

Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.

The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County

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2027 - EXHIBITOR RULES & INFORMATION

FAIR DATES ARE FEBRUARY 5TH – FEBRUARY 14TH, 2027

The Charlotte County Fair Youth Livestock Program is an educational event for 4-H and FFA members. The fair is simply the venue for receiving the rewards for all the hard work and effort that has been put into their projects. The Charlotte County Fair Board is proud to be a part of the Youth Livestock Program. We feel that this program develops responsibility, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and most importantly prepares our youth to be future leaders.

The Charlotte County Fair Livestock Shows are youth only shows and are open to Charlotte County 4-H Members, and Charlotte County FFA Members IN GOOD STANDING. Exhibitors must choose which organization they will show under at initial weigh-in and must remain in that organization throughout the entire project. They must be enrolled in school/home schooled. Age categories as of September 1, 2026: Juniors 8 - 10 yrs., Intermediates 11 - 13yrs., & Seniors 14 - 18 yrs., or still in High School. The Exhibitor must adhere to the Charlotte County Fair Rules as well as designated Club Rules.

Market Animal Exhibitors may exhibit up to TWO market animals in different categories. (Categories are as follows: 1-steer, 1-hog or, 1 lamb). **All MARKET ANIMALS, regardless of age will be required to have official ID. Official ID includes NUES tags, calfhood vaccination tags, 840 RFID tags (white or orange in color), or brand accompanied by correct registration paperwork. Contact Department of Ag for more information.**

All exhibitors will comply with FDA regulations 21CFR589.2000, and chapter 5C-4

All market divisions are terminal shows, animals must be sold at the auction to the highest bidder. Market animals must go directly to slaughter after the auction, no exceptions. Market animals will not be released to the exhibitors or be permitted on any trailer that is not a USDA or preapproved slaughter facility by the Charlotte County Fair ag chairman.

Cattle Exhibitors must be able to handle their animals by themselves when unloading at the fairgrounds. Any cattle deemed necessary for screening will be done so 24hrs after entry by a private committee. All uncontrollable animals will be disqualified from staying at the fairgrounds.

There is a deduction from the final check for Buyer Plaques per market animal entered. All exhibitors will be in show or sale attire for plaque pictures. Only hats allowed are cowboy hats (no ball caps).

Marketing the sale of your animal is the Exhibitor's Responsibility, and not the responsibility of the CC Fair, your 4-H or FFA Leaders. You will receive two (2) Buyer Social Passes per animal.

AD Book: All Exhibitors are encouraged to sell ads for 2027 Fair, See Ad Sales Forms for more information.

Work Days: All Exhibitors must attend post-fair workday February 14th from 9am-3pm. A fine of \$100 will be imposed for unexcused absences, and premiums will be forfeited. Absences must be excused by the CC Fair Ag Chairman.

All Exhibitors must turn in a completed 2027 CC Fair Record Book on SUNDAY, February 14, 2027 by 12pm.

There will be one Herdsman Award Winner for large animal barn that will receive an award. All exhibitors are eligible for the Herdsman Award. The Barn Chairman will determine if and who awards will be awarded to. Exhibitors must display a positive attitude towards all aspects of the livestock program. Our goal is to have an exhibitor who is helpful, polite, respectful, considerate, and patient. In selecting the recipient of the Herdsman Award, we will be looking for an exhibitor who acknowledges and follows the rules outlined in these rules, adheres to the Code of Show Ring Ethics, as well as fulfill the requirements of their project responsibly, while being aware of other exhibitors and their needs.

There will be a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Class: Age categories as of September 1, 2026: Junior 8 - 10 yrs., Intermediate 11 - 13yrs., & Senior 14 - 18 yrs. You must show your own animal in classes.

The order of sale will be: Grand Champion; Reserve Grand Champion; C. C. Grand Champion; Blue First Place class winners in class order; all others in order of a draw.

Exhibitors at all shows will wear official club attire for which your animal is registered. All exhibitors not showing will be asked to stay for the shows.

All market animals entered in the fair are consigned to be shown and sold at the Charlotte County Fair Youth Livestock Sale by the exhibitor that registered the entry to be eligible to receive premiums, add-on money, or any other money from the sale/Charlotte County Fair.

Animals must remain at the fairgrounds until closing time of the Fair unless for health reasons a veterinarian requests an animal to be removed. Specific release times are specified by the Ag Committee. Removal of any animal or exhibit prior to designated release times will cause forfeit of all premiums won, etc., all fees paid and the right to further participation in the C.C. Fair.

