

### **Washington County Youth Fair (WCYF) General Entry Information**

**The WCYF Livestock Show and Sale is an official program of UF/IFAS Extension Washington County.**

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#### **Participation is open to**

- 4-H members enrolled in Washington, Holmes, or Bay County.
- FFA members enrolled in a Washington, Holmes, or Bay County district school.
- Livestock exhibitors must be at least 8 years old by September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Weigh-in/Check-in and Registration are MANDATORY.
  - This is a YOUTH livestock project - the exhibitor is expected to be in attendance with their animal.
  - Registration and fee are due at weigh-in/check-in.

#### **Official Identification**

- All entries must be officially and individually identified prior to submitting the Washington County Youth Fair (WCYF) registration form.
- The only acceptable form of official ID is an RFID tag (with a USDA seal and tied to premise ID).
- The exhibitor is responsible for acquiring official, individual identification for their animals. If assistance is needed, contact us.
- In addition to the official ID tag, steer and hogs are required to have a management tag that is distinguishable and easily read.
- If a steer or hog already has a management tag at the first weigh-in, the tag will be evaluated and then retained or replaced at the discretion of the fair directors.
- Combination official ID/management tags are allowed and will not require an additional management tag.

#### **Health Requirements & Certificates**

- All livestock entries must be on a current official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). OCVI should use RFID tag numbers to identify animals.

#### **Lost ear tags**

- Notify Mark Mauldin immediately.
- Arrangements will be made to re-tag your project.

#### **Project dies**

- Notify Mark Mauldin immediately.
- A project may only be replaced within a two-week period after the mandatory weigh-in. Entries may be limited if necessary.

#### **Registration Forms & Fees**

- Registration forms and entry fees are due at mandatory steer and hog weigh-ins and heifer check-in.
- Registration fees are not refundable.
- Registration is not complete until fees are paid.
- \$35 per steer entry – due at mandatory steer weigh-in.
- \$35 per hog entry – due at mandatory swine weigh-in.
- \$35 per heifer entry – due at mandatory heifer check-in.
- \$25 service fee charged on returned check.

### **Market Steer Show**

- Maximum entry – 3 steers per exhibitor.
- Steers must be weighed at the initial weigh-in.
- Steers must weigh a minimum of 950 lbs. at final weigh-in to participate in market classes and the sale.
- Maximum steer pay weight at the WCYF Livestock Sale is 1700 lbs. regardless of the animal's final weight.
- Steers below minimum weight *cannot* participate in market show classes or sale.

### **Market Swine Show**

- Maximum entry – 3 hogs per exhibitor.
- Hogs must be weighed at the initial weigh-in.
- Entry forms and fees are due at initial weigh-in.
- Hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs at final weigh-in to participate in market classes and the sale.
- Hogs below minimum weight *cannot* participate in market classes or the sale.
- Maximum hog pay weight at the WCYF Livestock Sale is 300 lbs. regardless of the animal's final weight.
- Hogs weighing more than 300 lbs. are not eligible for Grand Champion.
- Clipping pigs is NOT PERMITTED at the WCYF facility.

### **Beef Heifer Show**

- Maximum entry – 5 heifers or cows per exhibitor.
- Heifers/cows are required to be present and registered at check-in.
- Heifers, cow/calf pairs, and cows up to their first weaned calf at the time of the fair are eligible to be shown.
- Heifers/cows over 30 months of age are not eligible for Grand Champion.
- Projects will be shown by age classes determined by birthdates.

### **Showmanship**

- Exhibitors must show their own animal in WCYF Livestock Showmanship classes.
- There are two showmanship divisions:
  - Beef Showmanship
  - Swine Showmanship
- All exhibitors will be classified by 4-H age groups for competition:
  - Junior 8-10 years old
  - Intermediate 11-13 years old
  - Senior 14-18 years old
- Market animals below minimum weight ARE allowed to participate in showmanship classes.

### **4-H & FFA Attire**

The following attire is required during showmanship and market classes:

- Jeans and boots
- 4-H members – button-up shirt
- FFA members – consult your FFA advisor
- Exhibitor number pinned to the shirt, jacket, or in a holder, belt, or clip.
- Other than a brush or comb, no items are allowed in the exhibitor's pockets or looped in the belt.

Consult your 4-H Agent, 4-H Club Leader, or FFA Advisor if you have any questions.

