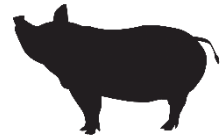




## 2024 FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & WILDLIFE EXPO (FAWE) SWINE SHOW AND SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS



\*Exhibitors must be present for all events. Conflict exemptions must be requested in writing no less than two weeks before the event.

**LOCATION: Rock Lake, 8132 Croom Rital Rd, BV, 34602.**

Entry due: November 17, 2023  
Final Weigh-in: March 23, 2024  
Showmanship: March 24, 2024

Initial tag-in: December 2, 2023  
Show date: March 24, 2024  
Sale date: March 25, 2024

Entry Form and *non-refundable* \$25.00 entry fee must be turned in to Ms. Nelson, Dr. Moores, or postmarked by 11/17/23. Entry Form is attached to the last page of these rules; it is required that you read and understand **all** the following rules. **Two same species animals (FKA back up animals) can be pre-registered but MUST be registered with separate entry form – Only one entry fee required.** Only one animal can be brought to final weigh in.

### 1. **INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1A. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Hernando County 4-H or Hernando County FFA and be in good standing to be eligible to enter. Entrants must meet age level requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

1B. Each exhibitor may show no more than one (1) swine. Exhibitors cannot show at another county fair's terminal show.

1C. **All exhibitors will be required to attend a mandatory educational event January 16, 2024 at VFW Post 10209 beginning at 6:30pm. Failure to attend will result in disqualifications from all '23-'24 swine events.**

1D. Each exhibitor is permitted to participate in up to two (2) market animal projects in the FAWE, defined as steer, pullets, and swine for 2024. **NOTE: Pullet entries will be limited. See Pullet rules for limitations.**

### 2. **INITIAL TAG-IN**

2A. **TAGS & TATTOOS: A single tagging and tattooing event will happen for 2024. Swine are required to be tattooed and ear tagged December 2, 2023 beginning at 8:00am (in line by 10:00am).**

2B. Entries may be barrow or open gilts (no boars or stag).

2C. Recommended beginning weight of swine at initial tagging is 100 pounds.

2D. All swine will be tagged at initial tag-in. If an ear tag is lost, the exhibitor must notify their FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader and/or agent in writing. The Advisor, Leader or Agent must contact the FAWE and advise them of the missing ear tag.

2E. Exhibitors will be issued an official record book which must be completed and submitted at final entry. **Hard copies and electronic copies will be provided. Current year versions must be used.**

### 3. **POST INITIAL TAG-IN TO FINAL ENTRY**

3A. The FAWE Livestock Committee would like to emphasize general care, grooming, cleaning of stalls/pens, and feeding of projects are the responsibility of the exhibitor, with assistance only from FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, Livestock Committee, Parent/Guardian, or fellow exhibitor.

3B. All swine must weigh at **least 220 lb. at** the March 23, 2024 final weigh-in.

#### 4. FINAL WEIGH-IN

4A. FINAL WEIGH-IN will be held on March 23, 2024 beginning at 8:00 am. YOU MUST BE IN LINE BY 10:00 am.

-Swine weighing more than 320 pounds will be sold at 320 pounds

-Swine not meeting minimum weight of 220 lbs will be considered a lightweight swine. Lightweight swine are eligible for record book and showmanship competition only. Lightweight swine will be sold at the end of the auction.

4B. During Final Weigh-in, no equipment/tack/supplies will be unloaded until after the final swine is weighed. Exhibitors having supplies that must be removed to unload their animal will be sent to the end of the line. All equipment must be kept in their designated areas for the duration the FAWE. *Each club/chapter can only have one trailer in the designated area (an additional trailer may be allowed for those with a high number of participants but must be requested); any unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.* If the trailer your animal is riding in is ready to be unloaded, and you are not present, your animal will go to the end of the line.

4C. Health Regulations are subject to the Florida Department of Agriculture regulations in effect at the time. The FAWE Office will keep you informed of these regulations. No animal showing visible signs of illness or infestation will be accepted at the FAWE grounds. Any animal displaying lice at either initial check in or final weigh-in will not be permitted off the trailer (unless approved by a veterinarian or designee) and will be refused entry into the FAWE. Animals will be inspected prior to unloading. All withdrawal times must be observed for any medication given to a market animal.

