

# **2009 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION STEER SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Exhibitor **must register their steer** with the Citrus County Fair Association by **attending the mandatory Steer Exhibitors meeting on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 2 pm at the Fairgrounds**. No forms will be accepted at the Fair Office. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable Entry fee due with registration.
2. Exhibitor may show and sell only one steer. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapter may show and sell only one steer per group.
3. ALL STEERS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS AT THE DATE DESIGNATED BY THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE FOR INITIAL WEIGH IN. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT AT INITIAL WEIGH-IN UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE LIVESTOCK CHAIRMAN. THE WEIGH IN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 AT 8:00 – 10:00 AM. **All steers must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in.**
4. Each steer will be given an official starting weight and will be marked by the Livestock Committee. Steers will be accepted with a minimum starting weight of 500 Lbs. and a maximum weight of 900 Lbs.
5. Each steer will be mouthed for age at the first weigh-in. Steer with permanent teeth will not be accepted.
6. Only steers grading Low/Select (Good) or better or gaining 2.5 lbs. per day during the feeding period and conforming to the minimum weight of 900 Lbs. at the Fair weigh-in, will be eligible for show and sale. No steer over 27 months of age will be accepted. The Livestock Committee will divide all steers into classes by weight.
7. Exhibitors will not be paid for (nor will any buyer be charged for) any weight over 1250 Lbs.
8. Each steer will be weighed and graded before judging. A shrink weight will be used for sale if required by packers-buyers. Steers accepted in the show must be consigned to the auction sale. The Livestock Committee will not sponsor a sale for unqualified or sifted steers. All sifted steers must be removed from the grounds immediately.
9. Exhibitors and their parent or guardian will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned at final weigh in.
10. Grooming will be performed by the **Exhibitors only.**
11. All steers will be exhibited in a regular show halter unless approved by the Livestock Board. No training devices are allowed.
12. **All steers must arrive with a maximum of ¼ inch hair length, leaving only switch. All steers must be sheared prior to arrival at final weigh in. Clipping includes the head, body, underline, and legs above the knee and hock. Steers will be checked at final weigh in and not be allowed to show if they have more than ¼ inch of hair.**
13. All steers are to be double tied with a neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.
14. **The Livestock Committee will present one educational meeting on the entry day. This meeting must be attended by every Exhibitor to enter the steer show. The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, in order to show. Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in to receive credit for attending. Additional educational meetings may be presented during the project period (March through February) and are optional.**

15. **Two separate Buyers Letters (ONE TO A PREVIOUS BUYER AND ONE TO A NEW BUYER, ADDRESSED, STAMPED AND UNSEALED WITH YOUR RETURN ADDRESS) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office by 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however, you are encouraged to send out more on your own. POSTMARKED OR METERED MAIL THAT ARRIVES AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A LIST OF PREVIOUS BUYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FAIR OFFICE.**

16. AWARDS & PREMIUMS: Entries will be judged by the Modified Danish System.

**BLUE RIBBON \$5.00      RED RIBBON \$3.00      WHITE RIBBON \$1.00**

**PERSONS WISHING TO COMPETE IN THE SHOWMANSHIP CLASS, MUST SO DESIGNATE BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WEIGH IN AND PAY A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$10.00 PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL SHOWMANSHIP & FITTING IS ONE CLASS.**

**PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP IS A PERCENTAGE OF ENTRY FEES COLLECTED:**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 <sup>TH</sup>	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 <sup>ND</sup>	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 <sup>TH</sup>	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 <sup>RD</sup>	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 <sup>TH</sup>	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

**RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

17. Dairy steers will not be accepted.

18. Thank you letters for Buyers, Trophy Sponsors and Add-Ons must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. BRING YOUR LETTERS TO BARN CLEAN UP, OR TO THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE THE BARN CLEAN UP DATE. LETTERS MUST BE **STAMPED**, ADDRESSED, AND **UNSEALED** WITH YOUR RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE. Letters must be turned in to the designated person who will be posted, so your name will be removed from the list. All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a trophy sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy.)

19. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

**EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOWRING ETHICS, THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.**