

MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW



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Livestock Exhibitor Handbook

The Martin County Fair is under Florida State Statutes Chapter 616 as a County Fair serving residents of Martin County. The fair is dedicated to promoting agriculture, horticulture, creative arts, sciences, and educational opportunities for the residents of Martin County while providing quality and affordable entertainment for the people of South Florida.

The Fair Association is recognized as a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization by the Federal Government and the State of Florida. The Martin County Fair Association, Inc. (MCFA) appreciates the support from individuals and businesses who help the fair in reaching its goals to serve the residents and supporting our youth by providing a venue that showcases their exhibitions annually.

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2025-2026 Livestock Dates

DATE	DAY	EVENT
August 15, 2025	Friday	Steer Entry Forms uploaded to showman App. by 5:00pm <i>Steer Showmanship Form (optional)</i>
August 23, 2025	Saturday	Workday for Steer Tag In 9:00am-11am
September 19, 2025	Friday	Swine Entry Forms uploaded to showman App. by 5pm <i>Swine Showmanship Form (optional)</i>
September 13, 2025	Saturday	MANDATORY Steer Tag In 8:00am-10:00am (MUST be in line no later than 9:45am)
Check Fair Website for Dates	Ethics Workshops - TBA	
October 11, 2025	Saturday	MANDATORY Swine Tag In 8:00am-10:00am (Must be in line no later than 9:45am)
November 7, 2025	Friday	Copy of Market Exhibitor's Buyer Letter with (6) (3 new) Addresses, upload to App. by 5:00pm
November 7, 2025	Friday	Copy of Market Exhibitor's Thank You Letter uploaded to App. by 5:00pm
November 7, 2025	Friday	Small Animal Entry Forms uploaded to showman App. by 5:00pm <i>Beef, Dairy, Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Goat & Lamb</i>
January 23, 2026	Friday	Report Cards are due into Fair Office by 5:00pm
January 24, 2026	Saturday	Exhibitor Workday 9:00am-12:00pm
January 31, 2026	Saturday	Exhibitor Workday 9:00am-12:00pm
February 6, 2026	Friday	Statement of Good Standings Due from 4-H/FFA Leader(s)
February 7, 2026	Saturday	Exhibitor Workday 9:00am-12:00pm

FAIR:

February 13, 2026	Friday	Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry Entries 12:00pm-3:00pm
February 13, 2026	Friday	Beef, Dairy, Goat and Lamb Entries 11:00am-4:00pm (<i>Must be in line no later 3:30pm</i>)
February 13, 2026	Friday	Steer Weigh-In 11:00 am - 4:00pm (<i>Must be in line no later than 3:30pm</i>)
February 14, 2026	Saturday	Swine Weigh-In 8:00am - 10:00am (<i>Must be in line no later than 9:45am</i>)
February 14, 2026	Saturday	MANDATORY Livestock Exhibitor & Parent Meeting 12:00pm
February 14, 2026	Saturday	Poultry Show 2:00pm Closed Judging 11:00am, Small Animal Tent
February 15, 2026	Sunday	Rabbit and Cavy Show 2:00pm Arena
February 16, 2026	Monday	Swine Show 7:00pm
February 17, 2026	Tuesday	Steer and Beef Show 7:00pm
February 18, 2026	Wednesday	Swine Showmanship Show 7:00pm
February 19, 2026	Thursday	Dairy Show and Dairy Showmanship 6:30pm
February 19, 2026	Thursday	Lamb and Goat Show follows Dairy events.
February 20, 2026	Friday	Beef and Steer Showmanship 7:00pm
February 21, 2026	Saturday	Market Animal Auction 5:00pm Steer followed by Swine.
February 21, 2026	Saturday	Small animal entries released starting at 10:30pm
February 22, 2026	Sunday	Animal pick up from 10am-12pm
February 28, 2026	Saturday	Exhibitor Workday 9:00am-12:00pm – Mandatory – ALL Exhibitors

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COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON



Welcome to the Fair!

Each year, more than four million people attend one of the numerous fairs around our state. As Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, I am enthusiastic about the positive impact fairs and livestock shows have on our youth and the agricultural industry.

Events like this one are an excellent platform for featuring our hardworking Florida farmers and showcasing the finest "Fresh From Florida" products as well as the industry's latest technological advancements and innovations.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services created and maintains the "Fresh From Florida" Program, which assists small and large producers alike by promoting the wide variety of high-quality products that are grown and harvested in Florida. I hope we can count on your support of this program - just look for items with the sunny "Fresh From Florida" logo. Together we can help our state's agricultural industry thrive.

While you are visiting the fair today, I hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy the outstanding food, entertainment, contests and youth exhibits. Most importantly, I hope your day at the fair will allow you to experience Florida's agricultural roots and its impact on our great state. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Commissioner Wilton Simpson

Bureau of Animal Disease Control Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Division of Animal Industry

National Sheep and Goat Scrapie Eradication Program

This information is presented to clarify the mandatory identification requirements for sheep and goats under the National Scrapie Eradication Program.

- There are two components of the identification requirements that must be met before sheep and goats are allowed to move into the state or within Florida (intrastate) for shows, exhibitions, and fairs.
 - All sheep and goats are required to be individually identified except non-breeding animals less than 18 months of age going directly to slaughter.
 - Directly to Slaughter” means consigned to a USDA Recognized Slaughtering Establishment
1. **Premises Identification:** Before official individual animal identification tags can be issued, the owner /agent must register the premises on which the animal is located and obtain a premises identification number from USDA.
Note: The premises must be registered before the exhibitor can receive the official individual ear tag for each animal.
 - The official tags must be applied to the exhibitor’s animals before presenting them for exhibition.
 - Official ear tags must be affixed by FFA, 4-H leaders, or by a representative of the Livestock Show.
 2. **Individual Animal Identification:**
Once the premises is registered, the owner/agent will receive official individual animal identification tags for identifying each sheep and goat.
 - Applicator pliers will be provided to FFA, 4-H leaders and/or Fair/Livestock/show committee for assisting exhibitors in application of the official ear tags.

Types of identification that are acceptable include (for sheep and goats):

- Official ear tags: APHIS approved tamper resistant ear tags which include the premises identification number combined with a unique animal identification number.
 - Legible official registry tattoos that have been recorded in the book of record of a sheep or goat registry Assn. when the animal is accompanied by either a registration certificate or a certificate of veterinary inspection. If participating in the Voluntary Scrapie-free Flock Certification Program:
 - Electronic Implants can be used, but it must be accompanied by an owner statement that includes the electronic implant numbers and the name of the chip manufacturer (owner should have their own chip reader as well).



For animals going directly to a USDA recognized slaughter facility:

- USDA Back tags or official premises identification back-tags that include a unique animal identification number (applied within 3 inches of the poll on the dorsal (upper) surface of the head or neck).

For breeds of animals without sufficient ear tissue for tagging:

- Premises identification tattoos, if the premises identification tattoo is legible and consists of the flock number and a unique animal number, or if the premises identification tattoo is legible and combine with an ear tag that has a unique animal number. These guidelines meet state requirements for animals originating within Florida. Animals imported must meet the Health Requirements covered by Chapter 5C-3, Importation of Animals. The management of a fair, show, or exhibition may impose additional requirements at their discretion.

All states require certain sheep and goats to be officially identified on ownership. And, while many states have identical requirements to the USDA interstate requirements, other states have additional requirements regarding intrastate movement and/or interstate movement, and some states exempt certain classes of sheep and/or goats. It is your responsibility as a person who owns or handles sheep or goats to know and adhere to state requirements for your respective state and to know and adhere to the federal requirements and those of the states to where animals are being moved.

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS IAFE **(INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)**



Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM!

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Please Note: The Martin County Fair Assn., Inc. has the final interpretation of Show Ring Ethics Rules. Any exhibitor, advisor, parent, or any other responsible person who violates the Martin County Fair & Youth Show Ring Code of Ethics demeans the integrity of all Livestock exhibitors and could be prohibited from the Martin County Fair & Youth Show competition and livestock shows.

ETHICS CERTIFICATION

Ethics Certification: The Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Believes that all youth exhibitors should receive proper training and information for raising and sowing an animal project. Exhibitors, age eight years (8) and older that exhibit at the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show will be required to have completed the Ethics training class. It is important that youth exhibitors understand:

- Purpose of youth Livestock projects.
- The importance of youth Livestock projects.
- Proper animal handling and management.
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights.
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture.

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops are designed to certify students/exhibitors meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for showing at the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. Certification is valid for a three (3) year period. The program is endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture on the entry form or at check in.

Ethics Certification: Ethics certification is required for exhibitors of livestock and small animals, age eight years (8) and older in the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. If an exhibitor is found at check in to have an invalid ethics certification number, their animal(s) will be removed. If an invalid ethics certification number is found after checking in, the exhibitor will forfeit premiums.

**Livestock exhibitors are required to provide a valid ethics certification number on the entry form annually.
Bring a copy of your ethics certification with all entries.**

Should you have an expired ethics certificate, you must provide a new certificate within 7-10 days after completion of a new ethics class but no later than February 6, 2026.

Ethics certification numbers can be checked against the Florida State Fair's list.
Check the Florida State Fair website for locations, dates, and times for ethics certification classes.



GENERAL EXHIBITOR RULES

Serious infractions of the rules in the 2025/2026 Exhibitor Handbook will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor to show in the current year's show and possibly in the subsequent 2027 year. An essay will be required to be submitted to the Livestock Chairpersons for consideration to enter the 2027 Fair.

1. **Rule Interpretation:** The Management of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show has the right to amend, add to, interpret, and administer the rules and regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. (MCFA) and the decision will be final. Any complaints must be in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of the complaint, accompanied by a \$25.00 fee and delivered to the Fair Office of the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. at 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL 34996. Any evidence of fraud coming to the attention of the Fair Management will fully be prosecuted of the law.

Review the Premium Book regularly for any new updates or revisions. This is the responsibility of each exhibitor to check the MCFA website: www.martincountyfair.com for any changes made to dates, times, and fair show events.

2. All protest(s) regarding a decision made by Livestock chairman, Judge, Fair Management, the Board of Directors, etc., must be done in writing. Such a protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Secretary or Fair Office within 48 hours of the occasion.

Order of Action

- a. Livestock chairpersons
- b. MCFA Fair Management
- c. Final action MCFA Board of Directors

All rules and regulations that have been properly protested and proven true could be subject to one or more of the following penalties:

- a. Fine
- b. Disqualification of animal and or exhibitor (see rule #3).

3. **Unprofessional Actions:** Any exhibitor, parent, advisor, teacher, leader or other, who display unprofessional and/or inappropriate behavior or actions on any social media and on grounds toward any member of the Fair Board, Fair Staff, Livestock Chairman, Livestock Committee, Graders, Judges, or exhibitors may be just cause for the exhibitor and their animal(s) to be disqualified and removed from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors may also be barred from showing at future fairs. Each person is responsible for his to her own actions and behavior.
4. **Disqualifications:** Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or withdrawn on the grounds for rule violation(s), will not be allowed to compete in other shows, as reviewed by the Livestock Committee to determine how long they are disqualified. This shall include, but is not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting, or deception. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person, or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to them or to the show officials, they will be excused from the show ring and excluded from further competition and premiums will be forfeited. If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums those will be forfeited and the animal that is placed below may be moved up at the discretion of the Livestock Chairperson.

5. Each Exhibitor must comply with the current state and federal livestock health regulations and will check in with the licensed veterinarian or State Livestock Inspector. Removal of warts and care of open wounds must be done prior to entry of Fair. *Refer to the rules of the State of Florida printed in this Livestock Exhibitor Handbook.*
6. **Exhibitor Liability Responsibility:** The owner or custodian of all property of any kind whether entered for exhibit or for other purposes assumes, as a condition of admission to the grounds, all responsibility for loss, damages, thefts, or personal injury to self or others. Due diligence will be used to ensure the safety of exhibits, but under no circumstances will the Martin County Fair Assn. Inc. be held responsible, its officers, agents, and employees shall be indemnified by the exhibitor against all legal or other proceedings relating thereto.
7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and or parent to inform the Livestock chairpersons if the exhibitor has any special needs (i.e., hearing, or physical disability) Special rules for the physically challenged will apply but cannot be made if Fair management is not aware.
8. Only animals being shown are permitted on the Fairgrounds. No dogs allowed, except as otherwise permitted by law (i.e., service dog).
9. Each exhibitor and two (2) parents, or legal guardians, will receive exhibitor passes at the entry time of the animal except for those with siblings showing, for siblings showing each exhibitor will receive a pass and that family will receive two (2) parent passes. ***Split families may have the possibility to receive two additional parent passes at request inside the Fair Office.*** These passes allow entry into the fairgrounds once a day to care for the animal. For re-entry on the same day a hand stamp is required. In addition, EACH family will be provided ONE (1) Livestock parking pass for the week. ***If you have an exhibitor that is of legal driving age prior knowledge needs to be made to the Fair Office and an additional parking pass MAY be allowed.*** Exhibitors and Parents/Legal Guardians shall wear the passes. If anyone else is caught wearing the passes other than who they were issued to the passes will be confiscated and will have to pay to re-enter. If an exhibitor and or parent loses their passes they must go to the Fair Office and purchase a new pass at \$5. Additional admission tickets at advanced prices are available for purchase.
10. For security purposes, no exhibitor is to enter the fairgrounds before 2:00pm on days that we open at 4:30pm and no earlier than 10:30am on days that we open at noon. All exhibitors must be at the fairgrounds by 6:00pm weekdays and 1:00pm on the weekends for daily pen cleaning. **Exhibitors MUST Park in their designated parking lot. Any vehicles not in their designated parking lots WILL be towed at the owner's expense.**
11. **Appropriate dress attire for exhibitors and all volunteers is required.** Long pants (no Leggings) and closed-toed shoes or boots must be always worn. Exhibitors are required to wear either a 4-H shirt or FFA shirt for any activity on the fairgrounds. *Flip flops, open toe shoes, and/or Croc's cannot be worn in the arena or barn.* 1st warning-go home and change, 2nd warning- written reprimand and fine (\$100) 3rd warning- NO SHOW NEXT YEAR. **Show attire:**
 - FFA Exhibitors- Official dress for FFA as defined in the official manual.
 - 4-H Exhibitors- Official dress for 4-H
 - Shirts must be tucked in, and a belt is suggested.
12. There will be no 4-H Cloverbud, Mini, or Pee Wee Shows in any livestock class.
13. Only individuals appointed by the Livestock Chairpersons and/or Fair management will be allowed in the arena during shows and sales.
14. All animals and exhibitors must be in their designated area thirty (30) minutes prior to their class time and exhibitors who place 1st and 2nd class must remain with their animal until the show is completed. *No parent,*

unless they are working the chutes and or have a special pass, may be inside the barriers and or arena once the gates are locked. If you are found to be inside without a special pass you will be asked to leave, if it happens again, you will be escorted out of the barn.

15. ALL animals EXCEPT SWINE will enter the Fair on Friday, February 13, 2026, at the times listed. Enter GATE ONE (1), all animals will check in at their appropriate barn. Small Animals will enter thru the Goat Barn.

Section 1 Exhibitors

1.1 Eligibility

Eligibility of Exhibitor: Individual exhibitors must be an active member in a recognized youth program. Martin County Fair Association recognizes the following programs, Martin County 4-H and/or a Martin County FFA Charter.

Individual exhibitors must meet age requirements, reside in Martin County and/or attend a School located in Martin County at the time their entry form is submitted/accepted through the time of the show.

Anyone having graduated or dropped out of school shall be ineligible to enter or show (if an entrant completes their education by graduating and receiving a diploma in December due to academic acceleration or excellence, such entrant shall be deemed in school and may show at the fair.) The Livestock Committee and/or Fair Management have the right to ask for proof of attendance and/or enrollment.

Membership: The 4-H Coordinator of FFA Advisor must certify youth membership. *Proof of active and enrolled membership of 4-H organization and or FFA is required with entry form(s).* All exhibitors must be in active status and be in good standings with their 4-H or FFA program or the exhibitor will be denied the right to show. Good standings from leaders are due February 6, 2026. Membership cannot be transferred after initial weigh in.

16. Any youth wishing to show a Market animal cannot be under the age of eight (8), or over the age of twenty-one (21) and/or graduated from high school, as of September 1, 2025.
17. All Exhibitors showing non-market animals cannot be under the age of five (5) or over the age of nineteen (19) as of September 1, 2025.

1.2 Requirements

18. Exhibitors must turn in a copy of their most recent report card or equivalent to a report card for those that are homeschooled to the Fair Office no later than January 23, 2026, by 5pm. Email is preferred. This is to show proof of enrollment and attendance. See rule #16.
19. Ethics certification is required for exhibitors of livestock and small animals, age eight years (8) and older in the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. For more details, please see page 41.
20. Exhibitors are required to attend the designated workday or to perform work designated by the MCFYLS committee. Failure to follow this rule will result in a \$100 fine. Exhibitors MUST sign in and out to get credit for the workday. If an exhibitor is not able to attend their designated workday for any reason, they must notify the Fair Office within seven days prior for approval to attend a subsequent workday.
21. All exhibitors are required to attend the livestock exhibitor and parent meeting on Saturday February 14, 2026, at 12:00pm. This is to go over expectations during the Fair, to answer questions, etc.
22. All exhibitors are required to complete Barn Duty. Please see Barn Duty rules, section seven.
23. All exhibitors are required to turn in 4H and/or FFA record books when they bring in their animal projects, only then will they receive their exhibitors' packet.