The Agriculture Committee and its authorized agents shall have the right to handle and examine any animal at any time after the first weigh-in. They reserve the right to reject or accept any entry or application made for entry, to revoke premiums earned, or disqualify any exhibitor for just cause and such decisions will be final. Animals will be exhibited as documented at the initial weigh-in only.

Based on State Laws - Exhibitors must present current health certificate(s) for their animal(s) upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are responsible for **OBTAINING THEIR OWN CURRENT HEALTH CERTIFICATE. THE FAIR WILL NOT PROVIDE A VET TO DO CERTIFICATES.** Animal(s) **ARE NOT** to be unloaded off trailers at fairgrounds until checked by the State Inspectors, there are NO exceptions. All market animals will arrive at fairgrounds for final weigh-in on Thursday February 4th, 2027 between 5pm-7pm with your health certificates. You must be in line by 7pm with no exceptions. Small Animals & Goats will arrive at fairgrounds on Wednesday February 3, 2027 between 5pm-7pm.

Tampering with any animal entered, such as filling with foreign substances, etc. is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals or the possession of the same after arrival at the fair will be tampering. Tampering will result in disqualification and removal of the animal. Should illness occur, all medication must be administered or authorized by a veterinarian, and/or The Agriculture Committee, and verification thereof shall be forwarded to your leadership. Random drug testing may occur.

Sale checks will be distributed to exhibitors on or before March 31, 2027 provided all payments are received. The Charlotte County Fair Association will not be responsible for any payments not received.

Additional money deductions may be necessary for unforeseen circumstances.

The Charlotte County Fair Agriculture Committee will handle administration of the rules and disciplinary action with a disciplinary committee and your leaders.

Thank You Letters/Cards: Stamped Thank You's are due with your completed record book on Sunday February 14th, 2027 @12pm, (Putting a Thank You in a buyers basket does not take place of this Thank You, but are encouraged)

The Charlotte County Fair Agriculture Committee reserves the right to modify any rule as necessary in order to provide a fair and equitable application of said rules. Exhibitors are asked in advance to cooperate as may be necessary with the respect to any modification made of these rules.

Exhibitors shall abide by the 2027 Barn Rule, these must be signed and turned in with entry form.

All exhibitors show at their own risk to themselves and their animals. The Charlotte County Fair will bear no responsibility or liability for Injury and/or death.

Transportation of animals is the responsibility of the exhibitor/parents; there are NO ENCLOSED TRAILERS ALLOWED TO TRANSPORT ANIMALS, if transportation is needed contact your leaders.

Formal Protest Guidelines: All protests must be in writing, stating plainly the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00, which shall be forfeited to the Fair Ag Committee Funds in case the protest "is not" sustained and must be delivered to the Management within 24 hours after the cause of protest.

Exhibitors/Parents are to contact your leaders or the Ag Chairman James Shipman @ 941-815-7185 with any and all questions.

Dates are on the 2027 Schedule.

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2027 - STEER, HOG, LAMB & GOAT SHOW & SALE RULES AND INFORMATION FAIR DATES ARE FEBRUARY 5TH – FEBRUARY 14TH, 2027

ALL PAPERWORK TO BE FILLED OUT ON WWW.SHOWMAN.APP

- Exhibitors must adhere to the 2027 Exhibitor Rules & Information
- The Charlotte County Fair Committee will class steers and hogs by weights after the final weigh-in
- Exhibitors & Parent code of conduct with entry forms are due at INITIAL WEIGH IN/ TAG-IN'S
- There will be an additional class for Charlotte County Bred & Born. (Must have 5 entries for this class)

**STEERS Entry Fee \$50.00 Paid online Due July 24, 2026, www.showman.app Entry fees are non-refundable.
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WWW.SHOWMAN.APP.**

All entries must be steers prior to initial weigh-in, and be dehorned. At final weigh-in scurs may not exceed 2" in length or you will be disqualified.

To be eligible for entry it is recommended all steers weigh between 650 and 850 pounds at the initial weigh-in on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 8:00am – 10:00am in line with No Exceptions. The Feed Program is 179 days.

Any steer over 24 months of age will be disqualified from the show. A veterinarian through a dental check will resolve any discrepancies between physiological ages.

Steers **MUST** weigh a minimum of **1,000 pounds** at the final weigh-in, and must HAVE gained a minimum of **1 1/2 pounds per day**. Steers must be on grain and hay ONLY, not let out to graze in a pasture after first weigh-in. Exhibitors and their animals must be at the final weigh-in on Thursday, February 4th, 2027 at 5pm till 7pm at the fairgrounds. THERE WILL BE NO LIGHTWEIGHT ENTRIES. Classes are 1000-1074, 1075-1149, 1150-1224, 1225-1299, 1300- up.

