

Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.

The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County

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2027 - SMALL ANIMAL SHOW & SALE RULES AND 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, Charlotte Sr FFA, and Lemon Bay FFA Members in good standing. Exhibitors must choose which organization they will show under, on entry forms and must remain in that organization throughout the entire project. They must be enrolled in school/home school. Age categories as of September 1, 2026: PeeWee 3-4, Cloverbuds 5-7, Juniors 8 - 10 yrs., Intermediates 11 - 13yrs., & Seniors 14 - 18 yrs. Or still in High School.

THERE WILL BE NO SMALL ANIMAL CHECK IN THIS YEAR. ALL ENTRY FORMS DUE BY OCTOBER 4, 2026 ON WWW.SHOWMANAPP.COM. ALL POULTRY AND RABBITS MUST BE BANDED/ TATTOOED PRIOR TO FINAL CHECK IN AT FAIR.

● **ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 150 POULTRY AND 50 RABBIT; FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS: All entries must be filled out completely & correctly at www.showmanapp.com, and an entry fee of \$10.00 PER ANIMAL.**

Number of entries shall be limited to a maximum combination of 5 small animals. These include: poultry/waterfowl or rabbit for ages Junior-Senior. Cloverbud exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per category, Pee Wee exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per category. Must be at least 3 exhibits per class category/classes to be eligible for championship prizes. You are required to sell one ad of choice per category (Poultry/Waterfowl) and/or (Rabbit) See Ad Forms.

● **All entries must be owned by or property of the exhibitor by entry deadline on October 4, 2026.**

● Showmanship Awards shall be based on the exhibitor's age as of September 1, 2026 prior to the fair. AGES will be classed as: Pee Wee member – ages 3-5; Cloverbud member - ages 5-7; junior – ages 8-10; Intermediate - ages 11-13; Senior – ages 14-18 or still in high school. To compete in showmanship the exhibitor must have an exhibit at the fair in their category. Pee Wee & Cloverbuds will be participation only, their animals will not be judged with other exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own animal for showmanship.

● Exhibitors must wear appropriate 4-H/FFA Club Attire during all shows. (Black/dark blue Pants, White Shirts, Club Jackets may be worn) Pee-wee exhibitors must wear a dress shirt and black/dark blue pants.

● Exhibitors must attend post fair workday, February 14th, 2027. Premiums will be withheld for unexcused absences. **(PEE-WEE AND CLOVERBUDS ARE EXEMPT BUT PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED)**

● Animals will be fed, watered & cage cleaned (In and also Underneath) daily by **EXHIBITOR** between 5-8pm. There will be a sign in sheet. Exhibitors must make prior arrangements with Sm. Animal Barn Chairman for exceptions. You are not required to stay the whole time once done, remember to sign out.

● **Animals are only permitted to be removed from pens by either the exhibitor/parent or approved personnel.**

● All Animals will be received at the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2027 between 5:00 pm and 7:00pm**. Rabbits will be individually inspected for any signs of sickness or disease before they are allowed into a cage. The State Agriculture Inspectors will be on hand at that time to test fowl for disease. The Ag Committee and/or Leaders reserve the right to refuse entry to any animal, which appears to be sick, diseased or infected with lice or mites. All animals will be checked for mites or lice. The Ag Committee will have final say of any issues.

● The Charlotte County Fair assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss, or well being of the exhibits, however, every reasonable precaution will be observed.

● **SHOWS:** All animals will be judged according to the Standards of Perfection for each breed and category. The Modified Danish System will be used in making awards. The animals are placed according to their merit into three groups: Blue, Red, and White. All animals in the Blue Group are then placed numerically with the first place in each class competing for the appropriate championship. Only animals in the Blue group will be considered for championship awards.

- Exhibitors must be present for judging and are responsible for getting their own animal on & off the show table. All rabbit exhibits must be tattooed in their ear.
- Small Animal Auction will be on Saturday, February 13, 2027 @ 2:00PM.
- **You must have your animals registered to be in the sale by Tuesday February 9th, 2027.**
- REMOVAL: On Saturday, February 13, 2027 at 8pm all animals can be moved (by Owner) into their carrying case. If your animals were sold in Sale, you still have to attend workday in order to receive premiums. No exhibitors will be released from the fairgrounds until the entire area and all cages are cleaned.
- Exhibitors shall abide by the 2027 Barn Rules. (Signed copy must be turned in with Entry form)
- The Charlotte County Fair Ag Committee reserves the right to modify any rules 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.
- No animals can be removed early from the fairgrounds unless illness and that must be approved by the Ag Committee.
- Exhibitors/Parents are to contact **Dawn Shipman @ 941-815-7710** with any and all questions.

Failure to follow any of the above rules will forfeit premium money, and the ability to show in next year's fair. Failure to follow rules, as well as any problems which may arise will be considered by the Fair Ag Rules Committee. Any issues or concerns should be brought to their attention immediately. If fair rules, including animal and pen cleanliness or proper exhibitor's conduct are not met, the exhibitor and his/her parents will be asked to appear before the Rules Committee and the committee will take the necessary action to correct the problem. That decision will be final. The punishment could be in dollar amounts. Exhibitors may be disqualified from the show and sale, sent home, and/or banned from participation in future shows and/or sales. The Charlotte County Fair Ag Committee reserves the right to cancel any show based on any reason they deem necessary.

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 canceled, 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 canceled, 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.