1.3 Entry Forms

The Fair reserves the right to not accept any entry form(s) that are late, incomplete, unsigned by all respected parties, without entry fee, livestock owner certificate and copy of ethics certificate (if applies).

- Every effort is made to ensure that each exhibitor submitting a livestock entry form has a spot in the barn.
 - Multiple entries of breeding and or dairy animals are allowed at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
 - 4-H and FFA Chapter Swine/Steer will automatically have a spot upon making weight.
24. All Livestock exhibitors must submit the appropriate entry form(s) for the animal(s) they intend to show accompanied by a Photo Release Form, Livestock Owner Certificate and Ethics Certificate. Animal Entry Form must be signed by their 4-H/FFA Advisor. All forms must be signed by the parent or guardian of the exhibitor.
25. Upon submitting your entry form(s), you agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and the rules listed in this book and online by Martin County Fair. <https://www.fairsandexpos.com/files/galleries/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf>
26. Each exhibitor will be limited to submitting an entry form, weighing in and showing only one (1) market animal (if age allows), but may exhibit more than one non-market animal. The exhibitor must attend the tag-in unless there is a school function, illness, death in immediate family or has prior permission from the Livestock Committee and or Fair Management, a note must be submitted to the Fair Office stating why they will not be in attendance. **If the exhibitor fails to come to the tag-in it will result in a \$100.00 fine.**
27. A lottery system is implemented if the entries exceed the number limits below:

Animal:	Maximum at Show
Steer	20
Swine	88
Dairy	10
Beef Heifers	15
Goat/Lamb	45 - 15 exhibitors (3 animals each)
Rabbits/Cavy	55 Combined entries of 3
Poultry	75 Combined entries of 5

In the event of a lottery, the following will apply:

- All prior year show and sale exhibitors have a guaranteed space in the barn allowing they meet all eligibility and rule requirements and are showing the same type of market animal.
- Any new entrant, who did not show in the prior year, shall participate in the lottery.
- Any prior year entrant who failed to complete their livestock project, no matter whether the fault of the entrant, the livestock animal, or an act of God, will participate in the lottery. Completion of the project includes participating in the final weigh-in, completing barn duty, and turning in of Record Book.
- Any entrant who was in the prior year lottery or who completed their project but whose animal failed admittance to show and sale will be placed at the front of the lottery pool for the current year before a new entrant.
- Purchase of animal is NOT required by Martin County Fair Assn., however, to be in good standing with Martin County 4-H Program. Exhibitors must tag in their animal at the first tag in date to have a completed project.

Section 2 Market Animal Exhibitors – Terminal Sale

28. The showing of a Market Animal is a business module outlined by the 4-H/FFA program. The exhibitor is to be the only person to profit from the sale of the market animal.

29. The 4-H Association and FFA Chapter of Martin County can own a market animal shown by a member of said organization and proceeds from the sale will go to benefit that organization.
30. Market animals that are tagged in at the Fairgrounds will be tagged in, photographed, and have DNA taken ONLY ONE time on designated tag in days. All Market animals are required to have an Official ID tag; Martin County Fair is not responsible for providing these.
31. Each Market Animal exhibitor is required to submit the following by **November 7, 2025**:
- **A COPY** of the Buyer's Letter is to be uploaded to the showman App by 5pm.
 - **A LIST** of six (6) potential buyers, three (3) of which must be NEW potential buyers.
It is suggested that each exhibitor sends out six (6) letters. MCFA is not responsible for providing a buyer for these animals.
 - **A COPY** of the Thank You letter to be uploaded to the Showman App by 5pm.

These letters are a generic copy of what you will be sending. You will be fined \$100.00, if the letters are not submitted. Your auction check may also be held until the letters are received post-fair.

32. **W-9 IRS form is required for all Market Animal exhibitors.** If a Social Security Number or Federal ID Number is not provided, the Martin County Fair has the right to not issue premium money and/or monies earned from the Livestock Auction. W-9 form can be found on our website www.martincountyfair.com under the livestock tab or there is one in this book.
33. All Market animal exhibitors are responsible for paying for the hauling of animals (price will be deducted from your sale proceeds), for their Buyer's plaque and personal plaque (this price will be deducted from your sale check). There will also be an Administrative Fee of 5% off the Auction Price after deductions are made for plaques and hauling.
34. All Market animal exhibitors have thirty (30) days to deliver their plaques from the time they are available from the Fair Office. ***Failure to pick up and deliver plaque will result in a fine and/or inability to show the following year – determined by the Livestock Committee.***
35. Proceeds from the market animal sale checks will not be issued to any exhibitor if they did not meet all the below requirements:
- Participated in one workday prior to fair and one workday after fair.
 - Copy of Buyer Letter uploaded to the Showman App.
 - Copy of Thank You letter uploaded to the Showman App.
- Please note that the failure to not do even one of these requirements may result in the forfeit of sale monies.**
36. Market sale checks MUST be picked up sixty (60) days from the time they are distributed, once plaque has been delivered, if buyer requested a plaque. If an exhibitor fails to do so they will forfeit said monies.

Section 3 Premiums

37. Premiums and Awards: *The Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show reserves the right to alter premiums and awards and/or change categories.*

- Small animal premium money will be paid by cash and handed out on workday following fair.
- ALL Goat, Lamb, and Heifer premiums will be paid by check on the workday following fair, except for those that showed and sold a market animal, they will be included in your sale check.

Any Premium money not collected after 30 days from the last day of fair, will be forfeited.

Section 4 Showmanship

38. Exhibitors must be able to handle and control their animals by 5:00pm on Sunday night, **February 15, 2026**, if the animal is not under control by that time, then they **MUST** be removed from the Fair by opening of Monday morning. All exhibitors must control his or her animal in the ring or be disqualified by the Livestock Committee. Baiting, hitting, excessive cane or whip use, pinch collars or other actions/devices deemed excessive or inappropriate by the Livestock Committee may result in disqualification.

39. All exhibitors will be defined as a Junior being thirteen (13) years of age and under by **September 1, 2025**, or a Senior being fourteen (14) years of age and over by **September 1, 2025**, for the purpose of showmanship. ***Exception with Swine Showmanship. *Swine Showmanship age categories:** Junior being eleven (11) years of age and under by **September 1, 2025**; Intermediate being twelve (12) years of age to fourteen (14) years of age by **September 1, 2025**; Senior being fifteen (15) years of age and older by **September 1, 2025**.

** May include an intermediate class in Steer/Heifers if the numbers allow**

Section 5 Animals

40. **Exhibitor Liability for Animals:** Exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death, injury, or loss of their animal until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds. If an exhibitor's animal becomes sick or injured while at the fair, consult your veterinarian and contact the Livestock Chairmen or Fair Management immediately. If an exhibitor is unavailable to ensure prompt attention to their animal, in case of illness, injury or death, the exhibitor gives the Livestock Chairmen the authorization to contact a veterinarian. The exhibitor agrees to be responsible for all expenses incurred. Sick animals may be released immediately. The Livestock Chairmen will determine if the animal will be allowed to stay at the fair.

41. Exhibitors must treat all animals in a humane way and understand they will forfeit their right to show at the Martin County Fair if this rule is violated. The use of all artificial products is prohibited. Refer to IAFE Code of Ethics for more information.

42. Veterinarians called to treat or examine an animal entered in the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show must check in at the barn with the Livestock Chairperson or designated person. (This information will be posted) The owner of the animal is responsible for all veterinary charges.

43. Livestock committee members may periodically visit animals prior to entry into the fair. No crippled, injured, or sick animals allowed in the barn or show. Animals must also be free of external parasites, drugs, or steroids at the time of entry to the fair. The Martin County Fair Livestock Committee can test your animal for any drugs and reserves the right to pull DNA hair sample if need be.

44. Upon entry of the Fairgrounds if there is any evidence of switching an animal that was originally tagged in and or drugs in the animal that exhibitor will be immediately disqualified from current years shows and all

future shows. DNA and or testing for drugs will be done at the owner's expense and then the animal will be removed from the Fair property.

45. During the week Monday through Friday, exhibitors must clean their pens by 6:30pm. On weekends, Saturday and Sunday, pens are to be cleaned by 1:00pm. A warning Red Tag system is in place. Livestock Committee supervisors will issue a red tag for any stall or pen below standard or not maintained by the exhibitor. Receipt of a second (2nd) red tag includes a \$25.00 penalty. If a third (3rd) red tag is issued the exhibitor will be ineligible to show the next year upon approval of the livestock committee. All red tags will remain in place throughout the fair. Stalls will be checked three (3) times daily.
46. Exhibitors will furnish all feed for their animals including poultry and rabbit exhibitors. All exhibitors must provide their own feed bowls; no automatic feeders will be permitted. The Fair Association personnel will assist in filling water (cattle, goats, & lambs) and feeding each morning but is each exhibitor's responsibility to keep his/her area clean, and to care for his/her animal from 4:00pm until 9:00pm. All animals must be fed and watered by the exhibitor each evening before the barn closes. Animals are to be fed by 8:00pm during the week/weekends and by 7:00pm Sunday. The exhibitor is required to bring their own equipment and tools for maintaining their animal and exhibit area.
47. Each swine, goat and lamb exhibitor will be given one bag of shavings daily. Cattle exhibitors will be given 2 bags of shavings daily. If an exhibitor needs more shavings, they are allowed to bring their own in.
48. After entering the barn each exhibitor MUST play a major role in the care and feeding for their animal/project. If the exhibitor requires help only a parent, sibling, leader, other exhibitors, or Livestock Committee member can help.
49. **Only rabbits, cavy, and poultry may be removed after 10:30pm in a cage on Saturday, February 21, 2026. They will need to be checked out with a livestock supervisor before leaving. All other animals may be removed on Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 10:00am-12pm. Animals removed before the checkout day and time (unless animal is sick and or is released by the Livestock chairpersons will have to write an essay to the board as to why they removed their animal before set time without permission to be considered to show in the subsequent year.** The Fair accepts no responsibility for animals remaining after the checkout day and time.
50. Livestock animals will be placed in pens as the livestock committee deems appropriate.
51. Anyone wishing to exhibit other small farm animals or exotics – as an Exhibition ONLY - should contact the fair office. **Exhibitors must provide appropriate cages for these exhibits.**
52. **No defacing any animal, at any time.** (Examples: ribbons, bows, hats, costumes, writing on animals, glitter, etc.) Only show products made for that animal are allowed. If the exhibitor is found to be at fault, *they will be fined \$200*. The exhibitor will not be allowed in the arena until the item is removed and will be fined.

Section 6 Barn Rules

53. At least two (2) appointed Livestock Committee members must be present when steers, swine, heifers, lambs, or goats are being moved from their area.
54. *Tack boxes for steer may be no bigger than 51" x 26" and for swine no bigger than 36" x 24".* For all exhibitors who have shown 2020 Fair and prior, tack boxes will be grandfathered in.
55. Livestock personnel will post exercise times for appropriate livestock. Times and barn duty will be posted in the relative barn areas.

56. No steer, beef, or dairy animal should be led to the wash rack, the arena, or through the barn unless two (2) appointed Livestock Committee members are on hand, and then only at designated times. No animal will be tied unattended in the wash area or left unattended in the grooming chutes by the exhibitor.
57. Food, drinks, tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the livestock barn, small animal barn and all animal areas of the fairgrounds. Drugs are not allowed in any area of the fairgrounds.
58. Spectators (non-exhibitors) will stay clear of scales during weigh-in. The decision of the weigh master is final. Only the exhibitor and approved designated workers are allowed near the scale.
59. The barn areas shall be clear of spectators and the doors will be closed when moving steers, dairy/beef heifers, goats, lambs, and swine from their area to the arena. This is to prevent any possible injuries and additional liabilities to the exhibitors and Martin County Fair Association, Inc.
60. For the sake of neatness and appearance, only signs approved by the Livestock Director(s) will be permitted.

Section 7 Barn Duty Rules

61. Exhibitors will sign in and sign out on their barn duty days with an appointed livestock committee member and or appointed person in charge of barn duty, failure to do so will result in a red tag and you will be assigned another barn duty day. ***When re-assigned you must complete your barn duty, or you will receive a 2nd red tag and fined \$50.00.*** A designated Livestock supervisor will initial and verify completion of your barn duty.
62. While on barn duty you will stay in your area and make sure it is kept clean. Exhibitors are responsible for completing their assigned barn duty. A designated Livestock supervisor will oversee, verify completion of barn duty and excuse exhibitor.
63. All exhibitors should pick up any feces left in the walkways when animals are being moved.
64. The livestock committee will assign barn duty to avoid conflicts in other animal areas.

NOTE: *Barn Rules are subject to appropriate changes deemed necessary by the Livestock Committee.*

****** Serious infractions of the rules in the Exhibitor Handbook will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor to show in the current year's show and the subsequent year as decided. An essay will be required to be submitted to the Livestock Chairpersons for consideration to enter the 2027 Fair. ******

STEER RULES

Steer Dates:

Friday, August 15, 2025	Entry Forms uploaded to Showman App. by 5:00pm
Saturday, August 23, 2025	Workday for steer exhibitors 8:00am
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Initial Steer Tag In 8:00am-10:00am
Friday, February 13, 2026	Steer Weigh-In 11:00am-4:00pm (Weight: min.930)
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Steer Show 7:00pm
Friday, February 20, 2026	Steer Showmanship 7:00pm
Saturday, February 21, 2026	Steer Auction 5:00pm

Entry fee for Market Steer will be \$125.00

1. Each exhibitor must have completed and exhibited a Beef or Dairy project in any sanctioned State or County Fair. The above requirement(s) must be certified by either the 4-H coordinator or the FFA Advisor prior to submitting intent to show. Exhibitors who have exhibited a 4-H /FFA Chapter cattle or cattle under 4-H supervision may be eligible if they have cared for the animal for at least 90 days prior to the show and the 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor certifies this fact to the committee. Exhibitors must be eight (8) years of age or older by **September 1, 2025**.
2. Steers must be in possession of and cared for by the exhibitor from initial tag in until the final weigh-in. All steers must be tagged in, there is no required minimum weight, however we recommend you start off with a 730LB steer by tag in. Steers must weigh at least 930 pounds when entering the show. Any steer that weighs more than 1350 pounds may show and sell, paying up to 1350 pounds. **There will be ONLY ONE (1) final weigh-in.** (*Shrinkage due to the stress of travel and weigh-in is considered in the minimum weight requirements.*)
3. Livestock Committee will check each steer at this time to ensure it is of acceptable show quality. No Dairy Crosses allowed.
4. Market steers entered in the Martin County Fair must have a USDA Official EID tag or tattoo. If your animal has a visual only official identification tag applied prior to November 5, 2024, you are not required to apply an electronically readable tag to the animal.
5. All exhibitors and steers must be at tag-in day on **Saturday, September 13, 2025**, and on check in/weigh in on Friday, **February 13, 2026**, at the fairgrounds. *All exhibitors not in line during the specified time will not be weighed-in unless there is a phone call notifying us as to the reason for the delay and it is deemed a reasonable reason.*
6. Market steers must be dehorned and no more than 1" in length.
7. Health certificates must be brought on Check In/Weigh in Day.
8. All Steers will be entered into a Carcass contest.
9. Grooming is limited to brushing, wiping down, blow and go and cleaning prior to shows. Professional fitters will not be permitted to assist any exhibitor in show prepping once on Fair property. Wash days will be announced at the mandatory Livestock meeting on **February 14, 2026**, at 12:00pm. Failure to abide by this will result in immediate disqualification.
10. Steers will be divided into classes based on their final weight by the Livestock Committee.

11. All steers must be halter broke and have a suitable halter. While in the barn they must be double tied with one rope on the neck, and one rope on the halter. A proper show halter must be used to exhibit all cattle in the ring.
12. Any exhibitor that can NOT handle their steer will NOT be allowed to show their market animal if it is not handled by 5pm Sunday the animal MUST be removed by opening of fair on Monday. If they can NOT handle their animal, they may NOT use another animal for showmanship. Using another exhibitor's animal is ONLY allowed if one dies, crippled, and or did not make weight.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:	Premium:
Market Grand Champion	\$125 + Buckle
Market Reserve Champion	\$100 + Buckle
First in Class Winner	\$25 + Rosette
Blue Ribbons	Ribbon
Red Ribbons	Ribbon
Junior/Senior Showmanship - Grand	\$150+ Buckle
Reserve	\$125 + Buckle
Cattle Barn Herdsman	Plaque
Best Carcass	Buckle

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13. **Order of Sale:** Market Grand Champion, Market Reserve Champion, First in Class winners and then chronologically followed by classes and placements.
14. Effective as of January 2005, the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. will, if the exhibitor's buyer DOES NOT pay for the purchase of the Steer or Swine sold at the Martin County Fair and Youth Livestock Show Auction, sell the animal through the 4-H Association or FFA Chapter, based on current market price and the exhibitor will receive the monies from that sale only, or the seller has the option of keeping the meat.
15. Exhibitors will be judged several times each day by a Livestock Committee Member on the appearance of your steer's surrounding area. All feces should be removed promptly, and shavings replaced. You should act courteous to others and to the public. The Herdsman Award is based on how well you present your area, steer project and your conduct during the fair.
16. Hay nets are required and supplied by Exhibitor.

