

# 2025

## Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show

### Rules and Important Dates



Exhibitors,

## **The Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee welcomes you!**

The Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show (OYLS) was established in 1969. OYLS is a not for profit organization seeking to promote and educate the young people of Okeechobee County, primarily in the field of agriculture and community development.

The OYLS board of directors is a group of sixteen (16) volunteer members. The board is comprised of members of the community in which we all live, work and play. They work hard to ensure that you, and your parents or guardians have an enjoyable experience learning about, showing and selling your projects.

Throughout your projects, you should seek the guidance of your 4-H club leaders, 4-H Agent, and FFA Advisors. The OYLS board is also here to help guide you through the process. These rules are designed to be a tool to help you navigate your project(s) for a productive show. Please read them carefully. They should answer any questions that you may have. If not, reach out to your 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, any OYLS board member or the OYLS administrator.

We look forward to working with you throughout your show project!

See you at the show!



2025



LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

## RULES

**UPDATES AND REVISIONS ARE IN  
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AND ARE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED!!!**



**IMPORTANT NOTE: The link to complete and submit all entry forms can be found at Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show's website ([www.okeechobeeyouthlivestockshow.com](http://www.okeechobeeyouthlivestockshow.com)) under the Rules & Information page.**

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Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show, Inc.

**2024-2025 OYLS COMMITTEE**

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----- **GENERAL RULES** -----

1. Exhibitor must be an active Okeechobee 4-H or FFA member *in good standing* enrolled by October 31, 2024.
2. Exhibitor must be currently enrolled in the Okeechobee County School District or live in Okeechobee County and, upon request, be able to provide satisfactory proof of enrollment in another school district. Anyone having graduated shall be ineligible to enter the show.
3. Exhibitors in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) to participate in the March show. You must submit your most current report card to [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com), no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Home Schooled exhibitors must provide their most current evaluation. Failing to email your report card or evaluation will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine if it is received after February 1<sup>st</sup> but no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Physical conditions of exhibitor which the Show Committee considers to be a health and safety problem in the show or sale may result in the Committee not accepting an entry or allowing the entrant to participate in the show or sale.
5. Exhibitor must be at least eight (8) years old by September 1, 2024. Participants that are ages five (5) to seven (7) as of September 1, 2024 will only permitted to show rabbits and poultry.
6. The Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand the purpose and importance of ethics in youth livestock projects, proper animal handling and management, and the difference between animal welfare and animal rights. The Mandatory Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to meet these requirements. Every youth exhibitor is required to attend a workshop and obtain certification no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. Certification is valid for a 3 year period. This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, IFAS. Dates, times, and locations of workshops will be available from 4-H Club Leaders, FFA Advisors, and the Florida State Fair website ([www.floridastatefair.com](http://www.floridastatefair.com)) after they have been scheduled.
7. OYLS recognizes that it is a privilege to participate in the livestock show and sale, and that bullying activities and illegal substance use are detrimental to the education provided by participation in 4-H or FFA activities. By entering an exhibit in the OYLS, the exhibitor acknowledges that if they are found to participate in bullying activities or illegal substance use, their entry may be disqualified at any time at the discretion of the OYLS board of directors.
8. All entry forms must be completed and submitted online. Follow the link located at [www.okeechobeeyouthlivestockshow.com](http://www.okeechobeeyouthlivestockshow.com), under rules and information. Entries will remain pending until verified by 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors.
  - a. **Steer** entry forms must be completed online at the link provided above on or before Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
  - b. **Swine** entry forms must be completed online at the link provided above on or before Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 5:00 pm. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
  - c. **Goat and Lamb** entry forms must be completed online at the link provided above on or before Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 5:00 pm. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** (\*see rule #10 regarding administrative fee)
  - d. **Beef Breeding** entry forms must be completed online at the link provided above on or before Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Purebred entry forms must also include a copy of

the registration papers or the application for registration if not already registered. The ability to add pairs will be available online. (\*see rule #10 regarding administrative fee). **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

e. **Dairy** entry forms must be completed online at the link provided above on or before Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Entry forms must include a copy of the Grade ID papers, registration papers, or the application for registration if not already registered. (\*see rule #10 regarding administrative fee). **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

f. **Poultry and Rabbit** entry forms must be completed online at the link provided above on or before Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM. (\*see rule #10 regarding administrative fee). **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

9. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST download and read the 2025 OYLS rules. The acknowledgement form on the last page of the rules must be signed by the Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian and emailed to [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com) prior to entry deadline of the individual show (poultry, rabbits, dairy, swine, goat, lamb, steer, beef breeding) in order to complete the entry. If this form is not received, the entry will be void and the Exhibitor will not show this year.**
10. A \$10 administrative fee will be assessed per non-sale animal entry for Beef Breeding, Dairy, Goats, Lambs, Poultry and Rabbits. This fee will be collected upon entry online.
11. An exhibitor may enter and show six (6) animals or exhibits with a maximum of four (4) entries in one category. Exhibitor may enter only one animal per class. Exhibitor may initially weigh-in only one Steer *or* check-in only one Market Swine. (Excluding Dairy Show Exhibitors), Dairy Show Exhibitors may show up to six (6) Dairy. Dairy Exhibitors exhibiting up to six (6) Dairy animals will not be permitted to show any other species.
12. All animals must comply with State and/or Federal health regulations. All animals, including small animals, must have a Health Certificate signed by an accredited Veterinarian.
13. All cattle with horns must be tipped to no smaller than a quarter (i.e. .25 cent piece) in diameter.
14. All animals must be approved by a sifting Committee as to quality and breed characteristics, along with fitness and grooming, so as to be a credit to the show and sale.
15. Showmanship is mandatory for all species. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal, except on permission of the Committee, and stand-in is not eligible for showmanship. Club/Chapter projects are not permitted to show in showmanship.
16. Exhibitor must manage his/her animal to the satisfaction of the show Committee. Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 am, ALL STEER EXHIBITORS MUST walk their steers into the show ring to demonstrate their control of the animal. Beef Breeding animals may be required to do so at the discretion of the show Committee. All rejected animals must be removed immediately from the grounds and will not be allowed to show or sell. Animals can be ejected at anytime from the show by the show Committee.
17. All animals must have an exhibitor's identification sign. The sign must have the Exhibitor's name, 4-H/FFA club name, animal name and animal breed. Signs must be displayed by the end of the respective check-in day. (The assigned Coop Card will suffice for Small Animals.)
18. Use of tranquilizers or other forms of tampering is prohibited. Any market animal will be condemned if there are signs of drug residue. Exhibitor will forfeit all monies and/or prizes from that animal and be banned from OYLS.

19. All cattle must have and be shown with a suitable halter.
20. Exhibitor must keep his/her animals, stall space, and the barn in general, clean and neat as possible and must provide a suitable feed box. There will be a monetary penalty charged if stall space is not kept presentable and the possibility of not being eligible to show the following year. Stall space for all animals will be assigned by OYLS.
21. Show boxes and chairs will not be allowed in the barn. Space will be provided in the horse barn stalls. (Excluding Dairy Show Exhibitors)
22. Water buckets **MUST NOT** be left in the cattle beds. They must be removed immediately after watering the animal.
23. Exhibitors must dress appropriately any time on the fairgrounds and must wear appropriate dress of the organization designated by the 4-H Leaders or FFA Advisors during the Show and Sale. **A nice shirt (no t-shirts or tank tops), along with long pants and closed toed leather shoes are required for show and sale.**
24. Exhibitor will be responsible for the care of his/her animal until it is removed from the barn. Non-sale, milking dairy animals can, at the exhibitor's option, be removed after the dairy show. Additionally, cattle only (not the exhibitor) will be excused to go to another show with confirmation of entry into that other show and 30-day advance notification in writing to the livestock show Committee. All other animals must remain until released by the Committee.
25. There will be three Showmanship divisions in each of the seven (7) shows (Beef Breeding, Dairy, Goat, Lamb, Poultry, Rabbit, Steer, and Swine). Participation is mandatory with the exception of chapter projects, which are excluded from showmanship competition.
  - i) Junior 11 Years Old and Younger as of 9/1/2024.
  - ii) Intermediate 12, 13 & 14 Years Old as of 9/1/2024.
  - iii) Senior 15 Years Old and older as of 9/1/2024.




26. Intermediate and Senior Exhibitors are required to attend the designated workday or to perform other work to be designated by the OYLS Committee. Failure to follow this rule will result in a \$100 fine. **Exhibitors are to bring your own cleaning utensil (rake, shovel, push broom).** Exhibitors must sign in and sign out to receive credit for the workday.
27. A stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope with a thank you letter(s) to the buyer(s) of your animal must be turned in to the Okeechobee County Extension Office on or before WEDNESDAY, April 2, 2025, at 5:00 pm or a \$100 fee will be deducted from the sale check. If your thank you letter(s) was/were not previously turned into the Okeechobee County Extension Office, it/they must be brought to the check distribution in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope before you receive your sale check. If the thank you letter is not received by the check distribution date, the Exhibitor will not be allowed to show next year.
28. Unless notified by the OYLS Administrator that your buyer chose the donation option, a thank you plaque(s) **MUST BE DELIVERED** to the buyer(s) or buyer's representative prior to check distribution. A form will be available on the OYLS website, okeechobeeyouthlivestockshow.com, that the buyer(s) or buyer's representative **MUST** sign to indicate that they received the plaque(s). This form **MUST** be brought to the check distribution site and given to an OYLS board member or our administrator in exchange for your sale check.





