

Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.

The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County

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2027 - DAIRY/HEIFER/BULL BREED SHOW/SALE 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 and Charlotte County FFA Members. Exhibitors must be in good standing within their organization at final weigh-in/ check-in. 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.

Entry fee is \$50 per animal maximum 2 heifers & 2 bulls. Entry forms and fees must be completed and paid by October 4, 2026 (ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE) ON <https://showman.app/#/>

--TO ENTER SHOWMANSHIP YOU MUST REGISTER AFTER ENTERING YOUR ANIMAL ON

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Eligibility for entry: All Cattle, 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. Nose Rings are required on Bulls over the age of 18mo, also must have received initial vaccinations for: (1) eight way black leg, (2) 5 way respiratory, (3) Calf hood brucellosis vaccination (must be administered by vet) (4) Pasteurella Haemolytica, and follow up boosters (can be Modified Live Virus or killed). A veterinarian and/or the CC Fair Ag Committee must verify these vaccinations and follow-ups. Exhibitor responsible for vet certificate & shots. All Cattle must be dehorned, if scurs are present they may not exceed 2" in length or you will be disqualified.

The C. C. Fair and/or Ag Committee reserves the right to reject or accept any entry or application at any time.

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.** Animals **ARE NOT** to be unloaded off trailers at fairgrounds until checked by the State Inspectors, there are **NO** exceptions. Cattle can arrive at fairgrounds on Saturday, February 6, 2027 @ 9- 10am. SEE SHOW SCHEDULE.

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

Any uncontrollable animal will be disqualified & removed from fairgrounds.

Cattle will be shown by age. Ages Allowed are 6 months to 36 months. Heifers over 24 months must have a calf on side or have a pregnancy certificate from a vet. Classes will be shown by ages 6-11 mths, 12-17 mths, 18-23 months, 24-36 months(bred or calf on side). Bull classes will be shown by ages 6-11 mths, 12-17 mths, 18-24 mths.

There will be two categories: Brahman Influence and commercial (All other Breeds). You can only enter one class per entry animal. There must be 5 entries per category to separate the divisions. There will be an additional class for the Charlotte County Bred & Born cattle if the three entry minimum is met. This Class will not be judged if the Grand or Reserve Champion is the Overall Winner.

There will be a Jr.; Int.; & Sr. Showmanship Class. Ages categories as of September 1, 2026: Junior 8 - 10yrs., Intermediates 11 - 13yrs., & Seniors 14 - 18yrs. Or still in High School. Exhibitor's must show their own animal in showmanship class. Pee Wee 7 and under as of 9/1/26.

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 Premiums will be paid as follows: Blue=\$6, Red=\$4, and White=\$2, with Grand Champion=\$75 & award (Each division 1-Heifer and 1 Bull); Charlotte County Grand Champion only=\$75 & award (Each division 1-Heifer and 1 Bull); Reserve Grand Champion=\$50 (Each division 1-Heifer and 1 Bull); First Place Class Winners=\$15 (Each division 1-Heifer and 1 Bull per Class, 4 classes); Showmanship Winners: 1st Place - \$75, award; 2nd Place - \$50, award

The Charlotte County Fair Ag Committee reserves the right to modify any rule as necessary in order to provide a fair and equitable application of said rules.

Exhibitors shall abide to the 2027 Barn Rules.

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. Exhibit (Steer, Heifer, and Bull) 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)

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 James Shipman @ 941-815-7185 with any and all questions.

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. Exhibitor 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 & Rules Committee reserves the right to cancel any show based on any reason they deem necessary.

EACH DIVISION REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 5 ENTRIES. IF THERE IS NOT 5 ENTRIES IN EACH DIVISION THE DIVISIONS WILL BE COMBINED FOR 1 GRAND CHAMPION AND 1 RESERVE CHAMPION. THIS ALSO APPLIES FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY BORN AND BRED. THERE MUST BE A TOTAL OF 5 ENTRIES OVERALL TO HAVE THE SHOW.

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.