SWINE RULES

Swine Dates:

Friday, **September 19, 2025**

Saturday, **October 11, 2025**

Saturday, **February 14, 2026**

Monday, **February 16, 2026**

Wednesday, **February 18, 2026**

Saturday, **February 21, 2026**

Entry Forms uploaded to Showman App. By

Swine Tag In 8:00am- 10:00am

Swine Check In/Weigh In 8:00am-10:00am
(Weight min. 210)

Swine Show 7:00pm

Swine Showmanship 7:00pm

Swine follow steer at Auction 5:00pm

Entry fee for Market Swine will be \$100.00

1. Exhibitors must be eight (8) years of age or older by **September 1, 2025**.
2. Swine must be in possession of and cared for by the exhibitor from the day of tag-in until check in/weigh-in. Swine must weigh at least 210 pounds at weigh-in. There will be ONLY ONE (1) final weigh-in. Any swine that weighs more than 280 pounds may show and sell, with payment limited to 280 pounds. *(Shrinkage due to the stress of travel and weigh-in for the minimum weight requirements is considered.)*
3. All exhibitors and swine must be at tag-in day on Saturday, **October 11, 2025**, and on check in/weigh in on Saturday, **February 14, 2026**, at the fairgrounds. All exhibitors not in line during the specified time will not be weighed-in unless there is a phone call notifying us as to the reason for the delay and it is deemed a reasonable reason.
4. The exhibitor or representative designated by the exhibitor shall handle the hog for the committee to place the tag in the ear and collect DNA sample.
5. Market swine entered in the Martin County Fair must have a USDA Official Number tag or tattoo.
6. Using another exhibitor's animal in showmanship is ONLY allowed if one dies, crippled, and or did not make weight.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:	Premium:
Market Grand Champion	\$100 + Buckle
Market Reserve Champion	\$75 + Buckle
First in Class Winner	\$25 + Rosette
Blue Ribbons	Ribbon
Red Ribbons	Ribbon
Junior/ Intermediate /Senior Showmanship- Grand	\$125 + Buckle
Reserve	\$100 + Buckle
Swine Barn Herdsman	Plaque
Best Carcass	Buckle

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7. **Order of the sale:** Market Grand Champion, Market Reserve Champion, 1st in class winners and then chronologically followed by classes and placements.
8. If participating in showmanship, the exhibitor must have their intent turned in with the entry form.
9. All swine will be entered into a Carcass contest.
10. Effective as of January 2005, the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. will, if the exhibitor's buyer DOES NOT pay for the purchase of the Steer or Swine sold at the Martin County Fair and Youth Livestock Show Auction, sell the animal through the 4-H Association or FFA Chapter, based on current market price and the exhibitor will receive the monies from that sale only, or the seller has the option of keeping the meat.
11. Exhibitors will be judged several times each day by a Livestock Committee Member on the appearance of your swine's surrounding area. All feces should be removed promptly, and shavings replaced. You should act courteous to others and to the public. *The Herdsman Award is based on how well you present your area, swine project and your conduct during the fair.*



2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ANIMAL ENTRY FORM

Livestock Owner (Exhibitor) Certificate

ATTACH TO ALL Livestock ENTRY FORMS

The undersigned certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, as of the current dates of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show, none of the Livestock shipped to or delivered to the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show has been adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act(i.e., none of the cattle or other ruminants will have been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, e.g. meat and bone meal, as that term is defined in 21 CFR 589.2000 and none of the Livestock will have an illegal level of drug residues). This certificate shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and such revocation is delivered to the Martin County Fair Association, Inc.

Print Information

Date: _____

Name: _____
Exhibitor / Owner PRINT

Physical Address or Parcel ID of Where Animal Will be Kept

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Signature of Exhibitor/Owner (If under 18, parent/guardian signature required.)



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ATTACH to ALL Livestock ENTRY FORMS

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. permission to use my likeness in a photograph in all publications for purposes, including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of The Martin County Fair Association, Inc. and will not be returned.

I authorize the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears.

Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I or any other persons acting on my behalf may have by reason of this authorization.

I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. I agree to this and hold the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. harmless for all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the photographed activities in which I am taking part.

Print Information

Date: _____

Name: _____

Exhibitor / Owner PRINT

Physical Address or Parcel ID of Where Animal Will be Kept

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Signature of Exhibitor/Owner (If under 18, parent/guardian signature required.)



2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW MARKET ANIMAL ENTRY FORM

ALL Steer entries are due to the Fair Office by or before Friday, **August 15, 2025**, at 5:00 PM.
ALL Swine entries are due to the Fair Office by or before Friday, **September 19, 2025**, at 5:00 PM.
***A non-refundable entry fee of \$125 (steer) / \$100 (swine) is due with entry form.**

CHECK ONLY (1) BELOW:

Steer _____ Swine _____

This will be my _____ consecutive year showing this type of animal
OR
the last year I showed this animal was _____

Plaque for Exhibitor: ____ Yes or ____ No (check one)

Exhibitor First and Last Name: _____

T-shirt size: _____ Hoodie/Jacket size: _____ D.O.B _____ Age (as of 9/1/2025) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

STEER/SWINE SHOWMANSHIP:

☐ I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 STEER/SWINE SHOWMANSHIP.

I have attached the necessary form and agree to this commitment.

ALL EXHIBITORS, AGE EIGHT (8) AND UP ENTERED IN THE MARTIN COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP OR HAVE A CURRENT ETHICS NUMBER BEFORE February 6, 2026 TO SHOW AN ANIMAL. NOTE:

While most Florida fairs have adopted this ethics program, the rules governing the exhibitors differ from fair to fair. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure they ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EACH fair where they are showing an animal.

For a complete Ethics Class listing go to: <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/>

Ethics # _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/ FFA Advisor: _____

I, _____, the exhibitor, have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

THIS ENTRY DOES NOT GUARANTEE NOR OBLIGATE THE EXHIBITOR TO SHOW.

THE FAIR ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING BUYERS FOR MARKET ANIMALS.

ALL PARTS OF THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE AT TIME OF TURNING IN OR YOU WILL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO SHOW.

By signing this entry form, I/we agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association, its agents, directors, employees and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the fair against all liability for injuries to person or damage to property, whether such damage or injury is from the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association negligence or not, which may arise by reason or use by signing exhibitor of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association property.

Exhibitor signature: _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

I have complete knowledge of this entry and I authorize my child to enter the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association show.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

MCFA OFFICE ONLY

Signature of MCFA Official

Date Entry Form Was Turned In

Entry Fee Paid **YES** or **NO**

CASH, Receipt # _____ **Check** # _____

W-9 turned in **YES** or **NO**

Identification Number and Certification

► Goto www.ira.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.			
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above			
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC		<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶		Exempt payee code (if any) Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) (Apply only to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)	
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.		Requester's name and address (optional)	
6 City, state, and ZIP code		Martin County Fair Association, Inc. 2616 SE Dixie Hwy Stuart, FL 33455	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)			
Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)			

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

[] Social security number
 [] - [] - [] [] [] []
 or
 [] Employer identification number

Part II	Certification
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Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (I am) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ►

Date▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-1NT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ANIMAL ENTRY FORM

2026 Steer/Swine Showmanship Form

Name: _____
Exhibitor / Owner PRINT

Club or Affiliation Name

Please check one:

____ Junior (11 years and under as of 09/01/2025)

____ Intermediate (12-14 years of age as of 09/01/2025) ***Swine only**

____ Senior (15 years and above as of 09/01/2025)

By signing this I understand that once having entered I may not withdraw unless I am sick or have prior permission from the Livestock Chairperson or Fair Management.

Exhibitor Signature
Signature of Exhibitor/Owner (If under 18 parent/guardian signature required.)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Fair Office Personnel

Date

BEEF HEIFER RULES

Beef Dates:

Friday, **November 7, 2025**

Entry Forms due to the fair office by 5:00pm

Friday, **February 13, 2026**

Check-in to Fair 11:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, **February 17, 2026**

Beef Show 7:00pm

Friday, **February 20, 2026**

Beef Showmanship 7:00pm

Entry fee for Beef Heifers will be \$50.00 each.

1. Exhibitors **must be eight (8) years of age as of September 1, 2025.**
2. All animals must be in possession of, cared for, and trained by the exhibitor for at least ninety (90) days prior to the show.
3. Registration or other proof of the age of the animal must be presented at fair entry.
4. Beef Heifers entered in the Martin County Fair must have a USDA Official EID tag or tattoo. If your animal has a visual only official identification tag applied prior to November 5, 2024, you are not required to apply an electronically readable tag to the animal.
5. **Brucellosis Testing and Calf Hood Vaccinations:** Each exhibitor must comply with the state and federal law requirements. Please refer to the Rules of the State printed in the premium book.
6. All required health papers must be presented before entering the barn including a health certificate.
7. Each exhibitor will exhibit their animal in the show ring at the direction of the judge.
8. Animals must be exhibited in their class by age. Each exhibitor will exhibit their own animal.

Classes are as follows:

Class I Summer Heifer Calf

Born Between June 1, 2025, and August 1, 2025

Class II Spring Heifer Calf

Born between March 1, 2025, and May 31, 2025

Class III Winter Yearling Calf

Born between December 1, 2024, and February 29, 2025

Class IV Fall Yearling Calf

Born between September 1, 2024, and November 30, 2024

Class V Summer Yearling Calf

Born between June 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024

Class VI Spring Yearling Calf

Born between March 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024

Class VII Jr. Two-Year-Old Heifer

Born between September 1, 2023, and February 28, 2024

Class VIII Sr. Two-Year-Old Heifer

Born between March 1, 2023, and August 31, 2023

9. All heifers must be halter broken and have a suitable halter. While in the barn they must be double tied with one rope on the neck, and one rope on the halter. A proper show halter must be used to exhibit all cattle in the ring.
10. Any exhibitor that **cannot** handle their heifer will NOT be allowed to show. If the animal is not handled by 5pm Sunday, the animal MUST be removed by opening of fair on Monday. If they can NOT handle their animal, they may NOT use another animal for showmanship. Using another exhibitor's animal is ONLY allowed if one dies or is crippled.
11. Hay nets are required and supplied by Exhibitor.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:	Premium:
Grand Champion	\$50 + Buckle
Reserve Champion	\$45 + Buckle
First in Class Winner	\$25 + Rosette
Blue Ribbons	Ribbon
Red Ribbons	Ribbon
Junior/Senior Showmanship-Grand	\$75 + Buckle
Reserve	\$70 + Buckle
Cattle Barn Herdsman	Plaque

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BEEF HEIFER SALE - OPTIONAL:

1. All required health papers must be presented before entering the barn.
2. If the heifer is bred, breed of sire is required along with certification from a licensed veterinarian proving pregnancy and gestation.
3. To be eligible for the sale, heifer must weigh 650 lbs. at final weigh-in. The final weigh-in will immediately follow the swine weigh-in on Saturday, **February 14, 2026**.
4. Exhibitors will have until 5:00pm on Thursday, **February 19, 2026**, to withdraw from the sale. Heifers are auctioned as non-market for pasture/breeding purposes only.
5. Heifers will be sold by the pound.

DAIRY RULES

Dairy Dates:

Friday, **November 7, 2025**

Friday, **February 13, 2026**

Thursday, **February 19, 2026**

Entry Forms due to the Fair Office by 5:00pm

Check-in to Fair 11:00am-4:00p

Dairy Show, followed by showmanship.

Entry fee for Dairy will be \$50.00 each

1. Exhibitors **must be eight (8) years of age as of September 1, 2025.**
2. Exhibitors may show and enter dairy animals that are leased through the official Florida 4-H or FFA Dairy Lease program. A copy of the official Lease Certificate must be submitted at time of entry. The rules of the official Florida 4-H or FFA dairy Lease Program will apply to leased animals. Rules can be obtained by contacting the Lease Program Administrator, Dr. Chris DeCubellis (cdecube@ufl.edu).
3. The show is limited to Dairy Heifers and Cows. Registered animals must have a certificate issued by the Florida Junior Grade Dairy Cattle Identification Program. Forms are available at the Martin County Extension Services Office, 2614 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL 34996.
4. All animals must be in possession of, cared for, and trained by the exhibitor for at least ninety (90) days prior to the show.
5. Registration or other proof of age of the animal must be presented at fair entry.
6. Brucellosis Testing and Calf Hood Vaccinations: Each exhibitor must comply with the state and federal law requirements. Please refer to the Rules of the State printed in the premium book.
7. Dairy Cattle entered in the Martin County Fair must have a USDA Official EID tag or tattoo. If your animal has a visual only official identification tag applied prior to November 5, 2024, you are not required to apply an electronically readable tag to the animal.
8. All required health papers must be presented before entering the barn including a health certificate.
9. Each exhibitor will exhibit their animal in the show ring at the direction of the judge.
10. Animals must be exhibited in their class by age. Each exhibitor will exhibit their own animal.

Classes are as follows:

Class I Summer Heifer Calf

Born Between June 1, 2025 and August 1, 2025

Class II Spring Heifer Calf

Born between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2024

Class III Winter Yearling Calf

Born between December 1, 2024, and February 29, 2025

Class IV Fall Yearling Calf

Born between September 1, 2024, and November 30, 2024

Class V Summer Yearling Calf

Born between June 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024

Class VI Spring Yearling Calf

Born between March 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024

Class VII Jr. Two-Year-Old Heifer

Born between September 1, 2023, and February 28, 2024

Class VIII Sr. Two-Year-Old Heifer

Born between March 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023

Class IX Three+ Year Old Heifer/Cow

Born on or before March 1, 2023

11. All Dairy Heifers must be halter broke and have a suitable halter. While in the barn they must be double tied with one rope on the neck, and one rope on the halter. A proper show halter must be used to exhibit all cattle in the ring.
12. Any exhibitor that CANNOT handle their heifer will NOT be allowed to show. If the animal is not handled by 5pm Sunday, the animal MUST be removed by opening of fair on Monday. If they can NOT handle their animal, they may NOT use another animal for showmanship. Using another exhibitor's animal is ONLY allowed if one dies or is crippled.
13. Hay nets are required and supplied by Exhibitor.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:	Premium:
Grand Champion	\$50 + Buckle
Reserve Champion	\$45 + Buckle
First in Class Winner	\$25 + Rosette
Blue Ribbons	Ribbon
Red Ribbons	Ribbon
Junior/ Senior Showmanship-Grand	\$75 + Buckle
Reserve	\$70 + Buckle
Dairy Barn Herdsman	Plaque

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2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

BEEF AND DAIRY ENTRY FORM

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ALL PARTS OF THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH A \$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE PER ANIMAL AT TIME OF TURNING IN OR YOU WILL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO SHOW.

CHECK ONE ENTRY PER LINE BELOW:

1. Beef Heifer _____ Dairy Heifer/Cow _____ Breed _____ D.O.B. _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal

2. Beef Heifer _____ Dairy Heifer/Cow _____ Breed _____ D.O.B. _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal

3. Beef Heifer _____ Dairy Heifer/Cow _____ Breed _____ D.O.B. _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal

Exhibitor First and Last Name: _____

T-shirt size: _____ Hoodie/Jacket size: _____ D.O.B _____ Age (as of 9/1/2025) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

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Ethics # _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/ FFA Advisor: _____

I, _____, the exhibitor, have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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ALL PARTS OF THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE AT TIME OF TURNING IN OR YOU WILL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO SHOW.

By signing this entry form, I/we agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association, its agents, directors, employees and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the fair again any all liability for injuries to person or damage to property, weather such damage or injury is from the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association negligence or not, which may arise by reason or use by signing exhibitor of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association property.

Exhibitor signature: _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

I have complete knowledge of this entry and I authorize my child to enter the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association show.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

MCFA OFFICE ONLY

Signature of MCFA Official

Date Entry Form Was Turned In

Entry Fee Paid **YES** or **NO**

CASH, Receipt # _____ **Check** # _____

GOAT RULES

Goat Dates:

Friday, **November 7, 2025**
Friday, **February 13, 2026**
Thursday, **February 19, 2026**

Entry forms are due into Fair Office by 5pm
Check in to Fair 11:00am-4:00pm
Goat Show 6:30pm following the Lamb Show

Entry fee for Goats will be \$35.00 each.

1. All animals must be in the possession of, cared for, and trained by the exhibitor at the time intents are turned in.
2. All required health papers must be presented before entering the barn.
3. **Photo of the animal must be submitted with entry form.**
4. Animal must be a minimum of five (5) months to be eligible to show. Registration or other proof of age of the animal must be presented at fair entry.
5. They will remain on exhibit until fair closing on **Saturday, February 21, 2026.**
****See Rule #51****
6. Each exhibitor is limited to one goat pen unless space is available. May show up to three (3) goats. Pens will be assigned by the barn superintendent. **Companion goats will NOT be allowed.** Pen sizes will be 4x6 for single goat and 4x12 for multiple goats.
7. The Danish system of judging will be used.
8. We will have a market class and dairy class and they will be classed by the age of the goat. ***There is one showmanship class for Juniors which will award Grand and Reserve, and one showmanship class for Seniors which will award Grand and Reserve. You can choose to show either your market goat or dairy goat, but only one.***

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:	Premium:
Grand Champion Dairy	\$35 + Buckle
Champion Market	\$35 + Buckle
Reserve Champion Dairy	\$30 + Buckle
Reserve Champion Market	\$30 + Buckle
First in Class Winner	\$25 + Rosette
Blue Ribbons	Ribbon
Red Ribbons	Ribbon
Junior / Senior Showmanship- Grand	\$60 + Buckle
Reserve	\$55 + Buckle
Dairy Barn Herdsman	Plaque

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2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW GOAT ENTRY FORM

A photo of the animal must be submitted with the entry form.