29. If, at any time, the OYLS Committee determines the exhibitor is not directly responsible for the care and welfare of their project or that anyone other than the exhibitor profits from the sale of the animal, the OYLS Committee reserves the right to prohibit that exhibitor from participation in the show and sale.

 30. All exhibitors shall turn in a completed record book by the due dates established by the 4-H Agent and/or FFA Advisor. The record book must correspond with the 4-H or FFA designation indicated on each project entry form. NO LATE RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If the record book is not received, the Exhibitor will not be allowed to show the next year. The missing record book must be completed and turned in before the Exhibitor will be allowed to show in the following years. **Any graduating senior not complying with this rule will be ineligible to receive a scholarship.**

31. No professional fitter will be allowed to assist or groom any animal or said animal will be disqualified from the show and sale. Only Exhibitor's family or fellow 4-H/FFA members may be permitted.

32. Special barn rules may be posted.

33. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. The Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee has the authority to ban anyone for conduct deemed to be inappropriate.

34. Show management is in no way responsible for exhibits or any accidents that may occur.

35. Final interpretation and administration of all rules is vested in the Livestock Show Committee and its decision is final. Any changes or amendments to these rules can only take place with 2/3 majority vote of the entire Livestock Show Committee.

36. Appeals to any OYLS rule must be made in writing and delivered to the OYLS Committee by mail or in person. Appeals must be received 30 days prior to show check-in to be considered before the show. Any appeals received within 30 days of show check-in will not be guaranteed a ruling until after the show. Once appeals are voted on by Committee, the decision is final.

----- **SALE RULES** -----

1. All Steers and Market Swine shall be sold and slaughtered at a designated slaughterhouse.
2. Dairy Exhibitors may sell a calf, heifer or cow. Heifers over 20 months of age must be confirmed pregnant or milking. Heifers will be pregnancy checked the week of the sale.
3. Exhibitor may sell only one (1) animal per year.
4. If an animal is condemned at the show Committee designated slaughterhouse, the buyer will be reimbursed for the buy-back amount at the expense of the exhibitor.
5. Sale order will be as follows: Poultry, Rabbits, Boer Goats, Lambs, Dairy, Beef Breeding, Steers and then Swine.
6. Steers will sell by Grand, Reserve, and the Okeechobee County Champion – followed by the Top Showman in each division.
7. Market Swine will sell by Grand, Reserve, then Division winners – followed by the Top Showman in each division.
8. Boer Goats and Lambs will sell by Grand and Reserve - followed by Top Showman in each division.
9. Final Sale order may be adjusted at the discretion of the OYLS Committee.
10. All no sales for Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy, Beef Breeding, Goats and Lambs must be announced before the animal leaves the sale ring. Exception to this will only be made by mutual consent of the buyer and seller.
11. The same Exhibitor shall not sell an animal that has been previously sold by that Exhibitor at the OYLS Sale.
12. There will be an expense commission held out on all sales and add-ons to pay for show expenses.
13. Transfer, I.D., Certificates and Registration Papers will be picked up at check-in for Beef-Breeding and Dairy sale animals. **All Exhibitors MUST CHECK-IN with the show office upon arrival at the OYLS Show. All Poultry, Rabbit, Beef Breeding, Dairy, Lamb, and Goat exhibitors MUST TURN IN A SALES SHEET AT CHECK-IN in order to sell their exhibit. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to transfer documentation of the animal to the Buyer, NOT OYLS.**
14. Exhibitors that sell their animals or receive add-ons will be paid only money that has been collected prior to the check distribution. All money collected after the check distribution will be paid on July 1, 2025. After July 1, a serious effort will be made to collect money from the buyer(s) only. Exhibitors will be paid when the money is collected.
15. Animals which do not show (including showmanship), do not sell during the sale.
16. Bred animals must be confirmed as pregnant by an accredited veterinarian.
17. Exhibitors will not be eligible to receive add-ons through OYLS if an exhibitor's entry/animal does not make it through check-in, show and or the live sale.

## SPECIAL RULES FOR BEEF BREEDING SHOW

1. Purebred entry forms must also include a copy of the registration papers or the application for registration if not already registered.

**2. All animals registered with a breed association must compete in their respective breed specific division within the OYLS Beef Breeding Show. If a breed specific division for a registered animal does not exist, the OYLS Beef Committee will assign the registered animal to the appropriate division as it sees fit and at its sole discretion. An Exhibitor's failure to comply with this rule will result in an immediate disqualification of the animal and/or forfeiture of any awards and/or premiums.**

**3. All Beef Breeding animals must have a visible numeric identification in the form of an ear flap tag, a freeze brand, or a fire brand.**

4. All unregistered Beef Breeding animals will be shown by weight.

5. Large classes may be split.

6. If there are less than five (5) registered animals of the same breed and same gender, they will be added to the AOB (All Other Breed) class according to age.