**HOGS Entry Fee \$50.00 Paid online Due Sept. 25, 2026 Entry fees are nonrefundable.
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WWW.SHOWMAN.APP.**

There will be a tag- in on, Sunday October 4, 2026 at ALBOE , between 8:00 am – 10:00 am in line with no exceptions. The Feed Program is 124 days.

Exhibitors and their animals must be at the fairgrounds for the final weigh-in on Thursday February 4, 2027 @ 5pm till 7pm. In line no exceptions. To be eligible for entry the hog **MUST** weigh a minimum of **230 pounds** to a maximum weight of **315 pounds**.

THERE WILL BE NO LIGHTWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT ENTRIES. Classes are 230-239, 240-249, 250-259, 260-269, 270-279, 280-289, 290-299, 300-315.

**MARKET LAMBS Entry Fee \$50.00 Paid online Due Sept. 25, 2026. Entry fees are nonrefundable.
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There will be a tag-in on Sunday October 4, 2026 at Albore Farms 6421 Gewant Blvd, Punta Gorda, FL 33982 between 8:00 am – 10:00am. In line with no exceptions, the Feed Program is 124 days. To be eligible for entry the Lambs must be born between December 2025 and February 2026 (Breeder Bill of sale with DOB) and minimum weight is 100 lbs at final weigh-in. Any questions about Lambs contact Cheryl Wood 941-815-8148.

Exhibitors and their animals must be at the fairgrounds for the final weigh-in on Thursday February 4, 2027 @ 5pm till 7pm.

GOATS: Entry Fee \$40.00 paid online Entry fees are nonrefundable.

All entry form deadlines are Oct. 4, 2026 through www.showman.app

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Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries total. All goats must stay on fairgrounds until released Saturday February 13, 2027 @ 8pm. Exhibitors will forfeit premium money if the animal is removed from fairgrounds before designated time. Exhibitors must exhibit animals that personally belong to them, and must show their own for showmanship.

Goats must be checked in on Wednesday February 3, 2027 between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. No late entries will be accepted. All goats must be accompanied by their current health papers (The Full Scrapie Tag Number must be on health cert). All goats must have a Scrapie Tag IN EAR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT FAIR. State Inspectors must check goats prior to unloading off the trailer.

Exhibitors shall wear appropriate 4-H/FFA attire during shows.

All goats will be divided into 6 classes: (CLASSES 1-4 ARE FOR DOE'S)

1. Dairy Type: Any doe that is all dairy or part dairy but must have dairy characteristics.
2. Pygmy Type: Any doe that is pygmy or part pygmy.
3. Meat Type: Any doe that has meat or meat characteristics.
4. Nigerian Dwarf: Any doe that is Nigerian or part Nigerian
5. Wether: Any castrated male. 1-Small Breed (Pygmy/Nigerian) or 1-Large Breed (Meat Type)
6. Bucks: All Breeds

There will be One Over-All Champion.

Goat Auction: Is on February 13th at 2:00pm with the Small animal's sale.

PEEWEE ENTRIES \$10- There will be a Pee Wee Class for ages 7 and under as of 9/1/26. Pee Wees are limited to only 1 animal. Pee Wee's are not in competition with each other, and they do not receive Premium Money. There will be one class, exhibit and showmanship at the same time. (Pee Wee exhibitors are excused from work day)

CANCELLATION BY THE FAIR: The Fair reserves the unilateral right to cancel this License for economic reasons, or for the public good, or for events including, but not limited to acts of God, fire, flood, natural disaster, a threat of a tropical storm, a threat of hurricane, inclement weather, war or threat of war, acts of threats of terrorism, civil disorder, unauthorized strikes, governmental regulation or advisory, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, the Centers of disease control, or local government authority or health agencies (including but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, H1N1 or similar infectious diseases) a pandemic, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other similar occurrence beyond the control of the parties in which case any funds paid for by the licensee for unused days, less actual expenses necessarily incurred by the fair in connection with the event so cancelled, will be refunded without penalty. In addition, the fair reserves the unilateral right to cancel this license in the event of any request by any federal, state or county agency for use on the fairgrounds under such circumstances, it being understood and agreed by license that it's rights hereunder are subordinate and inferior to the right of use by any federal, state, or county agency or department, in which case any funds paid by the license for unused days, less actual expenses necessarily incurred by the fair connection with the event so cancelled, will be refunded without penalty. Should the fair exercise its rights to cancel this license for any reason, including but not limited to those stated above. Licensed agrees to forego any and all claims for damages against. The fair and further agrees to waive any and all rights which might arise by reason of the terms of this license shall have no recourse of any kind against fair.