THIS ENTRY DOES NOT GUARANTEE NOR OBLIGATE THE EXHIBITOR TO SHOW.

ALL PARTS OF THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH A \$35.00 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE PER ANIMAL AT THE TIME OF TURNING IN OR YOU WILL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO SHOW.

Exhibitor First & Last Name: _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal.

Breed	D.O.B.	Class: Market or Dairy Goat	Sex: Buck, Doe, Wether	Tag #

Total Entries: _____

T-shirt size: _____ **Hoodie/Jacket size:** _____ **D.O.B** _____ **Age (as of 9/1/2025)** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Alternate Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____ **Alternate Email:** _____

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Ethics # _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/ FFA Advisor: _____

I, _____, the exhibitor, have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Exhibitor signature: _____ Date _____
Signature Required

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Signature Required

MCFA OFFICE ONLY

Signature of MCFA Official

Date Entry Form Was Turned In

Entry Fee Paid **YES** or **NO**

CASH, Receipt # _____ **Check** # _____



MARKET LAMB RULES

Lamb Dates:

Friday, **November 7, 2025**

Friday, **February 13, 2026**

Thursday, **February 19, 2026**

Entry forms are due into Fair Office by 5pm

Check in to Fair 11:00am-4:00pm

Lamb Show 6:30pm following Dairy Show

Entry fee for Lambs will be \$35.00 each.

- 1. All animals must be in possession, cared for, and trained by the exhibitor at time intents are turned in.***
- 2. All required health papers must be presented before entering the barn.***
- 3. Photo of animal must be submitted with entry form.***
- 4. Animal must be a minimum of five (5) months to be eligible to show. Registration or other proof of age of the animal must be presented at fair entry.***
- 5. They will remain on exhibit until fair closing on Saturday, February 21, 2026.***
*****See Rule #51*****
- 6. Each exhibitor is limited to one lamb pen unless space is available. May show up to three (3) lambs. Pens will be assigned by the barn superintendent. Pen sizes will be 4x6 for single entry and 4x12 for 2-3 lambs.***
No companion lambs allowed.

Note: All lambs will be judged as Market.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:	Premium:
Grand Champion Market	\$35 + Buckle
Reserve Champion Market	\$30 + Buckle
First in Class Winner	\$25 + Rosette
Blue Ribbons	Ribbon
Red Ribbons	Ribbon
Junior/Senior Showmanship- Grand	\$70 + Buckle
Reserve	\$65 + Buckle
Dairy Barn Herdsman	Plaque

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2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

MARKET LAMB ENTRY FORM

A photo of the animal must be submitted with the entry form.

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Exhibitor First & Last Name: _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal

Breed	D.O.B.	Class: Lambs judged as Market	Division: Ewe, Ram, Wether	Tag #

Please indicate if there are any babies and number accompanying mother lamb: _____

T-shirt size: _____ **Hoodie/Jacket size:** _____ **D.O.B** _____ **Age (as of 9/1/2025)** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Alternate Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____ **Alternate Email:** _____

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Ethics # _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/ FFA Advisor: _____

I, _____, the exhibitor, have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Exhibitor signature: _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

I have complete knowledge of this entry and I authorize my child to enter the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association show.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

MCFA OFFICE ONLY

Signature of MCFA Official

Date Entry Form Was Turned In

Entry Fee Paid **YES** or **NO**

CASH, Receipt # _____ **Check** # _____

RABBIT AND CAVY RULES

Rabbit and Cavy Dates:

Friday, **November 7, 2025**

Friday, **February 13, 2026**

Sunday, **February 15, 2026**

Entry forms are due into Fair Office by 5pm

Rabbit and Cavy Check in 12:00pm-3:00pm

Rabbit and Cavy Show 2:00pm

Entry fee for Rabbits and Cavy will be \$10.00 per animal.

1. Exhibitors must be of at least age five (5) by September 1, 2025.
2. The Exhibitor must own their rabbit and or cavy that they have entered the fair for at least 90 Days prior to the start of fair.
3. All Animals must be transported in a suitable, appropriate, and washable carrier.
4. They will remain on exhibit until Saturday, **February 21, 2026**, at 10:30pm. You **MUST** notify a livestock personnel or the small animal Superintendent that you are taking your animal off exhibit. See Rule #48
5. The Superintendent may refuse, any rabbit or cavy deemed unhealthy. Only healthy animals in good condition are accepted. See state requirements.
6. All rabbits and cavy are judged according to breed based on the ARBA System.
7. All Barn and Exhibitors rules apply to small animals' exhibitors as well.
8. Each exhibitor is limited to **three (3) total entries**.
9. Exhibitors will be judged several times each day by a Livestock Committee Member on the appearance of you rabbit/cavy surrounding area. All feces should be removed promptly, and shavings replaced. You should act courteous to others and to the public. The Herdsman Award is based on how well you present your area, your rabbit/cavy project, and your conduct during the fair.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award - Rabbit:

Best of Show -Grand

Best of show – Reserve

First in Class

Junior/ Intermediate/Senior Showmanship

Grand

Reserve

Award - Cavy:

Best Cavy -Grand

Best Cavy -Reserve

Junior/ Intermediate/Senior Showmanship

Grand

Reserve

Small Animal Herdsman

Premium:

\$10 + Buckle

\$5 + Buckle

\$3

\$35 + Buckle

\$30 + Buckle

Premium:

\$10 + Buckle

\$5 + Buckle

\$35 + Buckle

\$30 + Buckle

Plaque

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2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW RABBIT AND CAVY ENTRY FORM

THIS ENTRY DOES NOT GUARANTEE NOR OBLIGATE THE EXHIBITOR TO SHOW.

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PER ANIMAL AT THE TIME OF TURNING IN OR YOU WILL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO SHOW.

Exhibitor First & Last Name: _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal.

FILL OUT BELOW: LIMITED TO THREE (3) COMBINED ENTRIES EX: TWO (2) RABBITS AND (1) CAVY

Rabbit or Cavy*	Buck / Doe	Breed / Description

*Proper Breed is required. If you must make a change, please contact the Fair Office immediately no later than January 19, 2026.

Total Entries: _____

T-shirt size: _____ D.O.B _____ Age (as of 9/1/2025) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

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Ethics # _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/ FFA Advisor: _____

I, _____, the exhibitor, have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Exhibitor signature: _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

I have complete knowledge of this entry and I authorize my child to enter the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association show.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

MCFA OFFICE ONLY

Signature of MCFA Official

Date Entry Form Was Turned In

Entry Fee Paid **YES** or **NO**

CASH, Receipt # _____ **Check** # _____



POULTRY RULES

Poultry Dates:

Friday, **November 7, 2025**

Friday, **February 13, 2026**

Saturday, **February 14, 2026**

Entry forms are due into Fair Office by 5pm

Poultry Entries Check In 10:00am-3:00pm

Poultry Show 2:00pm

Entry fee for Poultry will be \$10.00 per bird.

1. Exhibitor must be of at least age five (5) by September 1, 2025.
2. The Exhibitor must own their poultry, waterfowl, or gamebirds that they have entered the fair for at least 90 days prior to the start of fair.
3. Exhibitors must provide appropriate ground cages for large poultry, exotics, and waterfowl entries.
4. They will remain on exhibit until Saturday, **February 21, 2026**, at 10:30pm. You **MUST** notify a livestock personnel or the small animal Superintendent that you are taking your animal off exhibit. **SEE RULE #48**
5. The superintendent may refuse any poultry that they feel are unhealthy. Only healthy animals in good condition are accepted. See state requirements.
6. All poultry are judged based on the Danish System. They are classed as either Bantams or Standards.
7. All Barn and Exhibitors rules apply to small animals' exhibitors as well.
8. Each exhibitor is limited to five (5) total entries.
9. Exhibitors will be judged several times each day by a Livestock Committee Member on the appearance of your poultry's surrounding area. All feces should be removed promptly, and shavings replaced. You should act courteous to others and to the public. The Herdsman Award is based on how well you present your area, your poultry project, and your conduct during the fair.

Awards and Premiums*:

Award:

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

First in Class

Premium:

\$10.00 + Buckle

\$5.00 + Buckle

\$3.00

Junior/

Intermediate/Senior

Showmanship

Grand

\$35+Buckle

Reserve

\$30 + Buckle

Small Animal Herdsman

Plaque

The Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show reserves the right to alter premiums and awards and or change categories.



2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW POULTRY ENTRY FORM

THIS ENTRY DOES NOT GUARANTEE NOR OBLIGATE THE EXHIBITOR TO SHOW.

ALL PARTS OF THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH A \$10.00 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE
PER BIRD AT TIME OF TURNING IN OR YOU WILL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO SHOW

Exhibitor First & Last Name: _____

This will be my _____ year showing this type of animal.

FILL OUT BELOW LIMITED TO FIVE (5) TOTAL COMBINED ENTRIES EX: Three (3) chickens, two (2) ducks, one (1) turkey.

Breed / Class: Bantam or Standard	M / F	Chicken, Waterfowl, Game Bird, Exotic

*Proper Breed is required. If you must make a change, please contact the Fair Office immediately no later than **January 19, 2026**.

Total Entries: _____

T-shirt size: _____ D.O.B _____ Age (as of 9/1/2025) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

☐ I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 SHOWMANSHIP.

I agree to this commitment.

ALL EXHIBITORS, AGE EIGHT (8) AND UP ENTERED IN THE MARTIN COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP OR HAVE A CURRENT ETHICS NUMBER BEFORE February 6, 2026 TO SHOW AN ANIMAL. NOTE:

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For a complete Ethics Class listing go to: <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/>

Ethics # _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/ FFA Advisor: _____

I, _____, the exhibitor, have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the 2026 Premium Book and understand all the rules and expectations of the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Exhibitor signature: _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

I have complete knowledge of this entry and I authorize my child to enter the Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Association show.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____
Signature Required

MCFA OFFICE ONLY

Signature of MCFA Official

Date Entry Form Was Turned In

Entry Fee Paid **YES** or **NO**

CASH, Receipt # _____ **Check** # _____



2026 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW LAYER TRIO RULES

Poultry Dates:

Friday, November 7th, 2025 -Entry forms are due into fair office by 5pm

Friday, February 13th, 2026 – Poultry Entries Check in 10am-3pm

Saturday, February 14th, 2026 – Poultry Show 2pm

Entry fee for Layer Trio will be \$30

1. Exhibitor must be at least five years of age by September 1st, 2024, to show and 8 years of age by **September 1 2025** and up for auction.
2. The exhibitor must exhibit the birds they receive through the 4H and FFA layer trio project.
3. Birds must be exhibited as a trio(a group of three females) in order to be judged in the layer trio show.
4. All poultry must be bled by the Florida Department of agricultural, health checked and banded upon entry to the fair. The Superintendent may refuse any poultry that they feel are unhealthy. Only healthy animals in good condition are accepted.
5. Layer trios are judged based on the Danish system and according to their laying ability.
6. They will remain on exhibit until Saturday February 22nd 2025 at 10:30 PM. You must notify a livestock personnel or the small animal superintendent that you are taking your animal off exhibit. **SEE RULE #48**
7. Each exhibitor is limited to one layer trio entry.
8. There are 20 slots available for the layer trio projects but Only the top five eligible layer trios may be auctioned at the Martin County fair.
9. All barn and exhibitor rules apply to small animal exhibitors as well.
10. Exhibitors will be judged several times each day by a livestock committee member on the appearance of your poultry surrounding area. All feces should be removed promptly, and shavings replaced. You should act courteous to others and to the public. The herdsman award is based on how well you present your area, your poultry project, and your conduct during the fair.
11. Layer trios are eligible for poultry showmanship.

LAYER TRIO SALE-OPTIONAL:

1. To be eligible for the sale, the exhibitor must mark their intent to sell on their layer trio entry form.
2. Of those who intend to sell, only the top five qualifying projects will be eligible for auction through the fairs livestock auction held on Saturday, **February 21nd, 2026. ALL SALES ARE FINAL**
3. Layer trios will remain on the exhibit until Saturday **February 21, 2026** at 10:30 PM. You must notify a livestock personnel or the small animal superintendent that you are taking your animal off exhibit see rule #48 OR pick up **Sunday February 22, 2026** from 10am-12pm. The Buyer **MUST** show proof of payment.
4. All exhibitors auctioning their projects will have to pay the 5% auction fee.
5. All exhibitors can option not to sell their layer trio projects (Example: if the exhibitor would like to auction a different market animal)
6. Must have cage to transport projects.
7. the exhibit cage will be supplied by the fair. Cage Size **TBT**

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS:

Grand champion	\$20 + Buckle
Reserve champion	\$10 + Buckle



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This entry does not guarantee nor obligate the exhibitor to show.

All parts of this entry form must be filled out with a \$30 non refundable entry fee at the time of registration or you will be denied the right to show.

Exhibitors First and Last Name: _____

This will be _____ year showing this type of animal.

T-Shirt Size: _____ D.O.B. _____ Age(as of 9/1/25) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Exhibitor address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address(if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number Phone: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

☐ I will participate in the 2025 showmanship ☐ I will **NOT** participate in the auction

☐ If I qualify, I will sell my layer trio at auction (5 top qualifying eight years of age and up)

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We look forward to your participation as a Youth Livestock Exhibitor.

Please familiarize yourself with the rules of this Premium Book.

NOTE:

Rule # 10 Requires you to be onsite caring for your animal each day.

Rule #11 appropriate dress attire for exhibitors and all volunteers is required. (No shorts or leggings)

Rule # 13 designates persons in the arena/show areas to Barn Supervisors/Approved Staff.

No spectators or parents are allowed in the blocked areas or the arena during shows.

Thank you and have a great fair!



CHAPTER 5C-3 IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS

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5C-3.001 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the definitions in section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

- (1) Accredited Veterinarian. A state licensed veterinarian accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of federal and cooperative state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of 9 C.F.R. 161.1 (JAN 2018), incorporated in subsection 5C-4.0015(1), F.A.C.
- (2) Administrator. The Administrator of USDA, APHIS or any person authorized to act for the Administrator.
- (3) Animal(s). This term is as defined in section 585.01(10), F.S., which provides that the term “animal” shall include wild or game animals whenever necessary to effectively control or eradicate dangerous transmissible diseases or pests which threaten the agricultural interests of the state.
- (4) Approved Livestock Facility. A stockyard, livestock market, buying station, concentration point, or any other premises under State or Federal veterinary supervision where Livestock are assembled and that has been approved under 9 C.F.R. §71.20 (2018). 9 C.F.R. §71.20 (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10862>.
- (5) Approved Tagging Site. A site or location specifically approved by the Department in accordance with chapter 5C-31, F.A.C., to apply Official Individual Identification to cattle.
- (6) Avian Influenza (AI) or Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) – Affected State. Any state in which AI subtypes H5 or H7 or END virus has been diagnosed in poultry within the last ninety (90) days prior to importation into Florida.
- (7) Avian Influenza (AI) Approved Test. Antibody or antigen capture methodologies recognized by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and conducted at a laboratory approved to conduct such tests by USDA, APHIS.
- (8) Cervidae Herd Health Plan. A Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) disease surveillance plan for Cervids as defined and required in chapter 5C-26, F.A.C.
- (9) Cervids. Any farmed or captive member of the family Cervidae and hybrids, including deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer, and related species that are raised or maintained in captivity for the production of meat and other agricultural products, for sport, or for exhibition.
- (10) Cleaned and Disinfected. Free of organic matter and disinfected in accordance with 9 C.F.R. §§71.7 and 71.10-<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10863>.
- (11) Commuter Herd. A herd of cattle moved interstate during the course of normal livestock management operations without a change of ownership or comingling of cattle of different ownership directly between two premises, as provided in a commuter herd agreement. The Commuter Herd participating states are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi.
- (12) Competitive Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (cELISA). A test that uses antibodies and color change to identify and quantify total antibodies in a sample.