7. Bulls must be registered in the name of the exhibitor and papers shown upon entering the barn or certificate of application according to the breed association rules.

8. Bulls must be calved on or after January 1, 2023.

9. Heifers must be calved on or after January 1, 2022.

10. All bulls over 12 months old will be shown with a nose lead. A nose lead is optional and at the discretion of the exhibitor for Beef Breeding Females and Steers.

11. Exhibitors will be granted one substitution animal, **which must be owned or leased by December 1, 2024.** Substitution must be declared by Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

12. Registered and crossbred females may be shown, but registered females must be registered in the exhibitor's name and papers must be shown upon entering the barn or certificate of application according to the breed association rules.

13. Calves shown with cows must be under 205 days old on day of show and the cow must be **39** months or younger.

14. Classes 15 and 16 must accompany confirmation by an accredited veterinarian that they are bred.

15. Beef cattle classes listed on page 21 of this Rule book.

**16. Chairs will not be allowed in the barn. Show boxes will not be allowed in the barn, unless the OYLS Beef Committee authorizes Beef Exhibitors to have show boxes in designated areas within the barn. Space will be provided in the horse barn stalls. (Excluding Dairy Show Exhibitors)**

17. Water bucket(s) MUST NOT be left in cattle beds. They must be removed immediately after watering the animal.

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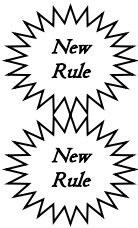
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18. Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 am, some Beef Breeding Exhibitors may be required to walk their animal into the show ring to demonstrate control of their animal. This will be at the discretion of the Committee.
19. There will be an overall Okeechobee County Heifer Champion. Each division will select a Grand and Reserve Okeechobee County champion at the end of their shows who will come back to compete for overall Okeechobee County Heifer Champion.
20. Okeechobee County heifers will be source verified by the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee at initial check-in. Okeechobee County heifer exhibits must be conceived and born on property that lies entirely within the geographical boundaries of Okeechobee County (property may not extend into other counties).
21. A signed affidavit for each heifer entered into the Okeechobee County show must be emailed to the OYLS Administrator at [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com) prior to entry deadline. Affidavit may be found at the end of the rule book.
22. If an animal is entered into the Okeechobee County show and later deemed not an Okeechobee County animal, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the current year's show and sale and not permitted to show the following year.

\* Note – In vitro fertilization (IVF) animals must have been fertilized within the geographical boundaries of Okeechobee County.

## SPECIAL RULES FOR DAIRY SHOW

1. Registered and grade females with Grade I.D. papers may be shown, provided they are registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration/Grade ID papers or a copy of the certificate of application must be submitted with online entry. Any entries with pending registration/grade ID papers need to submit updated copies of their papers before check-in. Registration/Grade ID papers/Lease agreements must also be shown upon entering barn at check-in.
2. Exhibitors may enter dairy females of the following six (6) breeds (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn).
3. Exhibitors may enter and show dairy animals that are leased to the exhibitor through the official Florida 4-H or FFA Dairy Lease Program. A copy of the official Lease certificate must be submitted online at time of entry. The rules of the official Florida 4-H or FFA Dairy Lease Program will apply to leased animals. Rules can be obtained by contacting the Lease Program Administrator, Dr. Chris DeCubellis ([cdecube@ufl.edu](mailto:cdecube@ufl.edu)).
4. No dairy animals may be entered or shown that are owned by more than one owner. This applies to owned or lease animals.
5. Exhibitors may enter and show up to six (6) Dairy animals. Dairy Exhibitors exhibiting up to six (6) Dairy animals will not be permitted to show any other species.
6. The Dairy Committee may allow for up to two (2) substitutions up until check-in.
7. All Class 2 or older dairy animals, including substitutions, must be owned or leased by December 1, 2024. All Class 1 dairy animals, including substitutions, must be owned or leased by entry deadline.



- 8. Cows three years old and older must have had at least one (1) calf prior to showing at OYLS.**
- 9. Any animal that does not receive a blue ribbon will not be eligible to participate in a championship drive.**

10. There will be a Junior, Senior and Overall Champion Bred-by-Exhibitor class. A Bred-by animal is born to a dam that was owned by the exhibitor at the time of breeding. Proof of bred-by entry will be confirmed with registration paperwork at check-in. Leased animals are not eligible for bred-by classes.

\*Dairy classes are listed on Page 22 of this Rule Book.

## SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET STEER SHOW

1. Steer entries are due Wednesday, September 11, 2024 by 5:00 pm. (this is your intent to show in the 2025 OYLS Steer Show.)
2. Steer Exhibitors must declare their entry on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., by picking up your ear tag. Pick up will be at the OHS (Okeechobee High School) Ag Barn. Do not bring your animal. (If an Exhibitor does not have the means to tag their animal, contact an OYLS Steer Committee member, your County 4-H Extension Agent or your FFA Advisor). Tag your steer, in either ear, with the tag # in the front of the ear. You should be able to view the tag number when looking face-to-face with your steer. Also, bring the following; a nose print from your steer on a 3x5 index card in a Ziploc bag with the Exhibitor's name on it and two (2) – 3x5 **color** pictures of your steer, one (1) **color** picture must be from the front of the steer and the other must be a profile of the steer.
3. OYLS ear tag and premise ID tags must not be intentionally removed from animal.
4. Steers will be weighed once and one time only and must weigh **at least 1000 pounds** at show weigh-in on **March 12, 2025**.
5. Steers will be classed by the show Committee according to weight with no more than 8 per class.
6. A nose lead is optional and at the discretion of the Exhibitor.



**23. Chairs will not be allowed in the barn. Show boxes will not be allowed in the barn, unless the OYLS Beef Committee authorizes Beef Exhibitors to have show boxes in designated areas within the barn. Space will be provided in the horse barn stalls. (Excluding Dairy Show Exhibitors)**

7. Water bucket **MUST NOT** be left in cattle beds. They must be removed immediately after watering the animal.
8. Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 am, ALL STEER EXHIBITORS MUST walk their animal into the show ring to demonstrate control of their animal.
9. There will be an Okeechobee County steer champion.
10. Okeechobee County steers will be source verified by the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee at initial check-in. Animal must be conceived and born on property that lies entirely within the geographical boundaries of Okeechobee County (property may not extend into other counties).
11. A signed affidavit must be turned in with a nose print, and 2 – 3 x 5 **color** pictures of the steer. One (1) **color** picture must be from the front of the animal and the other must be a profile of the animal. Affidavit may be found at the end of the rule book.
12. If an animal is entered into the Okeechobee County show and later deemed not an Okeechobee County animal, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the current year's show and sale and not permitted to show the following year.

*\* Note – In vitro fertilization (IVF) animals must have been fertilized within the geographical boundaries of Okeechobee County.*



## SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET SWINE SHOW

1. All Market Swine must be of a recognized domestic breed.
2. All entries must be limited to market barrows or open gilts. Entries must be completed online by November 27, 2024.
3. Market Swine Exhibitors must declare their entry on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., by picking up your ear tag. Pick up will be at the OHS (Okeechobee High School) Ag Barn. Do not bring your animal. (If an Exhibitor does not have the means to tag their animal, contact an OYLS Market Swine Committee member, your County 4-H Extension Agent or your FFA Advisor). Tag your swine, in either ear, with the tag # on the top of the ear. You should be able to view the tag number when looking down at the pig.
4. Each swine exhibit will require **three (3) color** pictures. One (1) **color** picture of the exhibitor and their market swine and one (1) **color** picture of the market swine with the ear tag # clearly visible **and one (1) color picture from the front of the market swine with face and both ears visible.** Email your **color** pictures to [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com) with your exhibitor first and last name and corresponding market swine ear tag # in the subject line no later than December 18, 2024.
5. OYLS ear tag and premise ID tags must not be intentionally removed from animal.
6. Market Swine must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds and a maximum of 310 pounds at weigh-in on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.
7. During check-in/weigh-in at the show, drivers are to remain in vehicle and pull forward as soon as the animal is unloaded. Exhibitors are responsible for the unloading of their animals. OYLS will not assume liability for any injury to swine. OYLS will take animal to the scale once it's unloaded. **Exhibitors are encouraged to take their market swine from the scale to their pen.**
8. Market Swine will be allowed to weigh one time only at the weigh-in. In case an animal does not meet weight requirement, exhibitor may request the scales be zeroed and re-weighed immediately. The request must be made before the animal leaves the scales and the animal cannot be removed from the scale area before being re-weighed.
9. By 3:00 pm the day of show check-in, if animal has not yet been attended to, Exhibitor and/or parent will be contacted. If issue is not resolved in a timely manner, Exhibitor will be disqualified, and the animal will then become the possession of OYLS.
10. All Market Swine Exhibitors must provide a self watering device in the pen at all times. Jugs will not be permitted to be left on pipes. **Waterers must remain in the pens until Sunday. Waterers will be allowed to be picked up starting at 8:00 AM on Sunday morning. Waterers not picked up by the end of the workday are not the responsibility of OYLS. Any exhibitor who removes a waterer from their pen prior to Sunday morning will be subject to a \$500 fine.**
11. Cedar shavings and/or small flake shaving will not be permitted.

