



2025 Market Steer Show and Sale

Hillsborough County Fair

NEW FOR 2025

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Please find below important changes to the 2025 Market Steer Show at the Hillsborough County Fair.

The 2025 Fair will be held Oct 30 – Nov 9, 2025.

Due to the increasing popularity for our market steer show and sale, we have limited the entries to 50 head. To prepare for the 2025 show we will have the following entry procedure in place:

- Entries for the 2025 show will open be open JUNE 1-20, 2024
- Entries can be emailed, mailed or hand delivered (M-F 9 am – 5 pm) but **MUST BE IN OFFICE** by JUNE 20 by 5 pm
 - If the maximum entries of 50 head are reached, we will hold a drawing.
 - Drawing will be held virtually (via Facebook Live) on Friday, June 21, 2024
 - Entry fees will be due by Dec 1, 2024 for the 2025 show
- Animal Entry information will not be required with exhibitor entry. This information will be due at a later date TBD in 2025.

Entry information will be available, including entry form, beginning on Saturday, June 1st. Please read all the rules and entry information. Again, entries will close on June 20, 2024 for the 2025 Show.

For questions, please call 813-737-3247 or email our Livestock Director, Serena Stratton at rena70@aol.com or Fair Manager, Suzanne Holcomb at suzanne@hillsboroughcountyfair.com

1. Entry form will be due June 20, 2024 and \$75 entry fee (**non-refundable**) will due to the Hillsborough County Fair Office by December 1, 2024.
2. Hand-delivered is suggested. Please call the fair office to confirm hours, 813-737-3247. 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 15, 2025. 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.

3. Initial Tag-In Information

TBD 2025 at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds.

Suggested steer weight is at least 650 lbs and no more than 999 lbs.

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.

4. Market Steer Clinic- Information will be announced after the 2024 Show.

5. Final Weigh-In

- Weigh in for Market Steers TBD. (2025 Fair)
 - Steers will only be weighed one time.
 - Steers cannot be over 24 months old at final weigh in. Cattle will 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.
 - **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.
6. 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. The sale will be "Blow and Go" only. The committee will enforce the fitting/grooming guidelines.
7. Contests and other opportunities that will be offered during the 2025 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, 2025. 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, 2025.
 - 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. NO EXCEPTIONS!
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. These are to be turned in at the conclusion of the sale, before the exhibitor is allowed to leave the fairgrounds. More information will be explained at the exhibitor clinic.

This is a TERMINAL sale. No live animals that are purchased in the Youth Market Animal Sale will leave the fair with the buyer or exhibitor. Animals will be transferred from the fair straight to the processor designated by the Hillsborough County Fair.

***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.**



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Official Entry Form

Date: _____

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Exhibitor's DOB: _____ Age (as of 9/1/25): _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

Current School: _____

FFA/4-H/YLPA (if applicable): _____

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

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 2025 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: _____

Date: _____

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

Emailed: rena70@aol.com

Or Hand Delivered to: Hillsborough County Fair Office 215 Sydney Washer Road Dover, FL 33527

(Fair office open Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm)

FOR THE 2025 SHOW ENTRIES WILL BE OPEN JUNE 1-20, 2024. ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED IN FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 PM on JUNE 20, 2024. IF THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES EXCEED 50 ENTRIES, A VIRTUAL DRAWING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 21

NO POSTMARKED DATES ALLOWED – MUST BE RECEIVED IN OFFICE BY 5 PM on JUNE 20, 2024