



1. Entry form and \$75 entry fee (**non-refundable**) are due to the Hillsborough County Fair Office by March 17, 2023. Applications must be postmarked by March 17, 2023 to be eligible. **No late applications will be accepted.** Exhibitor must own their steer and steer must be housed at exhibitor's address, land lab, or otherwise approved by the steer committee by March 17, 2023. The steer committee will make visits during the project to check in and answer any questions. Any animals not housed at above premises will be disqualified and unable to show.

2. Initial Tag-In Information

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 7am-10am at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds.

Suggested steer weight is at least 650 lbs and no more than 999 lbs. Steers are weighed at initial tag-in for the exhibitors records only. There is no rule on weight at this tag-in.

Flap tags will be administered to all steers. Permanent ID (as defined by Florida Department of Agriculture) will not be provided or put in by the committee; this is the responsibility of the producer and/or the exhibitor.

There will be an exhibitor clinic that is mandatory for you to attend. It will directly follow the tag in. The clinic will begin at 10 followed by lunch. Market Steer and Buyers Education Seminar will occur in Aug./Sept. (date TBD). Attendance at market steer seminar will earn points for the exhibitor for Premier Exhibitor which will be awarded at the Livestock Banquet post fair.

3. Final Weigh-In

- Weigh in for Market Steers will be Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 from 7-9am.
- Steers will only be weighed one time.
- Steers cannot be over 24 months old at final weigh in. Cattle may be mouth checked to verify age. If cattle are found to be over 24 months old, they will be disqualified.
- To be entered into the show and sale, steers must weigh at least 1000 lbs.
- Record books are to be completed and turned in at final weigh in as your steer crosses the scale. If record books are incomplete, your steer will not be eligible to show.
- **Health papers will be required.**

- Steers will be required to walk and be controlled from the trailer to the scales. This requirement and expectation will be enforced throughout the entire stay of the animals at the fairgrounds. Please note that the fairgrounds are an open setting and steers will have to be kept under control to and from the wash rack and grooming areas. Help will be available at all times if needed.
 - Steers will be classed by the steer committee according to weight.
4. Fitting and grooming of cattle is allowed and encouraged. Parent/guardian/advisor/leader help is allowed. The exhibitor must be engaged and present for fitting and grooming. Exhibitors must help in the entire process as much as physically possible to better learn the skill of fitting/grooming. Fitting of animals will only be allowed for the show. Products must be washed out after the show. Showmanship and sale will be “Blow and Go” only. The committee will enforce the fitting/grooming guidelines.
 5. Contests and other opportunities that will be offered during the 2023 Market Steer show and sale: Fitting/Grooming Contest, Showmanship (required of all exhibitors), Record Book (required by all exhibitors), Herdsman, and Scholarships for graduating seniors. (More information will be given during the clinic.)

General Rules/Guidelines

1. **Please read all General Livestock Rules. All rules will apply.**
2. Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, 2023. Please see general livestock rules for further eligibility.
3. All entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor’s advisor/leader or parent/guardian.
4. NO steers will be permitted with horns.
5. Exhibitor must show their own animal, except with permission of the steer committee. Stand in is not eligible for showmanship and exhibitors must use their own animal.
6. Exhibitor must manage and exhibit their own animal to the satisfaction of the steer committee. All rejected animals must be removed immediately from the grounds and will not be eligible to show or sell. Animals can be rejected at any time by the steer committee.
7. All animals must have a suitable halter and neck rope on while in the bedding areas.
8. Use of tranquilizers/sedatives, filling of cattle with liquid, adding hair to steers, or any other form of tampering is strictly prohibited. Non-compliance will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the fairgrounds.
9. All medications and/or injections (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenously, nasally, or by mouth) given to steers while on the grounds must be administered by/or under the supervision of a veterinarian. This is grounds for immediate dismissal.
10. There will be three divisions throughout the show. All ages are determined by September 1, 2023.
 - Junior – 8-11 years old
 - Intermediate – 12-14 years old
 - Senior – 15-18 years old
11. All exhibitors must turn in a **COMPLETED** record book at final weigh in. You can print the record book from the Hillsborough County Fair website. All record books are to be hand written. Signatures from parent/guardian and/or advisor/leaders are required.

12. Final interpretation and administration of all rules is vested in the Hillsborough County Fair Market Steer committee and its decision is final.

Sale Rules

1. All market steers will be sold at live auction and harvested at a designated location determined by the fair/livestock committees. NO EXCEPTIONS! The steer show and sale is a TERMINAL show/sale.
2. Animals that do not show, do not sell.
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make contact and secure a buyer for their animal.
4. All exhibitors will be required to write a Thank You letter to their buyer. A copy of your Thank You letter must be mailed to the fair office. Your premium check will not be sent out until this is received. Buyers "gifts/baskets" are strongly encouraged for Sale night!

***Please note that the committee reserves the right to change, add, or omit guidelines at any time as deemed necessary. Exhibitors, parents/guardians, and advisors/leaders will be notified of any changes.**

**** Please be sure to read ALL General Livestock rules as they will apply also.**

Premiums

Class Placings 1st - \$50

 2nd - \$40

 3rd - \$30

 4th - \$20

 5th - \$10

Showmanship 1st – \$25

 2nd - \$15

 3rd - \$10

Grand Champion \$100

Reserve Grand Champion \$75



2023 Market Steer Show and Sale

Official Entry Form

Date: _____

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Exhibitor's DOB: _____ Age (as of 9/1/23): _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

Current School: _____

FFA/4-H Club: _____

Advisor/Leader: _____

Shirt Size: Circle 1 **Y/A** Circle 1 **XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL**

Steer DOB: _____

Steer Breed/Color: _____

Animal Housing Location: _____

Please Join our Remind Group:

Send a text to: 81010

Text this message: @hcfsteer

THIS APPLICATION INDICATES MY INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAIR MARKET STEER SHOW AND SALE. IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RULES SET FORTH BY THE COMMITTEE GOVERNING THIS EVENT, AS WELL AS THE IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS. I AUTHORIZE THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK COMMITTEES OR THEIR ASSIGNEES TO RECORD AND PHOTOGRAPH MY IMAGE AND/OR VOICE (OR THAT OF MY CHILD IF UNDER 18) FOR USE IN RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS.

Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry, hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet, etc. that the Hillsborough County Fair may desire. I have read the rules and regulations of the 2023 Hillsborough County Fair Livestock Shows and Market Steer Show and Sale, and hereby agree to abide by these rules. I understand that if I violate any of the rules, I may be subjected to the appropriate penalties, including but not limited to, immediate disqualification and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds, including future fairs and shows.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Advisor/Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

Entries to be mailed to: Hillsborough County Fair PO Box 100 Sydney, FL 33587

Exhibitor Survey

1. Do you have special needs that will affect your ability to complete your steer project according to all stated rules? Y/N
If yes, please explain: _____

2. Are you a first time exhibitor at the Hillsborough County Fair? Y/N
3. Are you a graduating senior for the 2023/2024 school year? Y/N
4. Is this your first steer project? Y/N
5. What area of your project would you like some guidance on? (example: showmanship, fitting and grooming, daily care, buyer outreach) _____

6. Are you participating in any other project or activity at the Hillsborough County Fair? Y/N
7. For the 2024 HCF Fair, would you be interested in American/English Divisions? Y/N

