

2017 SVYLSS
YOUTH STEER SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Suwannee County Fair
March 17-25, 2017

1. Entries are limited to active 4-H and FFA members (active will be defined by FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents) who are at least eight years old by September 1, 2016, and who have not graduated from high school prior to the 2017 Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA no later than November 1, 2016, and must be a resident of Suwannee, Hamilton or Lafayette Counties.
2. Only one animal per 4-H club can sell, and only one animal per FFA chapter can sell.
3. A Gain-In-Weight contest will be sponsored, and the official weigh-in is Saturday, December 10, 2016. All steers must be weighed on this date at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds, between the hours of **8:00-9:00am**. **Please note the time; all trailers must be in line no later than 9:00am for your steer to be weighed.** Entry forms will be filled out and turned in at the time of weigh-in, and steers will be tagged. At this time, the steers will be given an official starting weight for calculating the Average Daily Gain.
4. **Ethics Certification:** All exhibitors who are 12 years old or older as of September 1, 2016, must be Ethics Certified in order to show their animals in the 2017 show. If a past exhibitor has earned their certification, this will satisfy the updated rule, as long as they received certification on or after their 12th birthday. If an exhibitor received their certification prior to being 12 years old, they must recertify. An Ethics Certification class will be held on December 21, 2016, at the Lafayette High School Ag Department, beginning at 9:00am. (Contact Chad Lyons, clyons@lcsbmail.net.)
5. **FEEDER STEERS:** A Feeder Steer class will be included for steers weighing between 550 and 849 pounds (at weigh-in on March 21, 2017). The objective is to grow the calf, not to fatten the calf, producing a healthy growing steer. These steers are not required to be sold for slaughter (exhibitor chooses whether or not to sell). All Feeder Steers will require a health certificate at weigh-in. At the preliminary weigh-in on December 10, 2016, the minimum weight for Feeder Steers will be 350 pounds. It is recommended that Feeder Steers weigh no more than 500 pounds at preliminary weigh-in. Feeder steers would not have a minimum daily weight gain.
6. For Market Steers (those weighing 850 pounds and above) no health certificate or brucellosis test is required. Animal must be sold at auction.
7. Animals with warts will not be allowed to show. The state inspector has the final decision on all entries.
8. Each exhibitor is limited to two hogs, or one hog and one steer, and exhibitors may only sell either their hog or their steer. However, if an exhibitor receives Grand Champion or Reserve, the champion will sell.
9. An official Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show Record Book is required for each entry and must be in the hands of the show secretary by 5:00pm on Monday, March 13, 2017. All record books must be signed by the 4-H leader or FFA advisor. Copies of letters sent to two potential buyers inviting them to the sale must be included in the record book.

10. Entries must arrive at the fairgrounds between the hours of **8:00-10:00am** on **TUESDAY, March 21, 2017**, unless otherwise notified. All trailers must be in line no later than 10:00am for their steer to be weighed. Steer show will be on **Wednesday, March 22, beginning at 6:30pm.**
11. Steers must either grade Select or Choice, OR must have a 1.75 pounds minimum average daily gain from initial weigh-in to final weigh-in. All MARKET steers must weigh a minimum of 850 pounds at final weigh-in. Steers weighing less than 850 pounds will be shown as FEEDER steers and require a health certificate. Feeder steers may return home with exhibitor.
12. All entries will be subject to a screening committee at final weigh-in. Any unruly steer will be screened again the following morning at 8:00am. If the committee decides to reject the steer at that time, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Safety for other participants, children, and the public is of extreme importance.
13. Animals must be castrated and dehorned prior to initial weigh-in. Steers that have been dehorned and nubs re-grown may enter if the nubs are two inches (2") or less from the hair line at final weigh-in.
14. All MARKET steers will be sold for slaughter. A **5%** sales commission will be charged to the Exhibitor on the gross sale of the animal.
15. Any evidence of tampering with a steer automatically disqualifies the entry. This includes, but is not limited to, drugs and tranquilizers.
16. Show classes will be divided after animals are weighed. Classes will be divided on basis of weight.
17. The Market Steer Show will be blow and go only. This means no hair care products. Wash, Blow, Comb, Show.
18. Exhibitors shall exhibit their steer during the show and sale. If an exhibitor does not exhibit their steer in the show or sale, they shall receive only market value (RESALE) for their steer.
19. The Livestock Board has the authority to exempt any exhibitor from showmanship, show or sale. A written request must be made prior to the last board meeting, which is usually held one to two weeks prior to the show. Written inquiries should be delivered to any board member, 4-H agent, leader or FFA advisor.
20. Each Exhibitor must assume all liability in the event of the death of his or her steer until it is released to the Buyer. This includes feed and water.
21. Steers must be shown with a chain halter. A rope halter of at least 3/8" in diameter must be left on the steer after the sale. Nose leads will not be acceptable in the show ring or during screening.
22. Judging will be on the Modified Danish System.
23. AWARDS GIVEN:

Grand Champion	Feeder Champion
Reserve Champion	Feeder Reserve Champion
Best Record Book Junior (8-10)	Junior Showmanship (8-10)
Best Record Book Intermediate (11-13)	Intermediate Showmanship (11-13)
Best Record Book Senior (14-18)	Senior Showmanship (14-18)
Gain in Weight – First, Second & Third	Herdsmen Award
Home Grown Champion	

24. At the sale, Exhibitors must lead their animal from the ring into the barn. Any Exhibitor not complying with this rule will be fined.
25. It is the Exhibitors responsibility to obtain the name and address of his/her buyer. A copy of the Thank You letter written to the buyer must be sent to the Show Secretary (at the following address) before the exhibitor will receive payment for their animal. Send copy to - SVYLSS Secretary, 1302 11th Street SW, Live Oak, FL 32064. **Providing a letter to your advisor does not satisfy this requirement.**
26. No bedding is allowed in the Livestock Barn except livestock matting, which is acceptable. Material that may be dangerous, such as fences, will not be allowed. No flowers or plants will be allowed in the exhibit area. You are encouraged to limit items in the area to a reasonably sized show box. Tools, such as pitch forks, must be stored in a manner not to create a hazard. Exhibitor/club signs may be displayed as long as they do not interfere with the view of the overall barn, create a hazard or extend into the space of neighboring exhibitor.
27. The Suwannee County Fair Association and the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show & Sale assume no liability whatsoever.
28. A Home Grown steer contest will be included in the 2017 Steer Show. The purpose of this contest is to:
 - Recognize exhibitors who raise, feed and show steers from their home farm herd.
 - Exhibit a steer that is a representative of the type of cattle produced by the exhibitor's home-farm herd.The same steer is shown in the regular steer show and the Home-Grown contest.
To qualify for this contest each exhibitor must show a steer that was bred and calved on exhibitor's farm.
29. The Judges decision is FINAL.
30. This is a 4-H and FFA sale. No money will be distributed to the Exhibitor until ALL resale funds are collected. Final checks will be distributed within thirty (30) days after the buyers make their payments to SVYLSS.
31. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules.