

# North Florida Livestock Show & Sale February 16 - February 19, 2026

*Madison County Agricultural Center Madison, Florida*

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CATTLE AND SWINE SHOWS

### ALL EXHIBITORS

1. All participants between the ages of 8 and 18 must be a member of and show under 4-H or FFA. Youth must designate whether participation is 4-H or FFA by time of ownership. Youth must wear colors and/or emblems to designate 4-H or FFA participation while showing. (4-H'ers must be 8 years old by September 1, 2024, in order to show.)
2. 4-H and FFA participation is limited to one year after completion of high school.
3. Boundaries designated for this show are Madison, Jefferson, Hamilton, Suwannee, Taylor, and Lafayette counties.
4. The North Florida Livestock Show and Sale, Inc., assumes no liability whatsoever.
5. Entry fees are \$15 per livestock entry; all entry fees are due with registration forms at weigh-in/tagging. Make checks payable to NFLSS, Inc.
6. All animals **MUST** come for weighing/tagging scheduled for **Monday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** **Note: Animals not tagged by Oct 21<sup>st</sup> will not be allowed to show. Cattle must have halter on at tag in. Every animal must have an Official USDA 840 EID tag #**
7. All Livestock entry forms must be turned in at the Mandatory Weigh-In/Tagging on **Oct 20<sup>th</sup> or Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**.
8. Ag teachers, club leaders (4H/FFA) and Extension Agents who are supervising youth entries must certify that animals have been owned the required length of time.
9. Every animal must be housed on the premises of the exhibitor, chapter land lab, or 4-H land lab. If another location is used, it must be stated on entry form at the time of the initial tag-in. This place will be approved by NFLSS board of directors. All animals are subject to an unannounced premise check. If the entry is found not to be raised on the premise, the entry will be subject to disqualification.
10. At **SHOW CHECK-IN ON FEBRUARY 16th, 2026, ANIMALS WILL ONLY BE WEIGHED ONE TIME.**
11. All participants in 4-H or FFA are required to complete and turn in a record book for each entry before the annual show and sale
12. Showmanship awards will be given to the top junior (ages 8-10), the top intermediate (ages 11-13), and the top senior (ages 14-19) showmen in both the cattle and swine shows. To be eligible to win a showmanship award an exhibitor must follow the approved guidelines for cattle and swine showmanship. **Exhibitors must show their own animal with no exceptions. Chapter animals will be appointed by advisors and told to NFLSS by final weigh in.** An individual may win awards as many times as he/she is showing an animal. Herdsmen awards will be judged all week based on observations made in the cattle and swine barns. **(Showmanship guidelines are available online.)** September 1, 2025 is the date to determine age category. For example, a child that turns 11 after September 1 will still show as a junior.
13. Exhibitors must provide water containers and feed troughs for cattle and swine entries. All exhibitors must provide feed for their animals.
14. No individual animal may be shown in more than one class with the exception for the beef entries that are home grown.

15. All single entries in the cattle and swine shows must be shown in the show ring by the exhibitor except when two singles are entered in the same weight class by an exhibitor, or a satisfactory reason is given to and approved by the show management.
16. Youth entries will be judged using the modified Danish system.
17. The decision of the judges is final.
18. Before payment of an animal is sent to the 4-H/FFA participant, a copy of the thank you letter sent to the buyer must be given to the Ag teacher, club leader or Extension Agent. Participants are encouraged to contact their own buyers when applicable. **If a check is lost by the exhibitor, the bank stop payment fee will be subtracted from the new check. You have 120 days from check date to cash. If check is not cashed and you need a reprinted check the bank fee will be subtracted from new check.**
19. A 5% sales fee will be deducted by the Association from the price received by the exhibitor to help defray expenses of the sale. Along with the beef council fee and pork council fee.
20. No entries are to be given tranquilizer drugs within seven days of the show.
21. **The Livestock Barn will be closed 30 minutes after the evening event has ended. Only show management is allowed in the barn after that time.**
22. No animals will leave the barn until salesclerk releases them. All slaughter animals will be transported by licensed process. To ensure the safety of exhibitors, attendees, and animals. sors; no animal will leave the barn by an exhibitor.
23. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules and regulations.
24. **No solicitation or advertising banners are to be hung without prior approval from the NFLSS board.**
25. **To ensure the safety of all exhibitors, attendees, and animals. There are no pets including dogs and cats allowed in the barns and arena.**