### **Protests/Disagreements**

#### **Project Weight**

- If a question arises over project's weight, a protest must be made while the animal is in the weight chute.
- The animal will be removed from the scales and remain in the weight chute.

- Scales will be zeroed. A second weight will be taken and will stand as the given weight.
- After the animal leaves the scale chute without a protest being registered, the first scale weight will be considered official.
- At no time may an underweight animal be taken from the fair barn and brought back into the barn to be re-weighed.

#### Judging

- Animals may be removed from the class by the judge for type, quality, and finish.
- Judges' decisions are final in all cases and cannot be protested.
- If fraud, misrepresentations, error, or collusion is discovered after awards have been given out, a review board will be convened and may decide final placement.
- No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judges during their adjudication or to offer any criticism of any exhibit.

#### Protests

- In the event of a disagreement, an *exhibitor* must
  - Complete a protest form and make three copies.
  - Submit form and \$50 cash deposit to the fair directors within six hours of the time the protested incident occurred.
- A review board will be convened.
- The deposit will be forfeited, and the review board decision is final.

#### Safety

- All fans, blowers, and other electrical appliances must be equipped with a ground wire.
- Use of electrical appliances is limited to plug-in outlets provided in the barn.
- Stapling, attaching, or extending any extension cord in an unsafe manner is prohibited.
- All extension cords must be Underwriter Laboratory (UL) approved for outdoor use.
- All walkways will be kept clear during public viewing times.
- No wires, extension cords, chairs, feed bags, etc., can be left in or positioned across the common walkways in such a manner as to create a hazard for people or animals.
- Any items found in the common areas during public viewing times will be removed.
- Exit gates are not locked at any time during the fair hours.
- Panels are to be used to aid in the safe movement of animals.
- Pens are generally first-come, first-served. However, pens may be assigned. One pen per animal should not be expected.
- The barn layout can and will be rearranged during periods of inclement weather.
- If an exhibitor, parent/relative of an exhibitor or any visitor on the premises displays behavior(s) violating the 4-H Code of Conduct for youth or 4-H Code of Conduct for adults, the following consequences may be put into action:
  - Forfeiture of premiums
  - Dismissal from premises (with aid of local authorities if necessary)
  - Exclusion from further competition.

#### Care of Animals

- All animals must be cared for and fed during and after the show and sale at the expense and time of the exhibitor.
- Feeding, grooming, cleaning, walking, and caring for livestock projects are the responsibility of the youth exhibitor.
- Clipping livestock is NOT PERMITTED at the WCYF. Project animals should be clipped prior to the WCYF.
- Steer and heifer shows are "blow and go." Adhesives or other holding solutions are prohibited.

- Remember, this is a YOUTH project – adults should serve in an ASSISTANT role and not as primary caregivers in livestock projects.
- TEAMWORK (youth and adult partnerships) should be discernible to the average observer.
- All livestock pens and stall areas must be kept clean and free of litter.
- Beef projects – do not leave feed and water in the stalls overnight.
  - Properly used hay bags may be left in stalls overnight. Hay that has not been fed in a hay bag may not be left in stalls overnight.
  - If hay bags are used, they must be positioned in the center of the stall gate so they do not pose a hazard to other animals.
- Hay cannot be used as bedding in cattle pens.
- The penalties for an exhibitor not conforming to the above rules are:
  - 1st offense – WARNING
  - 2nd offense – DISQUALIFICATION
- Humane treatment of animals is expected. Any abuse of animals is grounds for immediate disqualification, expulsion from the show and sale and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.
- Nose leads are not allowed.
- To enter, show, or sell animals, they must be properly cleaned, fitted, and manageable by the exhibitor.

#### **Sale of Animals/After the Auction**

- Steers, heifers, and swine receiving a blue or red ribbon are eligible to be sold through the Washington County Youth Fair Auction.
- Exhibitors are required to declare if their animal(s) are to be included in the sale or not. This declaration will be final and made at a time determined by the show administration.
- Steers, heifers, and swine will be sold to the highest bidder by the head (not pound).
- Heifer's age, weight, and pregnancy status will be shared during the auction.
- Steer and swine weight and all available carcass data will be shared during the auction. Note: 300 lb. maximum sale weight for swine and 1700 lb. maximum sale weight for steers.
- Youth are responsible for selling their project. Contact with potential buyers should start at the beginning of the project year.
- The WCYF will provide transportation of market animals to local packing houses only.
- Animals not going through the sale must be removed from the premises within two hours after the conclusion of the market show.
- Exhibitors who sold their animal at the auction should feed their animal after the sale. Leave a bag of feed and a bale of hay (beef animals only) with Mark Mauldin.