4D. RECORD BOOKS: Each exhibitor must complete a record book on their swine. Record books are due to the designated committee members PRIOR to your swine crossing the scale. Once you are given your official final weight, you will be permitted to complete, at the table, the final figures related to this weight. No books will be removed from the committee's possession after a swine crosses the scale. All exhibitors must use the official FAWE Livestock Record Book. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. **ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ORIGINALS.**

4E. No swine may be exhibited in competition that cannot be effectively managed by the exhibitor. If an animal is unmanageable in the show arena, the animal may be dismissed at the discretion of the judge. **NEW: If a judge excuses an animal from the arena, or if the animal is dismissed during the show, that animal will not be permitted to return for showmanship.**

4F. Pen spaces will be assigned as club groups at random by the Swine Committee.

#### 5. EXHIBIT PERIOD

5A. Swine must be cared for from the time of arrival until swine are removed. No Feed Buckets can be left in pens. Only secured gravity waterers are allowed to be left in the swine pen. All water buckets, pails, etc. must be removed.

\*Swine Exhibitors - Feeding of animals must be completed by 10:00 a.m. and again by 9:00p.m. If there is a show going on, then an hour after show is completed in the evening. Swine are recommended to be exercised daily.

\*There will be no feeding or bathing of animals during any livestock show.

\*Additional care may be provided at the discretion of the FAWE Livestock Committee.

5B. For safety reasons, exhibitors will only be allowed to wear close toed shoes such as boots (**crocs do not fall into this category and are prohibited**) around animals. We highly recommend that anyone assisting the exhibitor also wear close toed shoes. The FAWE or FAWE Livestock Committee are not liable for injury to anyone assisting the exhibitor. Please wear the proper shoes when assisting with the animals. **Once the barn is closed to exhibitors and helpers only, all footwear must comply with this safety regulation, closed-toed only by youth and adults.**

5C. **FEED AND BEDDING: LIMITED** Bedding will be provided by Management. Feed and waterers must be provided by the exhibitor. Management reserves the right to stipulate the pail type. Materials that may be dangerous, such as fences, metal pitchforks, metal rakes, etc. will not be allowed in the **show** area.

No flowers or plants will be allowed in the exhibit area, except those provided by management.

-Show boxes or other tack may NOT be placed in the animal pen, wash rack, or show area.

-Each club will be designated a trailer area for supply and equipment storage.

**5D. CONDUCT:**

Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor, *or anyone associated with the exhibitor*, will, at the discretion of the Management, result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the swine and the exhibitor from the FAWE grounds with the loss of awards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege. Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the grounds and must secure the proper health certificate if necessary.

**(a) Profanity or bullying on show grounds by the exhibitor will result in a \$250 fine and/or disqualification.**

**(b) Profanity or bullying at any event associated with the FAWE could result in disqualification.**

5E. In the event of an Emergency (defined below) that results in the FAWE Board of Directors necessarily cancelling any show or sale considered a part of the “Livestock Area Events” (defined below), the Exhibitor agrees to hold the FAWE harmless for any financial or other loss by the exhibitor that occurs because of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s) or plant(s) at the FAWE. The preceding statement pertains to the entire period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other loss, refers to economic loss due to the inability to market the animal at the FAWE and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.

“Livestock Area Events” may include the Swine Show and Sale, the Steer Show and Sale, the POM Show and Sale, Pullet Show and Sale, Poultry Show, Rabbit Show, Open Beef Show, Open Goat Show, Open Horse Show, and events associated with the aforementioned shows and/or sales.

“Emergency” refers to any National, State, Local occurrence or occurrences that results in the cancellation of Livestock Area Events normally taking place during the FAWE. The cancellation may be dictated by National, State, or Local government agencies that have the authority to decree such cancellations to protect the safety of patrons and/or participants or quarantines necessary to protect animal and human health. The Board of Directors of the FAWE also reserves the right to cancel any and all Livestock Area Events that, in the Board’s sole discretion, threaten the health and/or safety of the patrons or participant of the event.

**5F. MEDICATIONS:** The administration of medication for scours, or other conditions shall be done under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or swine committee member this includes pig calm. The swine committee chair must be notified that such medication is being administered. Unauthorized dispensing of medications is considered unethical and may result in disqualification of the animal and/or exhibitor.