- (13) Department. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (14) Division. The Division of Animal Industry of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (15) “Domestic Animal” shall include any equine or bovine animal, goat, sheep, swine, domestic cat, dog, poultry, ostrich, emu, rhea, or other domesticated beast or bird.
- (16) Domestic Fowl. Any member of the class Aves that is propagated or maintained under control of a person for commercial, exhibition or breeding purposes, or as pets.
- (17) Electronic Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Form (A.K.A. Coggins Form). An electronic version of a USDA, APHIS and Department approved EIA form which must be complete, legible, and accurate with a detailed description of the equine that the test record represents, including the breed registration number or registry tattoo, when applicable; the name of the equine; the age, breed, sex and color; all other distinctive markings, including markings on the legs and face, color patterns, body brands, scars, whorls and blemishes, and digital images of the Equine. The digital images must consist of three (3) color images to include a full view of both sides of the Equine and the face from above the ears to below the muzzle.
- (18) Emergency Management Response Services (EMRS). A USDA, APHIS, web-based application for authorized users in the reporting of routine investigations of foreign animal diseases (FAD), surveillance and control programs, state specific disease outbreaks, and national animal health emergency responses (all-hazards).
- (19) Endemic Disease. A disease will be characterized as an Endemic Disease in a particular locality, region, state, or U.S. possession based on known positive cases, prevalence of the disease, presence of competent vectors and/or evidence of natural transmission of the disease such that the disease is maintained in the population without external inputs.
- (20) Equine. Any member of the family Equidae, including horses, mules, asses, and zebras.
- (21) Equine Event Extension. A document accompanied by the original Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), valid for six (6) months from the date of issuance, and proof of a negative EIA test within the previous twelve (12) months, is accepted by participating states for interstate movement.
- (22) Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). A viral disease of horses, commonly known as swamp fever, which is infectious and is spread primarily by bloodsucking insects. Transmission can also occur through transfer of infected blood by fomites, such as contaminated hypodermic needles and other instruments.
- (23) Equine Interstate Passport. A card produced by the Department that serves as proof of negative EIA test and OCVI that is accepted by participating states for interstate movement.
- (24) Exotic (virulent) Newcastle Disease (END) Approved Test. Antigen capture methodologies recognized by the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) and conducted at a laboratory approved to conduct such tests by the USDA, APHIS.
- (25) Feeder Swine. A weaned gilt or barrow weighing forty (40) – eighty (80) pounds at six (6) – eight (8) weeks of age that is sold to be finished for slaughter.
- (26) Feral Swine. Swine that have lived all (wild) or any part (feral) of their lives as free-roaming. This definition does not include those exotic swine maintained by a zoo or aquarium accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.
- (27) Import, Imported, Importation. The movement of animals into Florida, from another state, United States (U.S.) possession, or foreign country.
- (28) Livestock. Grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, other hoofed animals, ostriches, emus, and rheas which are raised for private use or commercial purposes.
- (29) National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). A cooperative state-federal-industry program for prevention and control of certain hatchery-disseminated diseases and for improvement of Poultry and Poultry Products as provided in 9 C.F.R. §§145-147 (2018). 9 C.F.R. §§145-147 (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at:
<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10899>.
- (30) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form from the animal’s state of origin, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the animal’s state of origin for the purpose of certifying the Official Individual Identification, test requirements, and health status of specific animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.

(31) Official Individual Identification. An individual animal identification that uniquely identifies the animal, the owner, the Premises where the animal was identified, and the state in which the Official Individual Identification was applied as referenced in 9 C.F.R. §86.1., 9 C.F.R. §86.1 (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10864>.

(32) Owner-Shipper Statement. Any document signed by the owner or shipper as evidence of ownership or authority for possession of and for the transport of animals. Information required on the Owner-Shipper Statement is listed in subsection 5C-3.002(2), F.A.C.

(33) Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals, VS Form 1-27 (JUN 89). A permit issued by an employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities, prior to the interstate shipment of animals infected or exposed to dangerous transmissible regulated diseases, which shall include:

- (a) The number of animals to be moved;
- (b) The purpose for which the animals are to be moved;
- (c) The points of origin and destination; and,
- (d) The consignor and consignee.

Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals, VS Form 1-27 (JUN 89) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10865>.

(34) Poultry. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites and waterfowl. The term also includes other Domestic Fowl used for commercial, exhibition or breeding purposes, or as pets.

(35) Poultry and Eggs for Hatching Purposes. A specific designation of those species of Domestic Fowl and the qualified eggs produced by these fowl that are eligible for testing and qualification under the supervision of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). This term is also referred to as Eggs for Hatching Purposes.

(36) Poultry Products. Hatching eggs, chicks, poults, litter, and offal, but not table eggs or processed poultry for human consumption.

(37) Premises. A location where animals are housed or kept.

(38) Premises Identification Number. A nationally unique number assigned by a state, tribal, and/or federal animal health authority to a Premises that is, in the judgment of such state, tribal, and/or federal animal health authority, a geographically distinct location from other Premises.

(39) Prior Permission Number. Specific permission granted by the State Veterinarian or Division representative prior to movement of certain animals and Poultry into Florida. A Prior Permission Number will be granted when the Division determines that the animal(s) meets the requirements of this chapter. When prior permission is required by this chapter, the Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI or on the Owner-Shipper Statement accompanying the animal(s). Such prior permission may be either written permission or issuance of a permission number requested by telephone, facsimile message, or email. A Prior Permission Number may be obtained by calling, faxing, or emailing the Division of Animal Industry during normal business hours.

Phone: (850)410-0900

Fax: (850)410-0946

Email: AnimalPermits@FreshFromFlorida.com.

(40) Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Approved Test. Antibody or antigen capture methodologies recognized by the NPIP and conducted at a laboratory approved to conduct such tests by USDA, APHIS. The NPIP number of a registered flock will be recorded on this form titled, Poultry Testing, FDACS-09123, Rev. 09/17. Poultry Testing, FDACS-09123, Rev. 09/17 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10866>. The test results of Non-NPIP registered flocks will be documented on Poultry Testing, FDACS-09123, Rev. 09/17.

(41) Quarantine. Strict isolation on animals or premises or other defined geographic areas, to prevent the spread of diseases or pests.

(42) Racing Pigeon. Racing Pigeons are homing pigeons used to race. The homing pigeon is a variety of domestic pigeon (*Columba livia domestica*) derived from the rock pigeon, selectively bred to find its way home over extremely long distances.

(43) Recognized Slaughtering Establishment. An animal slaughtering establishment operating under the provisions of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. §§601-695), or an equivalent in the animal's state of origin state meat inspection program.

(44) Restricted Animals. Animals that are quarantined, infected with, or exposed to any infectious or communicable disease.

- (45) Service Animal. A dog or miniature horse as defined and limited in sections 413.08(2)-(4), F.S.
- (46) State Veterinarian. The Director of the Division of Animal Industry of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (47) Transitional Swine. Swine that have been, or have potentially been, exposed to Feral Swine.
- (48) Triple Trunk Wash (TW) Culture. A direct test designed to detect viable *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) organisms via culture of material obtained from an elephant trunk wash. The recommended routine Mtb monitoring is an annual triple mycobacterial trunk wash culture. Each testing event should consist of three (3) independent collections on three (3) days within a one (1) week period. It is recommended that food and water be withheld from elephants for two (2) hours before the TW is performed to help minimize the contamination of the TW sample.
- (49) Trichomoniasis Approved Test. Testing utilizing polymerase chain reaction (PCR) analysis performed on bovine preputial wash samples submitted by a Category II Accredited Veterinarian to an American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostics (AAVLD) accredited laboratory in accordance with protocols provided by the laboratory and consistent with national standards.
- (50) USDA, APHIS. The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services.
- (51) Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)-Affected State. Any state in which either of the VS virus serotypes New Jersey or Indiana have been diagnosed and one or more Premises is currently under state or USDA, APHIS quarantine.
- (52) Working Dogs. Any dog in the possession of a federal, military, state or local governmental agency or private organization that is trained for the purpose of human search and rescue, body recovery, arson detection, bomb detection, narcotics detection, food and agricultural product detection, criminal apprehension, police assistance or other related purposes, whether in the performance of such tasks or while traveling to and from such tasks.
- Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.003, 585.08(2)(a), 585.11(1), (4), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.01, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 6-4-95, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 2-19-14, 2-8-16, 8-19-19.*

5C-3.002 General Requirements and Limitations.

- (1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals Imported into Florida must be accompanied by an OCVI unless exempted by this rule. The OCVI must be in the possession of the driver of the vehicle or person otherwise in charge of the animals. The OCVI must accompany the animals to their final destinations in Florida.
- (a) Information Required. The OCVI must be legible and fully completed by the issuing Accredited Veterinarian and must include the following:
1. The name and address of the consignor;
 2. The name and address of the consignee;
 3. The physical address and Premises Identification Number of the point of origin, if assigned by state officials in the animal's state of origin. If a Premises Identification Number is assigned by Florida state officials, it will be documented on an Application For Premises Registration, FDACS-09215, Rev. 05/13. as incorporated by reference in rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.
 4. The physical address of the point of destination;
 5. The date of examination;
 6. The number of animals examined;
 7. The Official Individual Identification of each animal, and the name or registered brand or tattoo number;
 8. The sex, age, and breed of each identified animal;
 9. Test results and herd or state status on certain diseases as specified in this chapter;
 10. Prior Permission Number, if required in paragraphs 5C-3.002(3)(a)-(d), F.A.C.;
 11. A statement by the issuing veterinarian that the animals identified on the OCVI are free of signs of infectious or communicable disease; and
 12. In addition to the above, for Equine only, the establishment or Premises location at which the animal was examined, body temperature

at examination, and a description sufficient to identify the individual Equine including name, sex, breed, color, markings, and unique and permanent forms of identification when present (e.g. brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, blemishes, or biometric measurements).

(b) Division Notification. A copy of the OCVI must be forwarded, by the issuing Accredited Veterinarian, within seven (7) calendar days of issuance for all Livestock and Poultry, including Equines, and within thirty (30) days of issuance for all non-livestock species to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800.

(c) OCVI Notification. The OCVI will be void thirty (30) days from the date of inspection/issuance, with the exception that an OCVI may be valid less than thirty (30) days as provided in subsections 5C-3.002(5) and 5C-3.003(4), F.A.C., or extended as provided in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C.

(2) Owner-Shipper Statement. Animals which are not required to be accompanied by an OCVI for Importation, as exempted by this chapter, must be accompanied by an Owner-Shipper Statement signed by the owner or agent as evidence of ownership or authority for possession of the transported animals. This document must disclose:

- (a) The name and address of the consignor;
- (b) The name and address of the consignee;
- (c) The physical address of the point of origin;
- (d) The physical address of the point of destination;
- (e) The number of animals covered by the statement;
- (f) A description of the animals and Official Individual Identification as required by subsection 5C-3.002(1), F.A.C., or other identification sufficient to identify them for any and all purposes; and
- (g) A Prior Permission Number, if required by this chapter.

(3) Prior Permission Number. A Prior Permission Number is required for:

- (a) All farmed or captive Cervids;
- (b) All hoofed animals from VS-Affected States;
- (c) Equines from Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) affected countries;
- (d) Equines consigned directly to a veterinary medical treatment facility for emergency medical care which do not have appropriate documentation for interstate movement;
- (e) Poultry and Poultry Products requiring a Prior Permission Number in accordance with paragraphs 5C-3.012(2)(a)-(f), F.A.C.;
- (f) Animals exposed to or infected with a contagious, infectious, communicable, or dangerous transmissible disease;
- (g) Cattle or bison from states with less than Accredited Tuberculosis-Free or Brucellosis Class-Free status; pursuant to 9 CFR §§77 and 78.
- (h) All swine; and
- (i) Equines Imported from U.S. possessions where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is endemic.

(4) Restricted Animals. All Restricted Animals must be accompanied by a Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals, VS Form 1-27 (JUN 89) as adopted by reference in rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C., permit, have a Prior Permission Number, and the Prior Permission Number must be written on the Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals, VS Form 1-27 (JUN 89) for Importation into Florida or to be transported within Florida.

(5) Vesicular Stomatitis.

(a) Certification for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS).

1. All hoofed animals, including horses, ruminants, swine, exotic, and wild hoofed animals, not originating from a Premises within ten (10) miles of an affected Premises in a VS-Affected State must be accompanied by an OCVI,

dated within five (5) days of entry or reentry into Florida. The OCVI must be signed by an Accredited Veterinarian.

2. The following statement must be written on the OCVI by the examining Accredited Veterinarian: “All animals susceptible to Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) identified and included in this OCVI for shipment have been examined and found to be free from clinical signs and vectors of VS, have not been in contact with VS-affected animals, and have not been within ten (10) miles of a VS-affected Premises within the last thirty (30) days.”

(b) Prior Permission Number. Animals originating from non-affected Premises in a VS-affected state will require a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI.

(6) Violations. Violators of this rule chapter will be penalized in accordance with rule 5C-30.003, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.11(1), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.02, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 6-4-95, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.003 Equine.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. The OCVI must list the description sufficient to identify the individual Equine including name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, and unique and permanent forms of identification when present (eg. Brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, or blemishes), and temperature at the time of exam. An OCVI must accompany all Equines Imported into Florida, except the following:

(a) Equines consigned directly to a veterinary medical treatment facility for emergency medical care until treatment is completed and the Equine exits the state; or

(b) Equines accompanied by an Equine Event Extension document, Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent from the animal’s state of origin, signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official as provided in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C.

(2) Prior Permission Number. A Prior Permission Number must be obtained for:

(a) Equines consigned directly to a veterinary medical treatment facility for emergency medical care which do not have appropriate documentation for interstate movement;

(b) Equines Imported into Florida from areas within the United States or foreign countries, where Equine Piroplasmiasis (EP) is endemic; or

(c) Equines Imported into Florida from countries where Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) is endemic; or

(d) Equines Imported into Florida from non-affected Premises in VS-Affected States.

(3) Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test.

(a) All Equines Imported into Florida must be accompanied by evidence of an official negative EIA serologic test as provided in the Equine Infectious Anemia: Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-064, January 10, 2007, completed within twelve (12) months prior to Importation. Equine Infectious Anemia: Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-064, January 10, 2007 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10867>. The following are exempt from the EIA Serologic testing requirement:

1. Foals under six (6) months of age accompanied by their dam which has met the EIA test requirements; and

2. Equines exempted from the OCVI requirement under paragraph 5C-3.003(1)(a), F.A.C.

(b) The EIA test information must be recorded on the OCVI, the Equine Event Extension document, the Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent from the animal’s state of origin as provided in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C., approved by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, and must include the following:

1. The date the EIA test sample was collected;
2. The result of the test;
3. The name of the testing laboratory; and
4. The laboratory accession number.

(4) Equine Piroplasmiasis Requirements.

(a) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands of the United States have been determined to be endemic for Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) and Equines moved from these areas to Florida are subject to the requirements of paragraphs 5C-3.003(2)(b) and (4)(b), (c) and (d), F.A.C. Pursuant to section 585.14, F.S., the Division of Animal Industry, under the direction of the State Veterinarian, shall publish notice of other localities, regions, states, or U.S. possessions, where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is determined to be endemic on its website (www.FreshFromFlorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry) and in the Florida Administrative Register as necessary.

(b) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). Notwithstanding paragraph 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C., for Equines from localities, regions, states, or U.S. possessions where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is determined to be endemic, the inspection date of the OCVI that must accompany Equines Imported into or through the State of Florida shall be issued no more than fourteen (14) days prior to the entry of the Equine into the state. The OCVI must also include the following statement: “No animals identified on this certificate have not been on a Premises found positive for *Theileria equi* (*Babesia Equi*) or *Babesia caballi* or under quarantine within the past thirty (30) days. All animals identified on this certificate have been inspected and found free of ticks, and have been thoroughly treated with an approved acaricide labeled for use in Equine within fourteen (14) days of entry.”

(c) Testing. All Equines Imported into Florida from localities, regions, states or U.S. possessions where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is determined to be endemic must be accompanied by evidence of a negative Competitive Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (cELISA) test for both *Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi* (*Babesia equi*), performed at the USDA, APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) or other laboratory authorized by the USDA, APHIS, NVSL. The blood sample for the test must be taken within thirty (30) days prior to entry into Florida. The result and accession number must be listed on the OCVI.

(d) Tick Vectors. All Equines identified on the OCVI as originating from localities, regions, states, or U.S. possessions where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is determined to be endemic must be examined for, and found free of, ticks and must be thoroughly treated for ticks with a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered acaricide labeled for use in horses.

(e) Exemption. Equines from Florida consigned to localities, regions, states, or U.S. possessions where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is determined to be endemic that are returned to Florida within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Florida OCVI are exempt from the requirements of this rule.

(5) Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09051 Rev. 03/06 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10868> or Equine Interstate Passport Card. Equine Interstate Passport Card FDACS-09207 Rev. 08/18 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10869>.

Equine Event Extension document, or Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent from the animal’s state of origin, when used in place of an OCVI, must certify the existence of an official negative EIA test within the previous twelve (12) months and a valid OCVI. The Equine Event Extension document, Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent from the animal’s state of origin, will be valid for up to six (6) months from date of issuance of the OCVI provided that:

(a) The purpose is to allow routine intrastate and interstate movement of Equines to attend events such as horse shows or exhibitions, fairs, and trail rides. These documents may not be used for movement of Equines for breeding purposes or change of ownership.

(b) The Equine Event Extension document or Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent from the animal’s state of origin shall include all other information required by subsections 5C-3.002(1) and 5C-3.003(3), F.A.C.;

(c) The Equine Event Extension document or Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent of the animal’s state of origin expiration date will not be later than the expiration date of the EIA test or six (6) months from date of issue of the OCVI.