#### **Record Book**

- No longer required.
- In its place will be a one-page Project Record.  
Download here: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/washington/4-h-youth-development/>
- Bring this completed document to the exhibitor dinner.

#### **Awards, Rankings, Premiums, Ribbons**

- Danish system will be used: each animal will be scored on its own merit, awarded a blue or red ribbon, and then ranked from top to bottom in each class.
- Premiums will be awarded according to funding and will vary from year to year.
- Awards will include:
  - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Showmanship
  - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Swine Showmanship

- Grand Champion Steer and Reserve Champion Steer
- Grand Champion Swine and Reserve Champion Swine
- Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Champion Heifer
- Grand Champion Beef Carcass and Reserve Champion Beef Carcass
- Grand Champion Swine Carcass and Reserve Champion Swine Carcass
- Grand Champion Homegrown Steer
- Grand Champion Homegrown Swine

### Disqualification

- Livestock must be manageable by their exhibitor.
  - Animals posing a danger to the exhibitor, other exhibitors, or the public will not be allowed in the show or sale.
  - Animals not sufficiently trained to be safely handled will be disqualified and dismissed from the arena and/or barn.
- Unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age is prohibited.
  - Unethical fitting is any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
- Animals operated on or tampered with (in the opinion of the judge) for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with the intent relative to the animal's soundness will be disqualified.
- Report sick animals to Mark Mauldin who will notify a veterinarian.
- Animals may be disqualified at any time during the show if sickness or abnormalities develop.

### Selling Your Livestock Project

At the end of the WCYF, you have three options for your animal project:

1. Sell your animal through the WCYF auction.
2. Sell your animal directly to a buyer.
3. Retain ownership of your animal.

Remember, it is your responsibility to sell your steer or swine project. The more you market yourself and your animal, the better chance you have of earning a premium price for the high-quality animal protein that you have raised.

### 2025-2026 Washington County Youth Fair Schedule of Events

Event	Date	Time
Steer Weigh-in	September 30, 2025	3:30-5:30 pm
Swine Weigh-in	November 18, 2025	3:30-5:30 pm
Heifer Check-in	December 11, 2025	3:30-5:30 pm
Washington County Youth Fair February 23-28, 2026 (schedule subject to change)		
Steer Weigh-in	February 27, 2026	7 am
Swine Weigh-in	February 27, 2026	7:30 am
Heifer Check-in	February 27, 2026	8 am
Showmanship	February 27, 2026	6 pm
Market Classes	February 28, 2026	9 am
Sale Opens (tentative)	February 28, 2026	5 pm
Sale Closes (tentative)	March 2, 2026	5 pm
Exhibitor Dinner (tentative)	March 12, 2026	5:30 pm

**UF/IFAS EXTENSION WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR – 2025-2026**

**STEER REGISTRATION FORM**

<b>Exhibitor Name</b>
<b>Exhibitor Email</b>

<b>Age Division</b> (your age on 9/1/25)	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior 8-10 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate 11-13 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior 14-18 years old
<b>County</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Holmes <input type="checkbox"/> Bay	<b>Membership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> FFA

<b>Gender</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	<b>Ethnicity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	<b>Race</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Am Indian/AK Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native HI/Pac Island <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
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<b>Address, City, Zip</b>
<b>Parent Name</b>
<b>Parent Email &amp; Cell Phone</b>

Birthdate	Weight	Flap Tag #/Animal Name	Official EID#
Number of Entries	X \$35	Total	Received

Washington County Youth Fair Shirt		
Youth Size & Number of Shirts	Adult Size & Number of Shirts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large <input type="checkbox"/> Youth X Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large <input type="checkbox"/> Adult X Large <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XX Large (add \$5 to total)	
Number of Shirts	X \$20	Total      Received

Registration & t-shirt fee is due at weigh-in and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to WC4-HA.

