

2026 Santa Rosa County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Show

General Rules

There is an entry fee schedule for the 2026 Santa Rosa County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Show. Each fee is posted on each prospective set of rules.

The maximum amount paid, per exhibitor, is broken down by animal. Payments made at weigh-in must be in the form of cash or check, payable to the Santa Rosa County Fair. If registering online, payment must be made via <https://showman.app/shows#/santa-rosa-county-fair-livestock-show-6c24> . **No person will be allowed to participate or enter any part of the Santa Rosa County Fair if they have any outstanding monetary obligations from previous Santa Rosa County Fairs or have not paid their registration fees.**

It is understood that all exhibitors entering any of the Santa Rosa County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Show (SRCYLS) shows and/or contests agree to comply with all SRCYLS General Rules and Regulations, Animal Inspections Rules & Regulations, and the rules governing each individual show and/or contest.

Let it be known that all those directly associated with the Santa Rosa County Fair Youth Livestock Show (including but not limited to: Board Members, Staff, Show Committees, Sponsors, and Volunteers) reserve the right to be held harmless and not responsible, in any way, in case of any damage, fire or accident to a person, lost articles, livestock, etc. entered and/or exhibited; or any accidents that might occur to the exhibitor or their family, and/or the general public, while visiting the grounds at any time during the Fair.

All animals must be owned by the exhibitor or their immediate family (parents, grandparents, or siblings), or leased. The completed lease agreement must accompany the entry form.

All animals must be in the care of the exhibitor by the entry deadline of each individual show class and remain in their care until the end of the show. Please refer to each individual set of show rules for entry deadlines.

Each animal shall be shown in their natural state. **No dying or adhesives allowed. No baby powder, oils, show sheen or conditioners may be used on day of show and sale.**

The Executive Board and/or Show Committee reserve the right to visit exhibitor's locations to inspect animals that have been entered into the livestock show.

No parents or family members will be allowed in the show ring during the shows and sales. **This area is for exhibitors and show committee members only.**

Exhibitors and parents are not permitted to harass, intimidate, or act in a rude or angry manner towards any Buyer, Judge, Board member, Committee member, or Staff. The show superintendent will have final say with all disputes.

Any protest or complaint must be made, in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours of the event. It must be addressed to the Chairman and Executive Board of the SRCF, plainly state the complaint, and be delivered to the Fair Office. **NO COMPLAINTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE JUDGE, SUPERINTENDENT, OR STAFF.**

Violation of any rules, misconduct, misrepresentation, or failure to cooperate with the Show Committees or their designees by either the exhibitor or members of their family, as determined by the

SRCF Executive Board, may be cause for disqualification. The exhibitor will also forfeit all premiums and awards, and any future participation by the exhibitor at the SRCYLS will be prohibited.

The Santa Rosa County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Committee reserves all rights to make changes to individual shows, events, and/or rules and regulations throughout the year as the Executive Board and/or Show Coordinators deem necessary for the betterment, improvement and safety of exhibitors, volunteers, and guests.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: By signing and submitting an entry to the 2026 Santa Rosa County Fair, the exhibitor, parents, leaders, and advisors agree that they have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as posted by the Santa Rosa County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Show; and that all information on the entry form is true. By signing the entry form you release the Santa Rosa County Fair and those directly associated with it from any liability to your person or property. This also consents to the use, by the Fair, of any pictures taken during the events for promotion or advertising of the Santa Rosa County Fair Association, Inc.

For updates and changes to any rules, please visit the website at srcfair.com.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

All exhibitors must be a registered member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter from Northwest Florida, or South Alabama. Their membership must be in good standing, and they must meet all their club or chapter requirements. The exhibitor must declare, on each entry, whether they are entering as a 4-H or FFA member. Once that designation is made, it will not be changed.

The division between Junior, Intermediate, and Senior classes shall be uniform throughout the Fair. The age for all shows is as of September 1, 2025. Juniors: 8–10 years, Intermediate: 11–13 years, Seniors: 14–18 years and older and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of September 1, 2025, or graduated from public, private or homeschool High School. Exceptions MAY be granted to those past their 19th birthday and still in school with a documented IEP with School Board. PLEASE NOTE: 4-H members under the age of 8 (as of September 1, 2025) may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter only those events (rabbits and poultry) specific to their age group (5 to 7 years old).

