

**2026– 2027
Lamb
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2027 Livestock Showcase & Sale Breeding Ewe Rules

IMPORTANT DATES

Breeding Ewe Entries will open October 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027

Show Entry Fee: \$35.00 per entry

Showmanship Entry Fee: \$20.00 per exhibitor

Entries available on showman.app –

Exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, private, charter, or homeschool organization in one of the following counties to be eligible to participate in the breeding ewe show-Polk, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Okeechobee, Highlands, Hardee, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pasco, or Sumter. Exhibitor must be in kindergarten through a senior in high school.

Breeding Ewe Ownership Deadline
January 1, 2027

Entry Rules

- A valid Official Health Certificate must be presented at check-in. State of Florida Health Certificates are valid for 90 days.
- Per the USDA, ALL sheep entries must be tagged with an official premise/scrapies ID.
- Breeding ewes will be shown by age.
- There will be a cap for ewes at the age of 3 years old at the time of the show, March 24, 2027.
- Show classes will be broken up into 3 divisions (black face, white face, and AOB- all other breed ewes). AOB Classes will be broken down by DOB. Classes will be determined after check-ins are complete.
- You may not double/cross register your breeding ewe into the market lamb show.
- No changes to entries will be made after January 1, 2027. No late entries will be accepted.
- Exhibitor is responsible for the daily care of his/her animal.
- There will be no refunds on entry fees.
- Exhibitors may wash lambs in the designated wash areas.
- Bill of sale or lease agreement must be uploaded into your showman.app account for each entry by January 1, 2027. Ownership deadline is January 1, 2027 for breeding ewes.
- Breeding ewes are not eligible to sell.
- Breeding ewes and market lambs will show together in the Showmanship Divisions, there will not be two separate showmanship divisions.
- The Central Florida Youth in Agriculture Lamb Committee reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules and schedule as they, in their judgement, may deem advisable.

Showmanship Divisions

- Exhibitors' age will be determined by January 1, 2027.
 - Peewee (5-7)
 - Junior (8-11)
 - Intermediate (12-14)
 - Senior (15-18)
 - Adaptive (8-18)

Showmanship Rules

- Showmanship entries are optional and can be made on showman.app prior to check-in or the day of check-in.
- Showmanship will be limited to one entry per exhibitor.
- Exhibitors must show their own animal, failure to do so will result in disqualification and forfeit of entry fees.
- Peewee and Adaptive Exhibitors can borrow an animal for Showmanship. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Polk County school.
- Divisions will be determined by age and depending on the number of entries, will be separated by heats.

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2027 Livestock Showcase & Sale

Show Rules

- Exhibitors must be 8 - 18 (not having graduated high school) and be enrolled in a Polk County School.
- An official Health Certificate dated within 90 days of entry must accompany all animals and cattle must comply with all state and federal health regulations for exhibiting livestock.
- There is no entry limit on breeding animals and prospect steers. There will be a maximum of 30 market lamb, 50 market steer entries and 175 market swine entries allowed. Each exhibitor has the right to sell only ONE animal in the livestock sale, either swine, steer or lamb. Selection of sale animal must be made at the time of check-in. No substitutions.
- No changes to entries the day of show.
- All cattle must be checked in by 11:00 am.
- No generators and/or fans are allowed inside the barn for any reason. No electricity in the barn. All generators, fans, and grooming equipment must be set up outside of the barn.
- All animals being fitted or groomed must be kept within the designated fenced-in area.
- **NO SHAVINGS** – The facility does not allow.
- Exhibitors must be able to handle their animals by themselves at check-in.
- If an animal becomes unruly during check-in or the show it may be asked to leave the arena for the safety of the exhibitors and others. If market animal, it will not be allowed in the sale.
- If an exhibitor has multiple animals in the same class or drive, please have another CFYIA exhibitor assist or ask a committee member for assistance.
- At the time of entry, a bill of sale or lease agreement must be submitted as proof of ownership for each species by the specified entry deadline, including breeding and chapter animals.
- Our committee members will be there to help during the show, but the exhibitor is responsible for getting their animal to the show ring for the show.
- Exhibitors are responsible for getting to the show ring on time. Exhibitors arriving late to the show ring will not be allowed to enter the class after cattle have started to walk.
- Both Grand and Reserve Champions will come back in for the Supreme Drive.
- The owner is responsible for the daily care of his/her own animals during the CFYIA Livestock Showcase & Sale.
- Exhibitors must keep his/her tie space as clean and neat as possible. No shavings are allowed in the barn.
Premiums will be released to the exhibitor after his/her area has been inspected by a committee member. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to clean up all bedding and trash before leaving the show. No Exceptions.
- Committee members reserve the right to disqualify exhibitors due to safety issues, if needed.
- Committee members reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or family member using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any contestant or show official. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of an official will result in disqualification and a possible ban.
- Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for entries.
- CFYIA and show management are in no way responsible for exhibits or any accidents that may occur.
- Disrespectful, vulgar, inappropriate behavior - including but not limited to language, underage drinking, interaction with adults, judges, committee, or peers will not be tolerated. Participating in any of these activities will be grounds for immediate disqualification. The final decision of the committee will be non-negotiable.

- CFYIA highly discourages, does not condone, and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals; this includes but is not limited to striking or hitting any animal. As good stewards of livestock, aggressive striking is not an option or practice. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor is not allowed to aggressively or loudly "pop, slap, hit, or strike" their animal at any time during the event. If such behavior is witnessed, the first offense will be handled with a warning, a second offense will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and all entry fees and/or prize money will be forfeited. Protest to the disqualification will not be permitted. **All animals must be treated humanely at all times. Any violations will be handled by the committee at their discretion. The final decision of the committee will be non-negotiable. *If behavior is determined to be overly aggressive by the committee, there will be no warning and will lead to immediate disqualification.**
- Any protest, issue, or complaint in reference to show-related matters or regarding an animal must be submitted in writing 3 hours prior to the start of the show. Once the show begins or you exit the premises, you forfeit the right to raise any concerns. No changes to the outcome will be made once the show starts. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee payable in cash at the time the protest is submitted. Once a protest is received, the Board of Directors will assemble a quorum to rule on the matter. Protestor will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Directors for a brief statement on the protest, if they desire, before a ruling is made. Once a decision is made, all parties involved or affected will be notified of the outcome by the Board of Directors or their designated representative and the matter will be considered closed, and no further action will be considered by the Board of Directors. If the ruling is in favor of the protestor, the \$100.00 protest fee will be returned; otherwise, the protestor forfeits same. Protests of any judge's decision will not be considered.
- The Judge's Decision is final.
- Once the gavel falls at the auction, the animal/project is officially sold and ownership transfers immediately to the buyer(s). From that point forward, any matters related to the animal/project must be addressed directly with the buyer(s), ensuring the exhibitor is not held liable and CFYIA is no longer responsible for that animal.

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