**6. SHOW, SHOWMANSHIP & SALE**

6A. Judging will take place March 24, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm. The sale of swine will take place March 25, 2024 beginning at 6:30 pm. **No supplies or tack may be removed until March 26, 2024 between 12:00 and 1:00 pm. No animal will be permitted to sell more than four times.**

6B. Final classes will be determined by weight as necessary to assure manageable numbers in Show Classes. Premiums will be paid in all weight classes. All blue-ribbon class winners will compete for Grand Champion. The swine standing second in the Grand Champion’s class will be eligible to compete for Reserve Grand Champion if earning a blue ribbon.

6C. **To assist with security and identification, exhibitors will be issued 3 arm bands - one for the exhibitor and two for parent/guardian(s). No parent/guardian will receive more than one armband. Prior to final weigh-in, the exhibitor must provide the name of the parent, guardian, or approved sibling selected to help in designated areas. No one other than those approved/banded as a helper,**

parent/guardian, uniformed law enforcement officers, or FAWE officials, will be allowed in the barn from one hour prior to and during the Show and Sale. **THE WASHING, FEEDING, WATERING OF SWINE MUST BE BY THE EXHIBITORS OR PRE-DESIGNATED HELPER.** The swine committee will provide help for exhibitors whose parents/guardian, or approved sibling, are unable to assist physically.

6D. OFFICIAL DRESS DURING THE SHOW AND THE SALE IS REQUIRED.

For 4-H: White or Kelly-Green collared shirt, dark pants (denim ok), dark boots, and a 4-H clover

For FFA: Official FFA Dress per the advisor

6E. *All Exhibitors and Helpers are banned from using electronic devices in the livestock areas during show times.* Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine of \$100 for the exhibitor and removal of the helper for remainder of shows. 4-H Leaders and/or FFA advisors can take pictures using electronic devices for record/promotional purposes.

6F. No caps, hats, glitter, or other paraphernalia (other than official awards) will be allowed to decorate swine. No head coverings (other than those for religious or cultural reasons) may be worn by exhibitors in the arena. See 6D for permitted attire.

6G. Exhibitors must exhibit and sell their animal. It is the management's intent to consider waiving this requirement only in the event of a medical emergency.

6H. All who bid and purchase must be pre-registered and must have a buyer number. Buyers are requested to pay the night of the sale. If the buyer requires an invoice to pay, invoices will be mailed no later than 7 days after the sale and payment is expected in 30 days. FAWE may charge a late fee on invoices not paid within 30 days.

6I. Buyers gifts are highly recommended for your projects. These gifts do not have to be expensive it is the thought that counts. Examples: Plants, BBQ supplies, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets of anything you feel your buyer will love.

6J. ALL ANIMALS SOLD MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER. As a condition of acceptance in the sale, Exhibitor (seller) agrees that all animals in the sale must be sold and slated for processing. No buyer is obligated to buy. There is no certain price per pound guaranteed.

6K. Swine may be sold a maximum of four times. Bidders will be encouraged to do add-ons/donations after the fourth sale.

6L. All Exhibitors will pay their bills relating to their project within 30 days of checks being issued. The FAWE Livestock Committee reserves the right to refuse entry into the show, or subsequent shows, because of any failure of Exhibitor to uphold their financial responsibilities relative to their project. This includes any monies owed to a farmer, rancher, individual, feed mill, or store who supplied/provided an animal, boarding, tack, feed, or hay to an Exhibitor, with the promise of payment to them, once monies were received from the FAWE, and said promise has not yet been fulfilled. The exhibitor will **NOT** be allowed to show any animals at the FAWE until said debts have been paid in full. The debtor must contact the FAWE to advise that said debt has been paid in full.

6M. **SHOWMANSHIP participation is OPTIONAL.** Club/Chapter/Family entries are eligible for up to two age divisions, once each. Exhibitors must declare whether they are participating by final swine check-in on March 27, 2024.

## 7. POST SALE

**7A. Loading of animals after the sale will be supervised by the Livestock and FAWE Committee members ONLY and will be done in pre-designated areas. Any individual loading an animal without appropriate personnel in attendance or in a non-designated area will be fined \$250. If said individual has youth participating in the FAWE sales, their checks will be held until the fine is paid. It is not our intention to penalize the youth exhibitors but to stress the importance of these strict policies.**

**7B. Exhibitors will be REQUIRED to participate in clean-up from 12:00 to 1:00 pm on March 26, 2024 and must be present the entire hour. They will then be permitted to remove their equipment from 1:00 -3:00 pm. All trash must be removed from tack storage area. There will be a check-in table and exhibitors must report there by 12:00 noon prior to starting clean-up.**

7C. Any livestock exhibitor selling a swine or earning a belt buckle must submit a thank you letter March 26, 2024, between 1:00 and 3:00 pm at the check-in table.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THANK YOU LETTERS TO BUYERS AND BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS:**

\*Letters MUST be handwritten in pen by the exhibitor. Place letter in STAMPED, UNSEALED envelope.