(d) An Equine Event Extension document or Equine Interstate Passport Card or equivalent from the animal’s state of origin, does not supersede or replace the requirements of any given event; and

(e) An Equine Event Extension document, or Equine Interstate Passport Card, may be applied for by owners of Florida-origin horses, by submitting an Application for Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09078 Rev. 09/17 or an Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09219 Rev. 12/09, to: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 South Calhoun Street, Mayo Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800, or by Fax at (850)410-0949. Application for Equine Event Extension, FDACS-09078 Rev. 09/17 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10870>.

Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, FDACS-09219 Rev. 12/09 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10871>. Applications may be obtained from: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800, or by Fax at

(850)410-0949.

(6) Brucellosis. Equines which are positive to a brucellosis test or which show evidence of “poll evil” or “fistulous withers,” whether draining or not, will not be allowed to enter the state for any purpose.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.002(5), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.14, 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—New 11-21-65, Amended 6-26-66, 3-1-72, 10-15-73, 3-17-76, 9-14-82, 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.03, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 6-4-95, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.004 Cattle or Bison.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All cattle or bison Imported into Florida must be accompanied by an OCVI, except the following, which must be accompanied by an Owner-Shipper Statement as provided in subsection 5C-3.002(2), F.A.C.:

- (a) Cattle or bison consigned directly to an Approved Livestock Facility;
- (b) Cattle or bison consigned directly to Recognized Slaughtering Establishments;
- (c) Cattle moving directly to an Approved Tagging Site and returning to the out of state Premises of origin;
- (d) Cattle moving under a Commuter Herd Agreement;
- (e) Cattle moving from an Approved Livestock Facility in Georgia, Alabama, or Mississippi and moving directly to Florida, accompanied by an approved state of origin Permit for Interstate Movement from a USDA Approved Livestock Facility; and

(2) Official Individual Identification. The OCVI must list the individual animal identification unless exempted by this rule. The Official Individual Identification requirements for cattle include:

- (a) Identification that complies with 9 C.F.R. §86.4(a)(1) (2013), as incorporated in rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.; or
- (b) Tattoos and registered brands such as ear breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers or an official breed registration brand when accompanied by a breed registration certificate; or
- (c) Is submitted to and verified by the Department as meeting the requirements for Official Individual Identifications such that state officials can determine the herd in which the animal was officially identified.
- (d) Animals exempt from the Official Identification requirements are:
 - 1. Beef cattle less than eighteen (18) months of age, unless consigned to exhibition or rodeo;
 - 2. Cattle consigned directly to an Approved Tagging Site;
 - 3. Cattle consigned directly to an Approved Livestock Facility;
 - 4. Cattle consigned directly to Recognized Slaughtering Establishments; or
 - 5. Cattle moving under an approved Commuter Herd Agreement and Owner-Shipper Statement.

(3) Other Requirements and Limitations.

(a) Cattle or bison infected with or exposed to tuberculosis or brucellosis or which are positive to an organism detection test for paratuberculosis (Johne’s Disease) may be Imported only if consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment. Such animals must be accompanied by a Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals, VS Form 1-27 (JUN 89) and must have a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals, VS Form 1-27 (JUN 89).

(b) Permit for Interstate Movement from USDA Approved Livestock Facility, FDACS-09158 Rev. 04/18, or equivalent form approved by the state of origin, can be issued by an Approved Livestock Facility as a valid interstate movement document for cattle moving between Florida, Alabama, Georgia, or Mississippi. Permit for Interstate Movement from USDA Approved Livestock Facility, FDACS-09158 Rev. 04/18 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10872>. For cattle originating at an Approved Livestock Facility in Florida, this form must be completed fully and legibly. Within seven (7) days of sale, a copy of the form must be submitted, to: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, Cattle Programs Office, 2232 North East Jacksonville Road, Ocala, Florida 34470; and by Fax at (352)620-7212; and by Email at CattleForms@FreshFromFlorida.com.

This form must include the following information:

1. Name of the Approved Livestock Facility;
 2. State of destination;
 3. Date of sale;
 4. Purchaser and phone number;
 5. Complete physical location of destination including contact phone number;
 6. Animal description including USDA backtag number or lot number. If no backtag was applied, age, sex, breed (to include designation as dairy or beef cattle), invoice number, and Official Identification, unless specifically exempt below:
 - a. Cattle moving directly to slaughter are exempt from Official Identification requirement. Backtag information need not be listed on the Permit for Interstate Movement from a USDA Approved Livestock Facility, FDACS-09158 Rev. 04/18 if provided on the invoice and the invoice is attached.
 - b. Beef cattle less than eighteen (18) months of age are exempt from the Official Identification requirement.
- (c) Commuter Herd Agreement is an official document issued by participating states, which is used in lieu of an Official Certificate of Veterinary Insection (OCVI). All Official Individual Identification requirements and interstate disease testing requirements must be met. A Commuter Herd Agreement must be applied for by owners of Florida-origin cattle by submitting a completed Commuter Herd Agreement FDACS-09264 Rev. 06/19 to: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, Cattle Programs Office, 2232 North East Jacksonville Road, Ocala, Florida 34470; Fax: (352)620-7212; Email: CattleForms@FreshFromFlorida.com. Commuter Herd Agreement FDACS-09264 Rev. 06/19 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10873>.
- (d) Testing Requirements.
1. Tuberculosis Test.
 - a. Dairy cattle, six (6) months of age or older, which originate from accredited tuberculosis-free herds in tuberculosis-free states or areas, may enter Florida without tuberculosis testing. The herd accreditation number and state or area status and date of last negative herd test within the previous twelve (12) months must be listed on the OCVI.
 - b. Dairy cattle moved into Florida from adjacent states as part of normal ranching or farm operations between Premises under common ownership or management are exempt from the tuberculosis testing requirements of this section if:
 - (I) They are moved from a closed herd or a herd which requires herd additions to be tested for tuberculosis prior to entry into the herd; and
 - (II) There is no change of ownership of the animals and the movement between Premises does not exceed 50 miles.
 - c. Beef cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, which originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd or tuberculosis-free state or area may enter Florida without tuberculosis testing. The accredited tuberculosis-free herd number and the date of the last negative herd test within the previous twelve (12) months or the tuberculosis-free state or area status must be written on the OCVI.
 - d. All other dairy and beef cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, which are not otherwise exempt from negative tuberculosis test requirements, must test negative to an official tuberculosis test, as provided in the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication, Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-45-011, Effective January 1, 2005, within sixty (60) days prior to entry into Florida. Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-45-011, Effective January 1, 2005 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10877>. The test date and negative tuberculin test results must be recorded on the OCVI.
 - e. Rodeo Bulls or Roping Steers.
 - (I) Rodeo bulls or roping steers, six (6) months of age or older, performing in rodeo events must have a negative test for tuberculosis within twelve (12) months prior to being Imported into Florida.
 - (II) Rodeo bulls, six (6) months of age or older, Imported for purposes other than performing in rodeo events must meet the requirements of sub-subparagraph 5C-3.004(3)(b)1.c. or d., F.A.C.
 - f. All cattle or bison consigned directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment may enter Florida without tuberculosis testing.

2. Brucellosis Test.

a. A brucellosis test is not required for dairy and beef cattle or bison for Importation into Florida provided that the animals:

(I) Originate from a Brucellosis Class-Free State or Area;

(II) Originate from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd. The herd certification number and date of the last negative herd test within the previous twelve (12) months must be listed on the OCVI;

(III) Are official brucellosis vaccinated animals under eighteen (18) months of age, or are steers or spayed heifers;

(IV) Are consigned directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment.

b. A negative brucellosis test, as provided in the Brucellosis Eradication: Uniform Methods and Rules, USDA, APHIS 91-45-013, Effective October 1, 2003, is required within thirty (30) days prior to Importation for dairy and beef cattle or bison not exempted in sub-subparagraph 5C-3.004(3)(d)2.a., F.A.C. Brucellosis Eradication: Uniform Methods and Rules, USDA, APHIS 91-45-013, Effective October 1, 2003, is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10878>.

c. Rodeo Bulls.

(I) Rodeo bulls performing in rodeo events may be Imported without tests provided the bulls are not changing ownership and are under eighteen (18) months of age; or individual bulls are negative to a brucellosis test, as provided in the Brucellosis Eradication: Uniform Methods and Rules, USDA, APHIS 91-45-013, Effective October 1, 2003, within twelve (12) months prior to Importation.

(II) Rodeo bulls Imported for purposes other than performing in rodeo events must meet the requirements for Importation in sub-subparagraph 5C-3.004(3)(d)2.a. or b., F.A.C., above.

3. Trichomoniasis Testing

a. All non-virgin bulls and all bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older, which are not otherwise exempt from negative trichomoniasis test requirements, must test negative to an official Trichomoniasis Approved Test, as defined in subsection 5C-3.001(49), F.A.C., within sixty (60) days prior to entry into Florida. The laboratory name, accession number, test date, negative trichomoniasis test results and Official Identification must be recorded on the OCVI or Owner-Shipper Statement. Exemptions to the trichomoniasis testing requirement are:

(I) Bulls consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment.

(II) Bulls entering Florida, moving directly to an Approved Livestock Facility and being sold in slaughter only channels. Test eligible bulls moving directly to an Approved Livestock Facility which are not accompanied by a negative Approved Trichomoniasis Test shall be visibly identified and shall be announced during the sale as selling for slaughter only. These bulls must move directly from the Approved Livestock Facility to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment.

(III) Bulls entering Florida for exhibition or rodeo, provided they do not commingle with female cattle and return to state of origin immediately following exhibition or rodeo event.

(IV) Virgin bulls less than eighteen (18) months of age, as determined by breed registry records or absence of permanent central incisor teeth in wear. The OCVI or Owner-Shipper Statement must include any and all identification and a statement declaring the bull(s) as virgin and less than eighteen (18) months of age.

b. Approved Livestock Facilities shall maintain a list of all Trichomoniasis test eligible bulls arriving via interstate movement, and shall indicate whether or not the bull has a negative Trichomoniasis test. The list of bulls, Trichomoniasis test status, and a copy of all the negative Approved Trichomoniasis Test reports shall be made available to Department personnel for verification on the day of the sale.

c. Bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older, moving under a Commuter Herd Agreement, FDACS-09264, Rev. 06/19, are to be accompanied by proof of a negative annual Trichomoniasis Approved Test within twelve (12) months of movement. The following statement shall be on the accompanying Owner-Shipper Statement: "All herd bulls over eighteen (18) months of age are tested annually for Trichomoniasis and all herd bull additions are tested negative prior to commingling. The bull(s) included in this shipment have not commingled with Trichomoniasis positive bulls or cows exposed to Trichomoniasis positive bulls."

(4) Prior Permission Number. A Prior Permission Number shall be required for all cattle or bison originating from:

(a) Non-Tuberculosis Accredited-Free State or areas, (b) Non-Brucellosis Class-Free State or areas, or

(c) VS Affected-States.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—Amended 3-22-63, 8-20-64, 9-23-65, 7-25-66, 11-15-67, 3-1-68, 3-12-70, 7-1-70, 9-1-72, 4-5-77, 7-1-79, 7-1-80, 9-30-80, 8-9-81, 9-14-82, 6-26-83, 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.04, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 6-4-95, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.005 Goats or Sheep.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All goats or sheep Imported into Florida, except goats or sheep consigned directly to Recognized Slaughtering Establishments, must be accompanied by an OCVI. The OCVI must include the following:

(a) The Official Individual Identification of each animal which must conform to the identification guidelines of the USDA, APHIS Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, USDA, APHIS 91-55-079, June 1, 2005. USDA, APHIS Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, USDA, APHIS 91-55-079, June 1, 2005 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10879>. Approved methods of identification include:

1. Official USDA-APHIS-VS Scrapie ear tags;
2. Premises identification tattoos (must be legible and contain the flock number and unique animal number. The flock number is assigned by the USDA, APHIS and is required to be on the OCVI);
3. Official breed registry tattoos (must be accompanied by either the official breed registration certificate or an OCVI that includes the corresponding official registration number); or
4. Electronic microchip/implant (must be accompanied by owner statement of ID numbers, chip manufacturer, chip reader for verification of placement and the USDA flock number recorded on the OCVI) when the breed registry allows for electronic implant identification, as recorded on a registration certificate.

(b) A statement that each goat or sheep is free of the clinical signs of the diseases: caseous lymphadenitis, contagious ecthyma (Orf), chlamydial keratoconjunctivitis, scabies, scrapie, and contagious footrot.

(2) Prior Permission Number. A Prior Permission Number shall be required for all sheep or goats originating from VS-affected states under state or USDA, APHIS quarantine. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI.

(3) Immediate Slaughter Goats or Sheep. Slaughter goats or sheep are not required to have an OCVI, as exempted by this rule, but do require:

(a) Owner-Shipper Statement. Evidence of ownership or authority to transport the animals as provided in subsection 5C-3.002(2), F.A.C.; and

(b) Official Identification. All goats or sheep entering Florida for slaughter purposes must be individually identified in accordance with paragraph 5C-3.005(1)(a), F.A.C.; and

(c) The goats or sheep must be moved directly to a Recognized Slaughter Establishment without stopping or unloading at other livestock facilities in route.

(4) Testing Requirements for Dairy Goats.

(a) Tuberculosis Test. Dairy goats six (6) months of age or older must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, or have had a negative caudal fold tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days prior to Importation into Florida. If originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, the herd accreditation number and date of last herd accreditation test within the previous twelve (12) months must be written on the OCVI.

(b) Brucellosis Test. Dairy goats six (6) months of age or older must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or have documentation of a negative brucellosis test within ninety (90) days prior to Importation to Florida. If originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, the herd certification number and date of the last herd certification test within the previous twelve (12) months must be written on the OCVI.

(c) Test Exemptions. There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type or pygmy goats.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.05, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 6-4-95, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.006 Sheep.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly

5C-3.007 Swine.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All swine Imported into Florida, except swine consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment or an Approved Livestock Facility for sale to slaughter, must be accompanied by an OCVI. Swine exempted from the OCVI requirement must be accompanied by an Owner-Shipper Statement as provided in subsection 5C-3.002(2), F.A.C.

(2) The OCVI must contain the Official Individual Identification. Official Individual Identification is required for all swine, six (6) months of age or older. Official Individual Identification for swine includes:

(a) Identification that complies with the United States Department of Agriculture 9 C.F.R. §§71.19(a)-(c) (2018). United States Department of Agriculture 9 C.F.R. §§71.19(a)-(c) (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10880>, or

(b) Breed registration tattoos, or ear notches, when accompanied by breed registration papers,

(3) Prior Permission Number. A Prior Permission Number is required on all swine Imported into Florida. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI or Owner-Shipper Statement accompanying the animals.

(4) Testing Requirements.

(a) Brucellosis Test.

1. All swine six (6) months of age or older Imported into Florida, not consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment must:

a. Originate from herds not known to be infected with or exposed to brucellosis and be accompanied by proof of an official negative brucellosis test, as provided in 9 CFR §78.1 and 78.33(b)(2) (2018), conducted within thirty (30) days prior to Importation. 9 C.F.R. §§78.1 and 78.33(b)(2) (2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10901> and <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10881>;

b. Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd. The Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd number and the date of the last certification test within the past twelve (12) months must be written on the OCVI.

(b) Pseudorabies Test.

1. All swine six (6) months of age or older Imported into Florida, not consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment must:

a. Originate from a herd not known to be infected with or exposed to pseudorabies and be accompanied by proof of an official negative pseudorabies test, as provided in 9 CFR §§85.1 and 85.7(c)(2) (2018), conducted within thirty (30) days prior to Importation. 9 C.F.R. §§85.1 and 85.7(c)(2) (2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and is available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10909> and <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10882>;

b. Originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies-Negative (QN) Herd, or

c. Originate from a Pseudorabies-Monitored Feeder Pig Herd (MFPH);

(5) Immediate Slaughter Swine.

Swine not known to be infected with or exposed to brucellosis or pseudorabies may enter Florida without tests, for slaughter purposes, provided they are accompanied by an Owner-Shipper Statement, have Official Individual Identification as required in subsection 5C-3.007(2), F.A.C., and have a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number and Official Identification must be written on the accompanying document. Such swine must be:

(a) Consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment; or

(b) Consigned directly to an Approved Livestock Facility and then sold to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment.

(6) Transitional Swine.

Transitional Swine may be Imported into Florida provided they are accompanied by an OCVI, have Official Individual Identification as required in subsection 5C-3.007(2), F.A.C., and have a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number and Official Identification must be written on the accompanying document. Transitional swine may be Imported into Florida for slaughter as provided

in subsection 5C-3.007(5), F.A.C. Transitional swine Imported into Florida, not consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughter Facility, must be:

- (a) Tested negative for pseudorabies and brucellosis, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §§85.1 and 78.33(b)(2) (2018), on two (2) consecutive official tests conducted not less than thirty (30) days apart with the last test being within thirty (30) days of Importation; and
 - (b) They have been isolated from all other swine, from the time of the first pseudorabies and brucellosis test until Imported into Florida.
- (7) Feral Swine may not be Imported into Florida.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—Amended 3-24-65, 11-7-67, 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, 8-4-77, 2-5-85, 10-23-85, Formerly 5C-3.07, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.008 Poultry.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 8-20-65, 8-17-72, 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.08, Amended 9-6-89, Repealed 3-23-94.