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## SWINE REGISTRATION FORM

<b>Exhibitor Name</b>
<b>Exhibitor Email</b>

<b>Age Division</b> (your age on 9/1/25)	Junior 8-10 years old	Intermediate 11-13 years old	Senior 14-18 years old
<b>County</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Holmes <input type="checkbox"/> Bay	<b>Membership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> FFA

<b>Gender</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	<b>Ethnicity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	<b>Race</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Am Indian/AK Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native HI/Pac Island <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
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<b>Address, City, Zip</b>
<b>Parent Name</b>
<b>Parent Email &amp; Cell Phone</b>

Weight	Flap Tag #/Animal Name	Official EID#
Number of Entries	X \$35	Total
		Received

Washington County Youth Fair Shirt		
Youth Size & Number of Shirts	Adult Size & Number of Shirts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large <input type="checkbox"/> Youth X Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large <input type="checkbox"/> Adult X Large <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XX Large (add \$5 to total)	
Number of Shirts	X \$20	Total
		Received

Registration & t-shirt fee is due at weigh-in and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to WC4-HA.

**HEIFER REGISTRATION FORM**

<b>Exhibitor Name</b>
<b>Exhibitor Email</b>

<b>Age Division</b> (your age on 9/1/25)	Junior 8-10 years old	Intermediate 11-13 years old	Senior 14-18 years old
<b>County</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Holmes <input type="checkbox"/> Bay	<b>Membership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> FFA

<b>Gender</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	<b>Ethnicity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	<b>Race</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Am Indian/AK Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native HI/Pac Island <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
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<b>Address, City, Zip</b>
<b>Parent Name</b>
<b>Parent Email &amp; Cell Phone</b>

Date of Birth - M / D / Y	Flap Tag #/Animal Name	Official EID#
Number of Entries	X \$35	Total      Received

Washington County Youth Fair Shirt		
Youth Size & Number of Shirts	Adult Size & Number of Shirts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large <input type="checkbox"/> Youth X Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large <input type="checkbox"/> Adult X Large <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XX Large (add \$5 to total)	
Number of Shirts	X \$20	Total      Received

Registration & t-shirt fee is due at weigh-in and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to WC4-HA.



### Steer Project Record

STEER Flap Tag #/Name	Date of Birth	Purchase Price or Homegrown Value*	Sale Price or Value if Kept	Purchase Weight & Date	WCYF 1 <sup>st</sup> Weigh-in Weight & Date	WCYF Final Weigh-in Weight & Date

### Feed Costs during Project Period – 1<sup>st</sup> Weigh-in through Show Weigh-in

Total Cost –Concentrate Feed	Total Cost –Hay	Total Grazing Days on No Feed
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### Total Feed Costs from Purchase or Wean

Total Cost –Concentrate Feed	Total Cost –Hay	Total Grazing Days on No Feed	Total Cost – Veterinary Care & Medications	Total Costs
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### Swine Project Record

SWINE Flap Tag #/Name	Date of Birth	Purchase Price or Homegrown Value*	Sale Price or Value if Kept	Purchase Weight & Date	WCYF 1 <sup>st</sup> Weigh-in Weight & Date	WCYF Final Weigh-in Weight & Date

### Feed Costs during Project Period – 1<sup>st</sup> Weigh-in through Show Weigh-in

Total Cost –Concentrate Feed	Total Cost –Hay	Total Grazing Days on No Feed
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### Total Feed Costs from Purchase or Wean

Total Cost – Concentrate Feed	Total Cost – Hay	Total Grazing Days on No Feed	Total Cost – Veterinary Care & Medications	Total Costs
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### Heifer Project Record

HEIFER Flap Tag #/Name	Date of Birth	Purchase Price or Homegrown Value*	Sale Price or Value if Kept	Purchase Weight & Date	WCYF 1 <sup>st</sup> Weigh-in Weight & Date	Pregnancy Status Open, Bred, or Pair

### Feed Costs during Project Period – 1<sup>st</sup> Weigh-in through Show Weigh-in

Total Cost –Concentrate Feed	Total Cost –Hay	Total Grazing Days on No Feed
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### Total Feed Costs from Purchase or Wean

Total Cost – Concentrate Feed	Total Cost – Hay	Total Grazing Days on No Feed	Total Cost – Veterinary Care & Medications	Total Costs
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\*Homegrown Value = Heifer – at weaning; Steer – at weaning; Pig - @ 50 lb. feeder pig