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12. All Market Swine must have an exhibitor's identification sign. The sign must have the Exhibitor's name, 4-H/FFA club name, animal name and animal breed. Signs must be displayed by the end of the respective check-in day.



13. **Pens will be checked twice daily for cleanliness, water and signage. If pens are found not up to the standard of OYLS, Exhibitors will be warned at the time of check. Warning will be communicated by marking the pen, email and phone call. If the Exhibitor's pen is found not up to the standard on any check after warning, Exhibitor will be fined \$200 per check. Cleanliness will be at the discretion of the OYLS Committee.**



14. **Pens will be pre-assigned by OYLS, and grouped together by 4-H Club/FFA Chapter approximately 2-3 weeks prior to check in. A list will be emailed to Exhibitors. Exhibitors will have five (5) days to respond with any requests to be moved (siblings, family, etc.). After the five (5) days, assignments will not be changed. On Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> or Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Exhibitors will be allowed to come in and set their pens up (signs, water, etc).**

15. Market Swine must be controlled by the Exhibitor at all times using the proper tools. Failure to comply will result in being banned from showing in OYLS for one (1) year.
16. Market Swine are required to have Health Papers and EID number MUST be on the Health Papers.
17. Show boxes and chairs will not be allowed in the barn. Space will be provided in the horse barn stalls. (Excluding Dairy Show Exhibitors)
18. Buyer's thank you letter(s) must be in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope with a thank you letter(s) to the buyer(s) of your animal must be turned in to the Okeechobee County Extension Office on or before WEDNESDAY, April 2, 2025, at 5:00 pm or a \$100 fee will be deducted from the sale check. If your thank you letter(s) was/were not previously turned into the Okeechobee County Extension Office, it/they must be brought to the check distribution in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope before you receive your sale check. If the thank you letter is not received by the check distribution date, the Exhibitor will not be allowed to show next year. (see General Rules #27)



## SPECIAL RULES FOR POULTRY SHOW

1. As of show day, all birds must be at least 180 days old.
2. All birds must be owned by the exhibitor or participant.
3. A **color** photo of Exhibitor holding animal must be submitted to the OYLS Administrator at [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com) at the time of entry. (excludes Cloverbuds)
4. No substitutions of animals within 30 days of check-in for exhibitors. (Cloverbuds will be allowed substitutions until check-in.
5. Cloverbuds are only permitted to exhibit one (1) Poultry.
6. If there are more than five (5) animals of the same breed and sex entered a class will be made. If there are not enough animals to make a class for the breed, the poultry will be shown in an open class with all other poultry of like sex.
7. Poultry entries will be limited to chickens, ducks and turkeys.
8. All birds will be bled and checked for disease at check-in. BIRDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY ARE IN HEALTHY CONDITION.
9. The OYLS Committee may decline any entries they feel should not be shown.
10. It is suggested you dust your bird for mites with 5% Sevin or 5% Bug-Be-Gone prior to check-in day.
11. There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the course of the show, the birds must be removed from the premises.
12. Pairs equal two entries. There will be no animals shown or caged as pairs.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for supplying dividers between cages of animals if preferred, OYLS is not responsible.
14. Storage under cages is prohibited. Space will be provided in the Horse Barn stalls.
15. Shavings nor hay will not be permitted in cages.
16. Feeders and waterers must be secured to the side of the cage.
17. **Ducks are permitted to have a water bowl in cage.**
18. Animals not cared for properly by cleaning cages, feeding and watering will be excused at the discretion of the Committee.
19. There will be limited access to the small animal barn during judging of animals.
20. Animals will be released immediately following the Rabbit awards ceremony on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

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## SPECIAL RULES FOR RABBIT SHOW

1. As of show day, all rabbits must be at least 180 days old.
2. All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor or participant.
3. A **color** photo of Exhibitor holding animal must be submitted to the OYLS Administrator at [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com) at the time of entry. (excludes Cloverbuds)
4. All rabbits will be checked for disease at check-in. Automatic disqualifications include: runny eyes or nose, matted and heavily soiled fur below the tail, ear or fur mites, and/or excessively long nails. **RABBITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY ARE IN HEALTHY CONDITION.**
5. The OYLS Committee may decline any entries they feel should not be shown.
6. If illness appears during the course of the show, the rabbit must be removed from the premises.
7. No substitutions of animals within 30 days of check-in for exhibitors. (Cloverbuds will be allowed substitutions until check-in).
8. Cloverbuds are only permitted to exhibit one (1) Rabbit.
9. If there are more than five (5) animals of the same breed and sex entered a class will be made. If there are not enough animals to make a class for the breed, the rabbit will be shown in an open class with all other does or bucks.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for supplying dividers between cages of animals if preferred. OYLS is not responsible.
11. There will be limited access to the small animal barn during judging of animals.
12. Storage under cages is prohibited. Space will be provided in the Horse Barn stalls.
13. Shavings nor hay will not be permitted in cages.
14. Feeders and waterers must be secured to the side of the cage.
15. Animals not cared for properly by cleaning cages, feeding and watering will be excused at the discretion of the Committee.
16. Animals will be released immediately following awards ceremony the day of the show.



## SPECIAL RULES FOR BOER GOAT SHOW

1. There will be a Wether and a Breeding Doe show.
2. Dairy goats are not permitted to show.
3. Eligibility of Animal: Limited to Boer Goats. Each Exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining their own goat.
4. Exhibitors must submit a **color** photo of Goat with Scrapies tag when registering online. Scrapies tag information must be submitted at time of registration. There will be no initial weigh-in.
5. FINAL WEIGH-IN & ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY: Goats will be weighed on certified scales and this will be the official weight. Goats will be placed in class based on weight. Animals not displaying a Scrapies tag will not be permitted to be unloaded.
6. SHOWING: All Boer Goats must be trained for show and are to be controlled by the exhibitor.
7. All Boer Goats must be shown in their natural confirmation and structure without alterations or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of the hooves.
8. Boer Goats are to be kept clean and in show condition until official release time.
9. Show boxes and chairs will not be allowed in the barn. Space will be provided in the horse barn stalls. (Excluding Dairy Show Exhibitors)



NOTE: ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED DAILY. EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN GROOMING AREAS AFTER GROOMING. A \$25 PENALTY PER ANIMAL WILL BE ASSESSED IF THE PEN IS NOT PROPERLY CLEANED DAILY OR EXHIBITOR DOES NOT CLEAN GROOMING AREA AFTER GROOMING.

## SPECIAL RULES FOR LAMB SHOW

1. Eligibility of Animal: Limited to Lambs (wethers only). Each exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining their own Lambs.
2. A minimum of fifteen (15) Lambs entered to have a show.
3. Exhibitors must submit a color photo of Lamb with Scrapies tag when registering online. Scrapies tag information must be submitted at time of register. There will be no initial weigh-in.
4. Animals not displaying a Scrapies tag at final check-in/weigh-in will not be permitted to be unloaded.
5. FINAL WEIGH-IN & ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY: Lambs will be weighed on certified scales and this will be the official weight. Lambs will be placed in class based on weight.

NOTE: ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED DAILY. EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN GROOMING AREAS AFTER GROOMING. A \$25 PENALTY PER ANIMAL WILL BE ASSESSED IF THE PEN IS NOT PROPERLY CLEANED DAILY OR EXHIBITOR DOES NOT CLEAN GROOMING AREA AFTER GROOMING.

6. SHOWING: All Lambs must be trained for show and are to be controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be asked to be haltered or be disqualified.
7. All Lambs must be shown in their natural confirmation and structure without alterations or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of the hooves.
8. Lambs are to be kept clean and in show condition until official release time.

## **YOUTH HEIFER BEEF BREEDING CLASSES**

Class 1	Jr. Heifer calves calved May 1, 2024 and later
Class 2	Jr. Heifer calves calved between April 1 & April 30, 2024
Class 3	Jr. Heifer calves calved between March 1 & March 31, 2024
Class 4	Jr. Heifer calves calved between January 1 & February 28, 2024
Class 5	Jr. Heifer Champion
Class 6	Jr. Heifer Reserve Champion
Class 7	Late Intermediate Heifers calved between October 1 & December 31, 2023
Class 8	Late Intermediate Heifers calved between July 1 & September 30, 2023
Class 9	Early Intermediate Heifers calved between April 1 & June 30, 2023
Class 10	Early Intermediate Heifers calved between January 1 & March 31, 2023
Class 11	Intermediate Champion
Class 12	Intermediate Reserve Champion
Class 13	Late Sr. Heifers calved between October 1 & December 31, 2022
Class 14	Late Sr. Heifers calved between July 1 and September 30, 2022
Class 15	Early Sr. Bred Heifers calved between April 1 & June 30, 2022
Class 16	Early Sr. Bred Heifers calved between January 1 & March 31, 2022
Class 17	Champion Sr. Heifer
Class 18	Reserve Champion Sr. Heifer
Class 19	Grand Champion Female
Class 20	Reserve Grand Champion Female

## **YOUTH BULL BEEF BREEDING CLASSES**

Class 30	Bulls calved October 1 to December 31, 2024
Class 31	Bulls calved July 1 to September 30, 2024
Class 32	Bulls calved April 1 to June 30, 2024
Class 33	Bulls calved January 1 to March 31, 2024
Class 34	Bulls calved October 1 to December 31, 2023
Class 35	Bulls calved July 1 to September 30, 2023
Class 36	Bulls calved April 1 to June 30, 2023
Class 37	Bulls calved January 1 to March 31, 2023