\*Buyer and Belt Buckle Sponsor Addresses will be provided on check-out day March 26, 2024.

**\*All letters should have a greeting/salutation, body paragraph (age appropriate), and a closing/valediction.**

**\*Exhibitors should sign each letter.**

REMINDER: Exhibitors will be charged \$50 per letter not received or deemed inappropriate for any buyer, donation, and/or belt buckle. Youth are encouraged to turn letters in early so they can be reviewed and replaced if necessary.

7D. Exhibitor Donation list will be ready for pick-up from your FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent no later than April 5, 2024.

- Should the FAWE receive any donations for an exhibitor after they have picked up their list, then the exhibitor will be contacted.

- Appropriate and proper (**handwritten in pen by the exhibitor**) thank you letters for all donations must be turned in to FAWE, your 4-H Agent, or your FFA Advisor no later than April 17, 2024. All thank-you letters must be in an unsealed, stamped, and addressed envelope.

7E. **CHECKS** will be available to exhibitors **AFTER** payments for swine and donations are received. Any donations not received by that date shall be deducted and the responsibility of collection shall be with the exhibitor.

7F. Exhibitors agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of you and/or your animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the FAWE Livestock Show & Sale. Should you have a privacy issue, please let a Member of the FAWE Livestock Committee be aware of your situation, along with a letter to the office for documentation.

7G. The FAWE is not responsible for, nor assures the buyers of carcass quality grade, meat color or palatability. The FAWE is not responsible for spoilage after slaughter. Any carcass that is condemned due to disease damage, drug residue, or injury incurred prior to the loading after the Sale is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

7H. Six percent (6%) of the actual price will be deducted by the Show to help defray expenses. An additional \$1.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor for the Pork Check-Off as required by law.

## **8. General Statements**

Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be vested in Show Management and their decision will be final. Any evidence of fraud coming to the attention of Show Management will be prosecuted to the limit of the law. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or their animal must be submitted in writing to the swine Show Chair within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction along with a \$100 fee. The FAWE Swine Committee and/or Management may investigate infractions of rules at any time. If your protest is upheld, your fee will be returned. If your protest is unfounded, your fee is forfeited to the FAWE.

8C. The FAWE Management and/or Livestock Committee members reserve the right to visit the swine at the location disclosed as their place of housing with 24-hour notice to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Notice will be in writing to the email address as listed on the entry form.

### **IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics**

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of FAWE or livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of 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 FAWE or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at FAWE or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violator drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely 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 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 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 time after an animal arrives on the FAWE or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal 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, confirmation, or appearance, except external application of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a 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.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, FAWE 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, FAWE 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 absolutely 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 or not 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 absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the FAWE or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the FAWE or livestock show without recourse against the FAWE or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the FAWE or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators 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 absolutely 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.

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**SWINE SHOW AND SALE ENTRY FORM**



<b>FAWE USE ONLY</b>
Received Date/Time: _____
Received by: _____
Payment Amt.: _____ /Rct #: _____

<b>FAWE USE ONLY</b>
Swine Tag No. _____
Ending Wt: _____

Every swine must have an official ID. Enter the tag # here or indicate one is needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address, if different: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age as of September 1, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where swine will be housed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H or FFA Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**FFA members require one signature; 4-H members require two signatures:**

FFA Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

or  
4-H Club Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

and  
4-H Extension Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS SWINE IN THE FAWE LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE. WE BOTH HAVE READ, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY, ALL RULES & REGULATIONS.**

Exhibitors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors may turn entry form and payment into Ms. Nelson or Dr. Moores. If you choose, you may Mail Entry Form and \$25.00 Entry Fee, and to: FAWE - P.O. Box 12025 - Brooksville, FL 34603 (Must be turned in or postmarked **NO LATER THAN November 17, 2023**)

<b>T-Shirt Size (Circle Appropriate Size for Exhibitor)</b>
<b>Youth:</b> Small Medium Large
<b>Adult:</b> Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large XXXX-Large
<i>If registering a club/chapter/family animal, multiple shirts are permitted</i>