It is required that all show exhibitors wear clothing that reflect the official 4-H or FFA attire when exhibiting animals in the show, showmanship or sale. 4-H: Black pants, collared white shirt with 4-H insignia, 4-H jacket or vest is optional. FFA: Black pants, collared white shirt, FFA jacket, FFA scarf or tie. No hats are allowed. Belt and boots are required with pants on the outside of boots. The SRCF Livestock Committee will have the final decision regarding the appropriateness of dress.

Feed, care and management of animals shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Each exhibitor is required to maintain a clean and attractive area (stall or cage) at all times. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing any shavings that he or she wants in their area. Straw bedding is not allowed.

At the conclusion of each show and sale, each exhibitor must remove all shavings from the stall and place them in the designated area upon departure. If your stall is red-tagged for any items left behind (equipment, tools, stall tags, trash, etc.) you will be fined \$25.00. The FFA/4-H advisors are accountable for this determination.

Grooming Clinics are required for Market Steer and Market Swine shows. Confirm the date of the show clinics with your Club/Chapter leader. The clinic date and location are to be provided to the Chairman for posting on srcfair.com.

Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash their hands after handling animals.

Sound amplification equipment will not be permitted unless written permission is granted by the Fair. Such equipment could be subject to removal if improper use is cited. If electrical power is needed for an exhibit, this need must be clearly stated on the entry form and approval granted by the Fair management. All electrical cords must meet safety standards and be placed out of the way of passersby.

Security will be provided; however, the Fair is not responsible for theft or damage to/or from any exhibitor, or injury to any person while at, in or around any exhibit.

ENTRIES

Entry fees for market swine and market steer must be paid the day of initial weigh in and tagging by cash or check (made payable to Santa Rosa County Fair). Please see individual show rules for those dates and times. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS RULE.

NO FAXED OR MAILED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All entries must be filled out completely and accurately. Entries are verified for eligibility and accuracy. Any incomplete or inaccurate entries will not be accepted and will be returned to either the 4-H Leader or the FFA Advisor of the exhibitor. If registering online, payment must be made via <https://showman.app/shows#/santa-rosa-county-fair-livestock-show-6c24>

SANTA ROSA COUNTY FAIR RECORD BOOKS

Students are responsible for completing an animal record book. Record book templates can be found on [HERE](#). If utilizing a record book for a different show, this must be approved prior to the show. Official 4-H Record books and GCA/NRYO Record Books are acceptable.

Record books must be signed off on by the Superintendent at the final weigh-in. The completed record book is due at the Santa Rosa County Extension Office located at 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL 32570, by close of business on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026.**

All market animals are required to have a record book. The record book must be presented to the superintendent at the time of final check-in to be signed. After the show and sale is completed, all record books are to be turned in to the Santa Rosa County 4-H Extension office by April 14, 2026.

No checks will be issued without a completed record book. No exceptions will be made.

ANIMAL INSPECTIONS

All cattle, swine and goats must obtain a current Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection prior to arrival at fairgrounds, unless they are exempt. **Refer to individual show rules for specific health requirements.**

For more information concerning health requirements contact Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection Inspector, Division of Animal Industry, Morgan Merritt at 850-509-4565.

**** IMPORTANT ****

All Health Regulations Will Be Enforced by the Division of Animal Industry Tallahassee, Florida

Rules:

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/readFile.asp?sid=0&tid=0&cno=5C-4&caid=823741&type=4&file=5C-4.doc>

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED

JUDGING CRITERIA

No Superintendent shall judge any show in which they preside.

No judge can be repeated, for the same show, more than two (2) times in a four (4) year period.

Sellers of animals in a show are not allowed to judge that show.

JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

The Santa Rosa County Fair Board Association determines the selection of judges.

MARKET ANIMALS

In addition to all other rules, the following also apply to the Market Steer and Swine shows:

Before the Fair:

All exhibitors entering the Market Steer and Swine shows must write letters to prospective buyers. One copy of this information will be included in the "Market Animal" record book. While you are encouraged to write more, you are required to write a minimum of five (5) prospective buyers.

Use the following guideline: 1) Introduce yourself. 2) Invite them to the Fair to support the youth of Santa Rosa County. 3) Tell about your project and ask them to consider bidding on or purchasing your animal. **REMEMBER:** The more buyers, the better the prices.

Buyer agreements will be made available online to be completed prior to the show.

At the Fair:

All exhibitors are required to pick up a copy of the buyer's agreement if not obtained online prior to show day.

After the Fair:

An original “Thank You” letter to your buyer must be approved by your 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor. Exhibitor’s will not be paid until all obligations are met.

3% sale commission will be retained by the fair to offset costs of livestock show promotion and youth awards.