## SWINE

26. **Swine entries will be received on Monday, from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM.** (The Swine show will begin at 6:00 PM) **An Exhibitor meeting will be held at 4:30 PM in arena on Monday.**
27. In accordance with the federal regulations, all swine must have Premise Identification tag to receive a NFLSS tag. **Official USDA 840 EID tags are required. All premise ID#s will be verified by NFLSS board and/or electronic wand.** Any Swine that does not have a Premise ID tag will not be tagged with the NFLSS tag and therefore WILL NOT be allowed to show.  
  
More information can be found at:  
<https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Business-Services/Animal/Pigs-SwineOfficial-Identification-for-Swine-at-Fair-FAQ>
28. **Individual exhibitors can sell only one swine entry through the sale ring. The second entry will be sold to resale! Due to new Federal and State regulations NO SWINE will be allowed to leave the barn. ALL SWINE WILL BE SOLD.**
29. Exhibitors who show two swine will be required to sell the highest placing swine through the ring. The second swine will be sold by resale.
30. **Swine entries must weigh 220 to 300 lbs.**
31. Swine weight classes will be divided into divisions. There will be a Grand and Reserve in each division. Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Swine will be selected from the Division winners. Top 5 will also be selected.

## CATTLE

32. **Cattle** entries will be received on **Monday, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. An exhibitor meeting will be held at 4:30 PM in arena on Monday.** (The Cattle show will begin at **5:00 PM** on Wednesday. **Under NO circumstances can cattle be removed earlier than the end of the cattle show on Wednesday.** Non-sale cattle **MUST** be removed by 12:00 (NOON) on Thursday.
33. Individual **exhibitors can only show one steer (fat or feeder but not both).** Exhibitors may only sell one cattle entry through the sale ring. Organizations may sell 2 cattle entries. All Fat steers must sell through the ring. Feeder Steers and/or heifers may be sold but are not required. If cattle exhibitors choose to sell more than one entry the second cattle will be sold by resale.
34. **NFLSS definition of HOME-GROWN- An animal that was born within the NFLSS six counties. The animal must be born to an animal owned by the exhibitor, the parent, or the grandparent of the exhibitor. If the animal was already bred when purchased the offspring is not home grown. The Show Committee will determine the Home-Grown eligibility.**
35. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the entries in each division. Both a Home-Grown Grand Champion and Reserve Champion steer, feeder steer and heifer will be selected from those entries that meet the eligibility requirements. Top 5 will be awarded when applicable.
36. All entries will be subject to a screening committee to determine if animal can be shown safely. Cattle will not be allowed to show if not halter broken. If an animal is removed from the fairgrounds after weigh-in, the animal will not be allowed to enter the barn/arena area and will be disqualified from the show and sale. **All finished steers must weigh at least 900 pounds; be less than 24 months of age and should grade select or better. All feeder calves must weigh between 550 and 899 lbs. and grade at least medium one.** All heifers must be between 8 and 24 months of age. Heifers must not have calved.
37. **In accordance with the federal regulations, all Cattle must have Premise Identification tag.. Official USDA 840 EID tags are required.** All premise ID#'s will be verified by NFLSS board and/or electronic wand. Any cattle that do not have a Premise ID tag will not be able to enter the show barn  
  
**In addition, per the Florida Department of Agriculture all cattle are required to present a State Health Certificate at weigh in in February. Animals without a State Health Certificate will not be allowed to enter the barn/show.**
38. All cattle must be tied with a rope halter and necktie when not being shown. Cattle must also be dehorned.
39. No grooming chutes will be allowed under the covers of the building.
40. A weight gain contest will be conducted for exhibitors of finished steers. Steers must be weighed on certified scales by authorized personnel (i.e., Vo-Ag teacher or Extension Agent).
41. All cattle must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and the trimming of the hooves. **No filling of animal,** graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
42. All cattle **MUST** remain within the closed in area, that has been designated by show management, for the duration of the show. (Any cattle entry caught outside the fenced area may be subject to disqualification)