and flag contestant out if the run is not legal.
2. The tie must pass inspection by the judge and if it is not secure for 6 seconds the participant will receive no time.
3. Participant will receive no time for touching the goat or string after signaling finish.
4. There will be three time keepers. The slowest and fastest time will be void leaving the middle time as the final time.
5. If the participant is ruled too rough in handling the animal by the judges, participant will be disqualified.

✗ Denotes Changes from 2015 Rules & Regulations

Reruns:
1. No rerun will be given due to faulty tack.
2. Any rerun will be up to the decision of the judges and committee.

WHIP POPPING CONTEST

Entries due: January 4, 2016. Entries may be hand delivered or postmarked by the entry deadline. No late entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.
Activity Scheduled: Monday, January 25, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the arena
1. Exhibitor Conduct: Any unbecoming behavior of exhibitor will disqualify them and all awards and premiums will be forfeited. Also refer to Exhibitor Conduct rule, rule 4, page 3. Exhibitors must be appropriately dressed.
2. A warm up session outside with a committee member present will be held between 5:35 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.
3. Each contestant will have forty five (45) seconds to perform their whip popping ability.
4. Whips can be at lengths from 6 to 14 feet.
5. In case of a tie, there will be a Pop-off to determine the winner.
6. Contestant will be disqualified from the contest if found popping at any time before or after they enter the arena or during the entire fair.
7. Judges will score on the 1 to 10 scale with 10 being the highest score. Contestants will be judged on the most original, sharpness, loudness and best overall performance.

JUDGING CONTESTS

Results for the poultry, rabbit, horticulture and livestock judging contests will be posted outside of the Stuart Center 1 hour after the completion of contest. Trophies and ribbons will be given out in the arena prior to the Horticulture Awards Presentation on Friday, January 29, 2016 beginning at 12:30 pm

1. All judging contests are open to any 4-H, FFA, FCCLA member regardless of whether they are an exhibitor in the Fair. Pre-entries are not required.
2. Only two teams from each FFA Chapter is allowed.
3. FFA members will participate on a team basis only and 4-H and other individuals will judge on an individual basis only.
4. Contestants may enter contest(s) representing only one organization (Example: The same individual may not judge as both a 4-H and an FFA student).

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

1. **Contest Scheduled For:** January 23, 2016
2. **Time required:** Approximately 45 minutes.
3. Awards will be given during the horse show

HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

1. **Contest Scheduled For:** January 29, 2016 - 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.
2. **Time required:** Approximately 45 minutes.
3. **Purpose:** To teach young people the identity of various horticultural specimens including vegetables, ornamentals, and fruit.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

1. **Contest Scheduled For:** January 29, 2016 - 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
2. **Time Required:** Approximately one hour.
3. **Purpose:** To teach young people the selection of the most desirable types of hogs and beef animals.
4. The contest will be held in the Hayman Arena

POULTRY AND EGG JUDGING CONTEST

1. **Contest Scheduled For:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. in the arena
2. **Time Required:** Approximately one hour.
3. **Purpose:** To teach young people the proper selection of dressed birds, production layers, exterior shell egg quality, interior egg grading and broken out eggs. The contest will be based on the current USDA standards for the various classes.
4. The contest will be held in the Hayman Arena.

RABBIT SKILLATHON

1. **Contest Scheduled For:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
2. **Time required** - Approximately one hour.
3. The Rabbit Judging Competition will consist of a Scantron multiple choice test that is based on the Current year of the Florida State Fair Skillathon.
4. The contest will be held in the Hayman Arena

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