## **DAIRY CLASSES**

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| 1. Junior Heifer Calf                                    | Born Sept. 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024 |
| 2. Intermediate Heifer Calf                              | Born June 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024  |
| 3. Senior Heifer Calf                                    | Born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024  |
| 4. Winter Yearling                                       | Born Dec. 1, 2023 - Feb. 28, 2024  |
| 5. Junior Yearling                                       | Born Sept. 1, 2023 - Nov. 30, 2023 |
| 6. Summer Yearling                                       | Born June 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023  |
| 7. Senior Yearling                                       | Born March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023  |
| 8. JUNIOR CHAMPION                                       |                                    |
| 9. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION                               |                                    |
| * Junior Bred by Exhibitor - All Breeds - After Class 9  |                                    |
| 10. Junior Two-Year-Old                                  | Born Sept. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023 |
| 11. Senior Two-Year-Old                                  | Born March 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2022 |
| 12. Three Year-Old Cow                                   | Born March 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022 |
| 13. Four Year-Old Cow                                    | Born March 1, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021 |
| 14. Aged Cow   | Born before March 1, 2020          |
| 15. SENIOR CHAMPION                                      |                                    |
| 16. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION                              |                                    |
| 17. GRAND CHAMPION                                       |                                    |
| 18. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION                               |                                    |
| * Senior Bred by Exhibitor - All Breeds - After Class 18 |                                    |
| 19. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION                               |                                    |
| 20. OVERAL BRED-BY CHAMPION                              |                                    |

# Okeechobee County Steer/Heifer Affidavit

Exhibitor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Steer: \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#/Brand: \_\_\_\_\_



**3. All Beef Breeding animals must have a visible numeric identification in the form of an ear flap tag, a freeze brand, or a fire brand.**

Breeder/Representative name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder/Representative signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder address where animal originated: \_\_\_\_\_

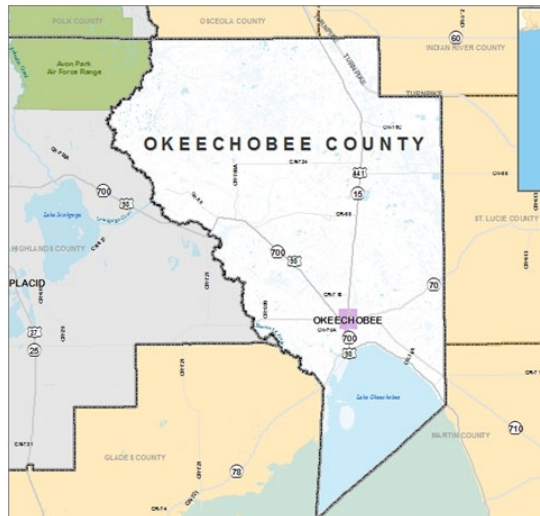
Breeder phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the animal that I am entering into the Okeechobee County Steer and/or Heifer show was conceived and born on property that lies entirely within the geographical boundaries of Okeechobee County (property may not extend into other counties). I understand that if my animal is entered into the Okeechobee County show and later deemed not an Okeechobee County animal, I will be disqualified from the current year's show and sale and not permitted to show the following year.

\*Note – In vitro fertilization (IVF) animals must have been fertilized within the geographical boundaries of Okeechobee County

Exhibitor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF 2025 OYLS RULES

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print exhibitor) and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (print parent/guardian)  
acknowledge that we have downloaded the 2025 OYLS rules from the  
OYLS website (okeechobeeyouthlivestockshow.com) and have read  
them in their entirety. We further acknowledge that we understand those  
rules. If we did not understand, we acknowledge that we sought  
clarification from the OYLS administrator or an OYLS committee  
member and now understand them.

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Exhibitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **General Rule #9**

**ALL EXHIBITORS MUST download and read the 2025 OYLS rules. The acknowledgement form on the last page of the rules must be signed by the Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian and emailed to [okeechobeeyls@gmail.com](mailto:okeechobeeyls@gmail.com) prior to entry deadline of the individual show (small animal, dairy, swine, goat, steer, beef breeding) in order to complete the entry. If this form is not received, the entry will be void and the Exhibitor will not show this year.**



# OYLS College Scholarships

Application packets will be available in the OHS Guidance office. Check with Guidance office on availability dates.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be a graduating Senior.
- Applicants must have shown at least one animal during the OYLS Show & Sale.
- Must be in good standing with OYLS.
- A 500 word essay (topic will be included in application packet).
- Any graduating senior not completing a record book and submitting it to their respective 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor before their deadline will be ineligible for a scholarship.

Recipients will be announced during the OHS Scholarship night. Funds will be dispersed through the Okeechobee Educational Foundation.