

**2026 – 2027
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2027 Livestock Showcase & Sale Beef Cattle Rules

IMPORTANT DATES

Beef Cattle Online Entries: October 1, 2026 – January 1, 2027

*Exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, private, charter, or homeschool organization in Polk County to participate. Exhibitor must be in kindergarten through a senior in high school.

Show Entry Fee: \$35.00 per animal

Showmanship Entry Fee: \$20.00 per exhibitor

Bred & Owned Entry Fee: \$10.00 per animal

Carcass Contest Entry Fee: \$25.00 per animal (optional)

Entry Rules

- Entries open **October 1, 2026, and close January 1, 2027.**
- Entries may be edited until **March 1, 2027**, by reaching out to Kacie Bryant at (863) 661-2355. No changes will be accepted after this date.
- No late entries will be accepted – **No Exception.**
- Exhibitors must be 8 years old by **January 1, 2027.**
- A valid Official Health Certificate must be presented at check-in. State of Florida Health Certificates are valid for 90 days.
- Divisions will be based on paid entries as of **January 1, 2027.** Additional divisions will not be added after **January 1, 2027**, even if there are 8 head. Bred & Owned cattle will have their own division regardless of entry numbers.
- American Influence will have its own division so long as a combined minimum of 8 American Influence market and prospect steers are entered on Showman.app by the entry deadline. Bred and owned and American cattle will have their own division regardless of entry numbers.
- **Carcass Evaluation:** Beef exhibitors may choose to have their animals evaluated for \$25. This is optional and may be paid on Showman.app. The evaluation will take place on Friday, April 2nd so animals will need to stay an additional day since the Beef show is on Thursday, April 1st.
- Committee members reserve the right to change the classification of an animal at tagging and/or check-in. There will be someone on-site at check-in, independent from CFYIA, to classify cattle (Example an American Influenced steer was entered as a European Influenced Steer).

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Showmanship

- Showmanship entries are optional and can be made on showman.app prior to check-in or the day of check-in by 11:00 am.
- 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.
- Exhibitors' age will be determined by **January 1, 2027**.
 - Adaptive (5-18) – free to enter
 - Novice (5-7)
 - Junior (8-11)
 - Intermediate (12-14)
 - Senior (15-18)
- Novice 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.
- Showmanship: To be eligible to participate in showmanship, you must be entered in the Market Steer show, Prospect Steer Show, Beef Show, Lamb Show or Swine Show.

Commercial Heifer Division

- There will be an American & European Division:
 - Division must be marked on your entry form
 - Committee members reserve the right to change the classification of an animal at tagging/and or check-in. There will be someone on-site at check-in, independent from CFYIA, to classify cattle (Example an American Influenced steer was entered as a European Influenced Steer).
- All commercial heifers will be shown by weight
 - All cow calf pairs will show in their breed division - there will not be a separate division for cow calf pairs. Only the cow will be weighed at check-in.
 - Bill of sale is required at time of entry showing proof of ownership by **January 1, 2027**.
- Must be 36 months or younger at check-in. Any animal(s) with a birthdate prior to **March 29, 2024**, are ineligible to show.
- All Grand & Reserve Champions (Commercial Heifers & Registered Heifers) will come back for a top 5 overall heifer. The top 5's in the division will need to be on standby to compete for the overall selection.

Registered Heifer Division

- Every animal entered in the registered divisions must have registration papers in the exhibitor's name and/or in the immediate family's name. All heifers without registration papers will be shown in the commercial heifer division. A copy of the registration papers must be submitted on Showman and/or check-in.
- Ownership of registered animals must be by **Jan 1, 2027**.

- To make a breed show there must be at least 8 head entered. Breeds with less than 8 head will show in the AOB division.
- All cow calf pairs will show in their breed division - there will not be a separate division for cow calf pairs. Only the cow will be weighed at check-in.
- Must be 36 months or younger at check-in. Any animal(s) with a birthdate prior to **March 29, 2024**, are ineligible to show.
- Will be shown by age.
- All Grand & Reserve Champions (Commercial Heifers & Registered Heifers) will come back for a top 5 overall heifer. The top 5's in the division will need to be on standby to compete for the overall selection.

Bull Division

- All Registered and Commercial Bulls will show together unless there are more than 8 head of American or European Influenced bulls. In this case there would be American and European Bull Divisions. Bull divisions will not be broken down by breed.
- **Ownership:**
 - **Registered Bulls:** Ownership of registered animals must be by **Jan 1, 2027**.
 - **Commercial Bulls:** Bill of sale is required at time of entry showing proof of ownership by **January 1, 2027**.
- Must be 36 months or younger at check-in. Any animal(s) with a birthdate prior to **March 29, 2024**, are ineligible to show.
- All bulls must have a nose ring with lead.

Bred & Owned Division

- Bred & Owned Definition: A member of the immediate family must be 100% breeder and owner of dam, and first/continuous owner of the animal. Signing the entry form confirms compliance—false entries will result in disqualification.
- Entry Requirement: Exhibitor must enter their animal(s) in the Bred & Owned show and be entered in the Heifer or Bull Division.
- Divisions (no minimum head requirement):
 - Heifers: American Influenced & European Influenced (Registered and Commercial show together).
 - Bulls: American & European Influenced (Registered and Commercial show together).

Example for Reference: John has a commercial heifer, Sparkles, that he enters in the show. He enters Sparkles as a commercial heifer AND he enters her in the Bred & Owned Heifer division (because John owned Sparkles mom, AI or bull bred her, thus producing Sparkles)

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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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