5C-3.009 Dogs or Cats.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Except for dogs or cats Imported only for exhibition purposes, which will remain in the state for less than six (6) months, any Service Animal, any Working Dog, and any privately owned pets traveling with their owners, all dogs and cats imported into Florida must be accompanied by an OCVI stating that they:

- (a) Are free from signs of any infectious or communicable disease;
 - (b) Did not originate within an area under quarantine for rabies; and
 - (c) Are not known to have a history of exposure to a rabies-infected animal prior to Importation.
- (2) Dogs or Cats for Sale or Adoption Requirements for Importation.

(a) Each dog or cat Imported into Florida must:

1. Be accompanied by an OCVI, and
2. Meet the minimum standards for vaccinations, tests, and anthelmintic treatments, and be eight (8) weeks of age or older as specified in section 828.29, F.S.

(b) Evidence of Compliance with section 828.29, F.S., shall accompany the owner or agent having custody of such dogs or cats Imported into Florida or to which ownership is being transferred.

(3) Rabies Vaccination. All dogs or cats, three (3) months of age and older, transported into Florida, including exhibition dogs or cats, Service Animals, Working Dogs, and privately owned pets traveling with their owners, must have proof of a current rabies vaccination.

(4) Prior Permission Number. Dogs or cats originating from areas under quarantine for rabies must have a Prior Permission Number from the Division as provided in subsection 5C-3.002(3), F.A.C. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 828.29(1)(a), (2)(a) FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.09, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 6-4-95, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.0091 Domestic Cats.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 9-6-89, Amended 3-23-94, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-3.010 Violation of Rules.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(1), (2), (4), 585.004, 585.005, 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2), (3), 585.007(1), (2) FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.10, Repealed 3-23-94.

5C-3.0091 Domestic Cats.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 9-6-89, Amended 3-23-94, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-3.010 Violation of Rules.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(1), (2), (4), 585.004, 585.005, 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2), (3), 585.007(1), (2) FS. History—New 6-29-62, Amended 2-5-85, Formerly 5C-3.10, Repealed 3-23-94.

5C-3.011 Cervids (Farmed or Captive).

(1) Farmed or captive Cervids will be denied entry into the State of Florida unless accompanied by a valid Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission license or permit as referenced in rule 68A-4.0051, F.A.C., except Cervidae, other than white-tailed deer, which are:

(a) Moving to and originating from a zoological facilities which meet or exceed all applicable Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation standards (2013) as required by subsection 68A-4.0051(1) F.A.C.; or

(b) Reindeer entering temporarily (less than ninety (90) days for exhibition) provided that:

1. The reindeer do not originate from a facility located in a county where Chronic Wasting Disease has been documented or a county which adjoins to a county where Chronic Wasting Disease has been documented; and

2. Will not be kept at a Premises in Florida with other species of the family Cervidae.

(2) Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Status.

(a) All Cervids Imported into Florida must originate from herds that are performing CWD surveillance and are not located in a county or an adjoining county where CWD has been documented; and

(b) The animal health officials in the originating state must confirm the surveillance and the location of any positive CWD cases in the originating state.

(3) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required.

(a) All Cervids Imported into Florida must be accompanied by an OCVI. The OCVI must list the official identification of each animal, the date and negative results for any required tests as provided below, and a Prior Permission Number.

(b) All information required on the OCVI must be completed by the issuing Accredited Veterinarian and shall include:

1. The name, physical address and phone number of the consignor;

2. The name, physical address and phone number of the consignee;

3. The point of origin;

4. The point of destination;

5. The date of examination;

6. The number of animals examined;

7. The Official Individual Identification number of each cervid;

8. The age, sex, and breed of each animal;

9. The test results and CWD herd status for brucellosis and tuberculosis as specified in rule 5C-26.005, F.A.C.

10. A statement by the issuing Accredited Veterinarian that the animals identified on the OCVI are free of signs of infectious, communicable, or neurologic disease;

11. The phone number of the issuing Accredited Veterinarian;

12. The purpose for which the animals are being moved;

13. The CWD herd status of the herd of origin; and

14. The prior permission number.

(c) A copy of the OCVI shall be forwarded immediately by Email to AnimalPermits@FreshFromFlorida.com or via facsimile message, Fax: (850)410-0946, to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, prior to shipment for review and verification that Import requirements have been met and issuance of a Prior Permission Number.

(d) The OCVI shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.

(4) Prior Permission Number. All Cervids Imported into Florida, must have a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI accompanying the animals.

(5) Testing Requirements and Exemptions.

(a) Chronic Wasting Disease Test. There is no chronic wasting disease test presently required for Importation of Cervids into Florida. However, the animal(s) Imported must meet the requirements of subsection 5C-3.011(2), F.A.C., prior to Importation.

(b) Tuberculosis Test.

1. Cervids from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §77.33(f) (2018), are exempt from this test. 9 C.F.R. §77.33(f) (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10883>. The herd status must be listed on the accompanying OCVI.

2. Cervids which do not originate from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds and are not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis may be Imported into Florida if they are:

a. Under six (6) months of age;

b. Originate from a herd which has been classified negative to an official tuberculosis test, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §77.20 (2018), of all eligible animals conducted within the past twelve (12) months, and the animals to be Imported are negative to a second official tuberculosis test conducted within ninety (90) days of Importation. 9 C.F.R. §77.20 (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10884>;

c. The animals to be Imported have two (2) consecutive negative official tuberculosis tests, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §77.20 (2018), conducted not less than ninety (90) days apart, the second test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to Importation, with animals isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period;

d. The official tuberculosis test results and dates of tests must be recorded on the OCVI accompanying the animals.

(c) Brucellosis Test.

1. Cervids originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd as defined in the USDA, APHIS, Brucellosis in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules, USDA, APHIS 91-45-16, Effective September 30, 2003, are exempt from this test. USDA, APHIS, Brucellosis in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-45-16, Effective September 30, 2003, is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10885>. The herd status must be listed on the accompanying OCVI.

2. Cervids which do not originate from Certified Brucellosis-Free Herds and are not known to be affected with or exposed to brucellosis may be Imported if they are:

a. Under six (6) months of age;

b. Sexually intact animals, six (6) months of age or older, and negative to an official brucellosis test, as provided in the Brucellosis in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-45-16, Effective September 30, 2003, conducted within ninety (90) days prior to Importation. The official brucellosis negative test results must be recorded on the OCVI accompanying the animals.

(6) Consignee's herd shall be registered and comply with requirements of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Cervidae Herd Health Plan as provided in chapter 5C-26, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History-- New 3-23-94, Amended 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.

5C-3.012 Domestic Fowl, Poultry, Poultry Products and Ratites.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All Domestic Fowl, Poultry, and Eggs For Hatching Purposes Imported into Florida, unless exempted by this rule, must be accompanied by an OCVI. Poultry and Eggs For Hatching Purposes under provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) may substitute Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults, VS Form 9-3 (FEB 2016), for the OCVI. Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults, VS Form 9-3 (FEB 2016) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10886>. Racing Pigeons that are transported out of Florida for racing purposes in a sealed crate(s) and reenter Florida with unbroken seals are exempt from the OCVI Importation requirements. The OCVI or VS Form 9-3 must include the Official Identification approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with 9 C.F.R. §§86.4(a)(3) (2018). 9 C.F.R. §§86.4(a)(3) (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10887>.

(2) Prior Permission Number. To acquire a Prior Permission Number, an Official Avian Permit FDACS-09257, Rev. 05/18 must be completed and submitted to the Division of Animal Industry. Official Avian Permit FDACS-09257, Rev. 05/18 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10891>. A Prior Permission Number is required on the accompanying documentation for Importation of all Domestic Fowl, Poultry, and Eggs For Hatching Purposes, except those listed below in paragraphs (a)-(f), that originate from a state not affected by Exotic New Castle Disease (END) or Avian Influenza (AI):

(a) Poultry consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment for slaughter;

(b) Individual exotic birds;

- (c) Racing Pigeons returning to Florida in unbroken, sealed containers;
- (d) Exhibition birds originating in NPIP participating flocks in Florida and returning to Florida;
- (e) Those shipments moving through Florida for transshipment outside of the United States and traveling on an international OCVI, consigning the shipment to a foreign country, provided the shipping containers are not opened in Florida.
- (f) Eggs for Hatching Purposes or chicks less than four (4) days of age originating from NPIP participating flocks accompanied by a Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults, VS Form 9-3 (FEB 2016).

(3) Testing Requirements.

(a) Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirement.

1. An official negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §§147.1-147.5 (2018), as adopted in rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C., is required within thirty (30) days of Importation into Florida for poultry or on the flock from which Eggs for Hatching Purposes originate. However, no Pullorum-Typhoid test is required for the following:

- a. Importing Poultry or Eggs For Hatching Purposes originating from flocks classified under provisions of the NPIP as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean, as provided in 9 CFR §§145.23(b), 145.33(b), 145.43(b), 145.53(b) and 145.63(b) (2018), as adopted in rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.
- b. Quail, pheasants, and other birds used strictly for hunting purposes that are consigned directly to a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission licensed hunting preserve;
- c. Ratites;
- d. Waterfowl Imported for exhibition purposes;
- e. Exotic birds;
- f. Pigeons and doves of the family Columbidae;
- g. Exhibition birds originating from NPIP-participating flocks in Florida returning to Florida. These birds must be accompanied by proof of a valid NPIP flock testing record for pullorum-typhoid indicating that the flock test, in accordance with 9 C.F.R. §145.53(b) (2018), as adopted in rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C., was conducted within the previous twelve (12) months or proof of a valid NPIP participant card current within the past twelve (12) months; or
- h. Poultry consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment for slaughter.

2. Pullorum-Typhoid testing records for exhibition birds not originating from a NPIP-participating flock will be documented by an Authorized Representative from the state or USDA at the Fair Exhibition – Poultry Summary of Pullorum-Typhoid Testing, FDACS-09170, Rev. 09/17. Fair Exhibition – Poultry Summary of Pullorum-Typhoid Testing, FDACS-09170, Rev. 09/17 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10890>.

(b) Avian Influenza (AI) testing requirements.

1. Poultry or Poultry Products originating from a non-AI affected state.

- a. All Poultry and Poultry Products must be accompanied by proof of a negative, approved test for Avian Influenza (AI). AI samples collected by the Division will be documented by an Authorized Representative from the state on Avian Influenza/Exotic Newcastle Disease Poultry Surveillance Submission Form, FDACS-09230, Rev. 09/17. Avian Influenza/Exotic Newcastle Disease Poultry Surveillance Submission Form, FDACS-09230, Rev. 09/17 is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10892>.
- b. Entry into Florida must be within twenty-one (21) days of the AI sample being taken; and,
- c. If a flock with greater than thirty (30) birds is to be Imported, then no less than thirty (30) samples per flock must be taken with at least ten (10) samples taken per house; or
- d. If a flock of less than thirty (30) birds is to be Imported, then all birds must be tested.

2. Exemptions to the AI testing requirements for Poultry and Poultry Products originating from a non-AI affected state. No AI test is required for the following:

- a. Poultry or Poultry Products originating from flocks classified as U.S. Avian Influenza Clean, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §§145.23(h), 145.33(1), 145.43(g), 145.53(e), and 145.63(b) (2018), as adopted in rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C., in non-AI affected states;
- b. Ratites;
- c. Exotic birds; or
- d. Pigeons and doves of the family Columbidae.

3. Proof of negative Avian Influenza (AI) testing and the Department issued Prior Permission Number, unless exempted from Prior Permission Number requirement in accordance with subsection 5C-3.012(2), F.A.C., must be documented on the Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poult, VS Form 9-3 (FEB 2016), or OCVI listing the description of birds, test date, test results, and the name of the laboratory.

4. Poultry Products originating from an Avian Influenza (AI) affected state.

a. From a Quarantine or Control Area as defined by originating state. No Domestic Fowl, live Poultry or Poultry Products or Eggs for Hatching Purposes originating from a Quarantine or Control Area in an AI affected state may enter Florida, except for Imported birds that have completed all USDA or state of origin requirements to move from a Quarantine or Control Area, and have completed Florida Import requirements as described in subsections (1)-(3) of this rule. The Department shall verify USDA requirements have been met through the Emergency Management Response System (EMRS) prior to permitting for entry into Florida by the State Veterinarian's Office.

b. Non-Quarantine or Control Areas as defined by originating state. All Poultry and Poultry Products:

(I) Must be accompanied by proof of a negative, approved test for AI; and,

(II) Entry into Florida must be within seven (7) days of the AI sample being taken; and,

(III) If a flock with greater than thirty (30) birds is to be Imported, then no less than thirty (30) samples per flock must be taken with at least ten (10) samples taken per house; or

(IV) If a flock of less than thirty (30) birds is to be Imported, then all birds must be tested.

5. The following Poultry and Poultry Products originating from a non-quarantined area in an AI affected state are exempt from the AI testing requirements described in sub-subparagraph (3)(b)4.b.:

a. Poultry or Poultry Products, originating from flocks classified as U.S. Avian Influenza Clean, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §§145.23(h), 145.33(1), and 145.43(g) (2018), as adopted in rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C., in AI affected states;

b. Ratites;

c. Exotic birds; or

d. Pigeons and doves of the family Columbidae.

6. Proof of negative AI testing and a Department issued Prior Permission Number must be documented on the Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poult, VS Form 9-3 (FEB 2016), or OCVI listing the description of birds, test date, test results, and the name of the laboratory.

(c) Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) testing requirements. END testing requirements apply to only those shipments of Poultry or Poultry Products originating from an END affected state.

1. Quarantine or Control Areas. No Domestic Fowl, live Poultry or Poultry Products, or Eggs for Hatching Purposes originating from a Quarantine or Control Area may enter Florida except for Imported birds that have completed all USDA and originating state requirements to move from a Quarantine or Control Area, have completed Florida Import test requirements as described in subsections (1)-(3) of this rule, and are permitted for entry into Florida by the State Veterinarian's Office.

2. Non-Quarantine or Control Areas.

a. All Poultry and Poultry Products must be accompanied by proof of a negative, approved test for Exotic Newcastle Disease (END). END samples submitted by the Division will be documented by an Authorized Representative from the state on Avian Influenza/Exotic Newcastle Disease Poultry Surveillance Submission Form, FDACS-09230, Rev. 09/17, as incorporated in paragraph 5C-3.012(3)(b), F.A.C.

b. Entry in Florida must be within seven (7) days of the Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) sample being taken; and,

c. If a flock with greater than thirty (30) birds is to be Imported, then no less than thirty (30) samples per flock must be taken with at least ten (10) samples taken per house; or

d. If a flock with less than thirty (30) birds is to be Imported, then all birds must be tested.

3. Documentation. Poultry or Poultry Products must be accompanied by a Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poult, VS Form 9-3 (FEB 2016), or OCVI indicating Poultry or Poultry Product originated from an END-negative flock, listing the Department issued Prior Permission Number, description of birds, test date, test results, and the name of testing laboratory.

(4) Containers for Shipment. All Imported Domestic Fowl, Poultry, and Eggs For Hatching Purposes must be shipped in new or Cleaned and Disinfected reusable containers.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History-- New 3-23-94, Amended 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 2-8-16, 8-19-19.

5C-3.013 Penalties for Violation. *Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4) FS. Law Implemented 585.007(1), (2), 585.145(3) FS. History—New 3-23-94, Repealed 6-4-95.*

5C-3.014 Elephants.

(1) Elephant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) Categories. Elephants are placed into one of three (3) categories depending on their risk of being positive for Mtb as classified in the Recommendations for the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Management of Tuberculosis (*Mycobacteria tuberculosis*) in Elephants in Human Care (2017). Recommendations for the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Management of Tuberculosis (*Mycobacteria tuberculosis*) in Elephants in Human Care (2017) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10889>. The three (3) Mtb categories are:

(a) Category A: Elephants have had no known exposure to an Mtb culture-positive animal within the past five (5) years. They are also consistently negative by an annual Triple Trunk Wash (TW) technique.

(b) Category B: Elephants have had contact with an Mtb positive animal within the past five (5) years, but are themselves consistently negative by annual triple TW series technique.

(c) Category C: Elephants are positive on TW cultures or culture of other body fluid. These animals cannot travel except for specific medical reasons. They are considered infected with Mtb.

(2) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) required. Only Category A and B elephants are permitted to be Imported into Florida and must be accompanied by an OCVI. The OCVI must include the following:

(a) The animal's name, age, sex, any identifying marks, and microchip number, if applicable;

(b) The animal's Mtb category; and

(c) The most recent TW culture history to include:

1. The date the TW sample was taken;

2. The full name of the testing laboratory;

3. Test accession number; and

4. Test result.

(3) Test Requirements

(a) Category A animals require proof of a negative TW culture with the sample taken within twelve (12) months of Importation into Florida.

(b) Category B animals require proof of a negative TW culture with the sample taken within ninety (90) days of Importation into Florida. *Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—New 8-19-19.*

CHAPTER 5C-31

CATTLE IDENTIFICATION

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5C-31.001 Definitions.

(1) Approved Livestock Facility. A livestock market or stockyard under state or federal veterinary supervision where livestock are assembled and that has been approved under 9 C.F.R. § 71.20 (2013), as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.

(2) Approved Tagging Site. A site or location specifically approved by the department to apply official individual identification to cattle.

(3) Approved Tagging Site Manager. The individual responsible for an approved tagging site.

(4) Cattle. Any bull, steer, ox, cow, heifer, calf, or any other bovine animal including bison.

(5) Moved directly. The transport of cattle, without offloading, from one premises to another.

(6) Official Individual Identification. An individual animal identification that uniquely identifies the animal, the premises of origin or the premises where the animal was uniquely identified, and the state in which the official individual identification was applied, and

(a) Is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 86.4(a)(1) (2013) as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C., or

(b) Is submitted to the department and verified by the department as meeting the requirements for official individual identification such that state officials can determine the herd in which the animal was officially identified.

(7) Premises Identification Number. A nationally unique number assigned by a state, tribal and/or federal animal health authority to a premises that is, in the judgment of the state, tribal and/or federal animal health authority, a geographically distinct location from other premises.

(8) Premises of Origin. The farm or ranch at which the official individual identification is applied, or if the official identification is applied at an approved tagging site, the farm or ranch from which the cattle have been brought to the approved tagging site.

(9) Purchaser. The new owner of the cattle purchased during or as part of an auction or sale at an Approved Livestock Facility.

(10) Recognized Slaughter Establishment. Any slaughter establishment operating under the provisions of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 601 et seq.) as incorporated in subsection 5C-3.001(36), F.A.C., or the state meat inspection act of the state in which the establishment is located.

Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14, Amended 9-4-14.

5C-31.002 Application of Official Individual Identification.

(1) Official individual identification may be applied by a cattle owner, veterinarian, or other person employed or contracted by an owner on an owner's premises; or at an approved tagging site, by the tagging site manager or a person employed by such manager.

(2) Official individual identification may be obtained:

(a) From United States Department of Agriculture Approved Providers as provided in 9 C.F.R. § 86.4(a)(1) (2013), as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.

(b) From Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry at no charge. Official individual identification tags may be requested using the form entitled Request For Official Identification Devices, FDACS-09246, Rev. 12/13, as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C. In order to obtain official identification devices from the department, a premises identification number is required. The premises identification number can be applied for using the form the Application for Premises Registration, FDACS-09215, Rev. 05/13, as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C. The department shall provide written notification containing a premises identification number to the applicant upon approval.

Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14.

5C-31.003 Approved Tagging Site Requirements.

(1) Applicant shall submit the Application for Approved Tagging Site and Tagging Site Manager, FDACS-09254, 03/13, as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C., to the address provided on the application. This application provides the physical location of the proposed site and the signature of the individual of record serving as tagging site manager.

(2) The department shall provide written notification to the applicant upon approval or disapproval of the site as an approved tagging site.

(3) Each approved tagging site shall:

(a) Report any change in management to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, and

(b) Be open to inspection by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry during tagging or as requested for review of official records.

(4) An approved tagging site manager shall:

(a) Maintain records of official individual identification tags applied using the form entitled Record of Official Individual Identification Applied to Cattle in Florida, FDACS-09255, Rev. 05/14, as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C., unless official individual identification tags are provided by the owner. If official individual identification tags are provided by the owner to be applied at the approved tagging site, then the tagging site manager is not required to maintain records as provided above.

(b) Ensure that official individual identification is correctly correlated to the owner/premises of origin; and

(c) Ensure that official individual identification tags provided by an owner are applied only to cattle belonging to that owner; and

(d) Forward records to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry within 7 days of application of tags.

Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14, Amended 9-4-14.

5C-31.004 USDA Approved Livestock Facilities.

(1) Unidentified cattle required to be officially identified in accordance with Rule 5C-31.005, F.A.C., and brought to an Approved Livestock Facility (Facility) shall be:

(a) Tagged with Official Individual Identification by the Facility in accordance with subsection (2); or

(b) Tagged with Official Individual Identification by the Facility on behalf of the seller in accordance with Rule 5C-31.003, F.A.C.;

or

(c) Placed into designated “slaughter only” sale channels; or

(d) Denied entry to the market.

(2) The Purchaser of unidentified cattle shall ensure that the cattle receive Official Individual Identification by either of the following methods.

(a) Option 1: Subsequent to a request made by the Purchaser, the Approved Livestock Facility shall tag the unidentified cattle with Official Individual Identification prior to the unidentified cattle departing the Approved Livestock Facility if the following conditions are met:

1. The Approved Livestock Facility shall be registered with the department as an Approved Tagging Site in accordance with Rule 5C-31.003, F.A.C.

2. The Approved Livestock Facility shall record the following information using the form entitled Record of Official Individual Identification Applied to Cattle in Florida, FDACS-09255, Rev. 05/14, which is incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.

a. The numbers of the Official Individual Identification tags applied to each of the cattle by the Approved Livestock Facility.

b. The corresponding number of the “back tags” applied by the Approved Livestock Facility to each of the unidentified cattle.

c. The Purchaser’s name and contact information.

d. The Purchaser’s Premises Identification Number.

3. The Approved Livestock Facility shall submit the completed form to the department in accordance with the instructions provided on the form. The completed form must be received by the department within 7-days of the conclusion of the Approved Livestock Facility’s auction or sale in which the cattle were purchased.

4. The Approved Livestock Facility shall retain the sales transaction information (including the date of sale and the seller’s and Purchaser’s name and contact information) along with a copy of the completed form described above for a minimum of 5-years and make these records available to the department upon request.

(b) Option 2: The Purchaser shall tag the unidentified cattle with Official Individual Identification upon delivery to a premises with a Premises Identification Number if the following conditions are met:

1. The Purchaser shall have registered and obtained a Premises Identification Number for the premises where the unidentified cattle will be delivered.

2. The Purchaser shall provide the Premises Identification Number for the premises where the unidentified cattle will be delivered to the Approved Livestock Facility prior to departing with the unidentified cattle.

3. The Purchaser shall tag the unidentified cattle with Official Individual Identification and record the following information using the form entitled Record of Official Individual Identification Applied by the Purchaser, FDACS-09269, 05/14, which is incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.

- a. The date of the sale or auction where the unidentified cattle were purchased.
- b. The name and location of the Approved Livestock Facility where the unidentified cattle were purchased.
- c. The numbers of the unique Official Individual Identification tags applied to each of the cattle.
- d. The corresponding number of the “back tags” applied by the Approved Livestock Facility to each of the unidentified cattle.
- e. The Purchaser’s name and contact information.
- f. The Purchaser’s Premises Identification Number.
- g. A certification that the Purchaser has tagged the unidentified cattle in accordance with Rule Chapter 5C-31, F.A.C.

4. The Purchaser shall submit the completed Record of Official Individual Identification Applied by the Purchaser, FDACS-09269, 05/14, to the department in accordance with the instructions provided on the form. The completed form must be received by the department within 7-days of the conclusion of the Approved Livestock Facility’s auction or sale in which the cattle were purchased.

5. The Purchaser shall retain a copy of the completed form described above for a minimum of 5-years and make it available to the department upon request.

6. The Approved Livestock Facility shall record the following information using the form entitled Record of Sale of Unidentified Cattle from an Approved Livestock Facility, FDACS-09270, 05/14, which is incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.

- a. The date of the sale or auction where the unidentified cattle were purchased.
- b. The name and location of the Approved Livestock Facility where the unidentified cattle were purchased.
- c. The Purchaser’s name and contact information.
- d. The Purchaser’s Premises Identification Number.
- e. The number of the temporary “back tag” applied by the Facility to each of the unidentified cattle.

7. The Approved Livestock Facility shall submit the completed Record of Sale of Unidentified Cattle from an Approved Livestock Facility, FDACS-09270, 05/14, to the department in accordance with the instructions provided on the form. The completed form must be received by the department within 24-hours of the conclusion of the Approved Livestock Facility’s auction or sale in which the cattle were purchased.

8. The Approved Livestock Facility shall retain the sales transaction information (including the date of sale and the seller’s and Purchaser’s name and contact information) along with a copy of the completed form described above for a minimum of 5-years and make these records available to the department upon request. *Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14, Amended 9-4-14.*

5C-31.005 Required Identification for Intrastate Movement.

Cattle 18 months of age or older, moving within the state of Florida, must have official individual identification unless the cattle are:

- (1) Being moved directly to a Recognized Slaughter Establishment or through no more than one USDA approved livestock facility and then to a recognized slaughter facility;
- (2) Being moved directly to an approved tagging site; or
- (3) Being moved from one premises to another premises with the cattle remaining under common ownership as part of normal farm or ranching operations. Cattle shall not be commingled with cattle under separate ownership.

Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14.

5C-31.006 Documents Incorporated By Reference.

The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference. Copies of these documents may be obtained from the Division of Animal Industry, 407 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800 or online as indicated.

(1) Application for Premises Registration, FDACS-09215, Rev. 05/13,

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03294>.

(2) Request For Official Identification Devices, FDACS-09246, Rev. 12/13,

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03477>.

(3) Application for Approved Tagging Site and Tagging Site Manager, FDACS-09254, 03/13,

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03296>.

(4) Record of Official Individual Identification Applied to Cattle in Florida, FDACS-09255, Rev. 05/14,

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04498>.

(5) 9 C.F.R. § 71.20 (2013), <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03299>.

(6) 9 C.F.R. § 86.4(a)(1) (2013), <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03298>.

(7) Record of Official Individual Identification Applied by the Purchaser, FDACS-09269, 05/14,

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04497>.

(8) Record of Sale of Unidentified Cattle from an Approved Livestock Facility, FDACS-09270, 05/14,
<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04496>.

Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14, Amended 9-4-14.

5C-31.007 Penalties.

Violations of Chapter 5C-31, F.A.C., will be determined as referenced in Rule 5C-30.003, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 534.071, 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.08(2)(a), 585.11, 585.145 FS. History—New 2-19-14.

5C-3.007 Swine.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All swine Imported into Florida, except swine consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment or an Approved Livestock Facility for sale to slaughter, must be accompanied by an OCVI. Swine exempted from the OCVI requirement must be accompanied by an Owner-Shipper Statement as provided in subsection 5C-3.002(2), F.A.C.

(2) The OCVI must contain the Official Individual Identification. Official Individual Identification is required for all swine, six (6) months of age or older. Official Individual Identification for swine includes:

(a) Identification that complies with the United States Department of Agriculture 9 C.F.R. §§71.19(a)-(c) (2018). United States Department of Agriculture 9 C.F.R. §§71.19(a)-(c) (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10880>, or

(b) Breed registration tattoos, or ear notches, when accompanied by breed registration papers,

(3) Prior Permission Number. A Prior Permission Number is required on all swine Imported into Florida. The Prior Permission Number must be written on the OCVI or Owner-Shipper Statement accompanying the animals.

(4) Testing Requirements.

(a) Brucellosis Test.

1. All swine six (6) months of age or older Imported into Florida, not consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment must:

a. Originate from herds not known to be infected with or exposed to brucellosis and be accompanied by proof of an official negative brucellosis test, as provided in 9 CFR §78.1 and 78.33(b)(2) (2018), conducted within thirty (30) days prior to Importation. 9 C.F.R. §§78.1 and 78.33(b)(2) (2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available online at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10901> and <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10881>;

b. Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd. The Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd number and the date of the last certification test within the past twelve (12) months must be written on the OCVI.

(b) Pseudorabies Test.

1. All swine six (6) months of age or older Imported into Florida, not consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment must:

a. Originate from a herd not known to be infected with or exposed to pseudorabies and be accompanied by proof of an official negative pseudorabies test, as provided in 9 CFR §§85.1 and 85.7(c)(2) (2018), conducted within thirty (30) days prior to Importation. 9 C.F.R. §§85.1 and 85.7(c)(2) (2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and is available online at:

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10909> and <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10882>;

b. Originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies-Negative (QN) Herd, or

c. Originate from a Pseudorabies-Monitored Feeder Pig Herd (MFPH);

(5) Immediate Slaughter Swine.

Swine not known to be infected with or exposed to brucellosis or pseudorabies may enter Florida without tests, for slaughter purposes, provided they are accompanied by an Owner-Shipper Statement, have Official Individual Identification as required in subsection 5C-3.007(2), F.A.C., and have a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number and Official Identification must be written on the accompanying document. Such swine must be:

(a) Consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment; or

(b) Consigned directly to an Approved Livestock Facility and then sold to a Recognized Slaughtering Establishment.

(6) Transitional Swine.

Transitional Swine may be Imported into Florida provided they are accompanied by an OCVI, have Official Individual Identification as required in subsection 5C-3.007(2), F.A.C., and have a Prior Permission Number. The Prior Permission Number and Official Identification must be written on the accompanying document. Transitional swine may be Imported into Florida for slaughter as provided in subsection 5C-3.007(5), F.A.C. Transitional swine Imported into Florida, not consigned directly to a Recognized Slaughter Facility, must be:

(a) Tested negative for pseudorabies and brucellosis, as provided in 9 C.F.R. §§85.1 and 78.33(b)(2) (2018), on two (2) consecutive official tests conducted not less than thirty (30) days apart with the last test being within thirty (30) days of Importation; and

(b) They have been isolated from all other swine, from the time of the first pseudorabies and brucellosis test until Imported into Florida.

(7) Feral Swine may not be Imported into Florida. *Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16 FS. History—Amended 3-24-65, 11-7-67, 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, 8-4-77, 2-5-85, 10-23-85, Formerly 5C-3.07, Amended 9-6-89, 3-23-94, 12-12-04, 5-24-10, 8-19-19.*



Myth Busters: The Facts About Animal Disease Traceability

In April 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced the final rule that amends and strengthens its animal disease traceability regulations for certain cattle and bison. This rule will come into effect on November 5, 2024. It requires official eartags to be visually and electronically readable for official use for interstate movement of certain cattle and bison. It also revises and clarifies certain record requirements related to cattle.

We have received several questions about the rule as we near the implementation date. This document dispels seven common myths and misunderstandings about the new regulations.



1 MYTH: There is a shortage of electronic identification (EID) eartags.

FACT: There are no manufacturers' shortages. Manufacturing and shipping capacity is adequate for the projected number of cattle requiring official identification for interstate movement. APHIS distributed tags based on 2022 National Agricultural Statistics Service Census of Agriculture data on cattle and bison population numbers. The allocation of 8 million EID tags was separated out to allow all States to order tags in an amount equal to their cattle population percentage.

2 MYTH: Even if they don't currently require an EID tag, I should tag all my animals now since EID tags will eventually be required anyways.

FACT: Producers should only tag animals that are subject to the 2024 rule when using the EID tags provided at no cost by USDA. Tagging animals that are not subject to the rule with USDA-provided tags may lead to shortages of those tags. Owners who wish to tag all their animals may purchase at their own expense additional EID tags directly from a manufacturer or distributor.

3 MYTH: All my animals require an EID tag, including those with a visual eartag that was applied before November 5, 2024.

FACT: The rule applies only to the interstate movement of the following categories of cattle and bison:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or older
- All dairy cattle of any age
- All cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, exhibition, or recreational events

If your animal has a visual only official identification tag applied prior to November 5, 2024, you are not required to apply an electronically readable tag to the animal. All visual-only official identification tags applied to cattle and bison prior to the date the rule is effective will be considered official identification for the lifetime of the animal.

4 MYTH: I have to use a specific type of EID tag, and I must use a specific color in certain cases. For example, I have to use an orange tag for brucellosis vaccinates.

FACT: Owners can use, and States may distribute, any type or color of officially recognized EID tag that is available. The regulations do not require orange tags for brucellosis vaccinates. APHIS will attempt to meet owner's preferences; however, we cannot guarantee the availability of a certain EID tag make or color.

5 MYTH: My animals were previously tagged with a specific colored tag. I'll need to get new tags in a different color for a new purpose.

FACT: An animal with an official ID of any type or color does not need to be retagged for any reason.

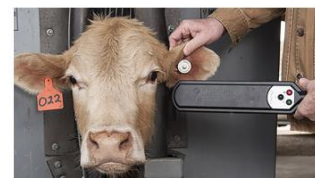
6 MYTH: My data isn't safe. EID tags hold owner-specific information. Even if APHIS and State animal disease traceability databases are not public databases, all Federal and State officials will have access to my information.

FACT: Producer data confidentiality is highly valued and protected by law. An EID tag is encoded with a number but no owner-specific information. The USDA database collects only the tag number and refers back to a premises ID number. The database does not collect names, addresses, or other personal information. Access to identifying information is limited ONLY to Federal, State, and/or Tribal regulatory officials who meet strict permissions and security requirements AND need to conduct disease tracing activities

State animal health officials only have access to information held within their own States. Producer information gathered by USDA through animal disease traceability efforts is treated as information maintained under existing disease program regulations and, therefore, is exempt from provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

7 MYTH: On November 5, 2024, APHIS will implement a new way of enforcing requirements with stricter penalties for violations.

FACT: The rule did not change how APHIS will monitor compliance. It did not change penalties for violations. Contact your State veterinarian for guidance if you are unable to meet the compliance requirements by November 5, 2024.



Learn More

You can find more information about the animal disease traceability program on APHIS' website (www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/traceability). Please email questions to us at traceability@usda.gov. We also encourage you to contact your State animal health official (www.usaha.org/saho) to learn more about your State's traceability activities and requirements.

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