

2020 SVYLSS YOUTH STEER SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Suwannee County Fair, March 20-28, 2020

Steer Weigh-in..... Tuesday, March 24, 8:00-10:00am
(Trailers must be in line by 10:00)
Steer Show..... Wednesday, March 25, 6:30pm
Awards..... Thursday, March 26, 8:30am
Sale..... Thursday, March 26, immediately after awards

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, 2019, and who have not graduated from high school prior to the 2020 Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale. Exhibitors must be a resident of and enrolled in school or a 4-H club in Suwannee, Hamilton or Lafayette Counties. ***Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA no later than November 1, 2019.*** Entry forms will be due on November 15th, 2019 to the Extension Offices in either Suwannee, Hamilton, or Lafayette Counties. These forms will be accepted up to November 22, 2019. Any forms turned in after November 15th but before November 22nd are subject to a \$25.00 late fee to be paid to the SVYLSS. Late fee payment must accompany the entry form. No entry forms will be accepted after November 22nd.
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 14, 2019. 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.** Steers will be tagged and exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their tag number is provided to the SVYLSS clerk or other designated member before leaving the fairground. Steers will also be given an official starting weight for calculating the Average Daily Gain.
4. Possession: Every animal must be housed on the premises of the exhibitor, chapter landlab, or 4-H landlab. If another location is used, it must be stated on the entry form at the time of the initial tag-in. All animals are subject to an unannounced premise check, if the entry is found not to be raised on the premise, the entry will be disqualified
5. FEEDER STEERS: A Feeder Steer class will be included for steers weighing between 550 and 849 pounds (at weigh-in on March 24, 2020). 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. It is recommended that Feeder Steers weigh at least 350 pounds and not more than 500 pounds at preliminary weigh-in. Feeder steers would not have a minimum daily weight gain.
6. **ALL Steers (both Market and Feeder) require a health certificate.** Market steers 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 pigs, one pig and one steer, or two steers. Exhibitors may only sell one animal at the auction sale, the other animal will be sold at market price. 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 16, 2020. 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 24, 2020**, 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 25, beginning at 6:30pm.**

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 your local Extension Office in Suwannee, Hamilton, or Lafayette County. **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 2020 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. Exhibitor checks will not be mailed; they must be picked up at the Extension Office in your county.
32. It is understood that all exhibitors filing entries in the show agree to comply with these rules.

2020 SVYLSS STEER ENTRY FORM ***Due *NOVEMBER 15th* to your local County Extension Office***

EXHIBITOR'S NAME _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____ TELEPHONE # _____

YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H OR FFA NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

4-H CLUB/FFA CHAPTER _____ COUNTY _____

Check all that apply:

____ I am entering the Home-Grown Steer Contest. To qualify, the steer must have been bred and calved on your home farm or residence.

____ I have one steer. I intend for it to be in the _____ (Market/Feeder) Division.

____ I have one steer and one pig.

____ I have 2 steers- one will be in the feeder division and one will be in the market division.

MANDATORY TAGGING AND WEIGH-IN DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: Members of the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale Committee (SVYLSS) will weigh and tag animals for identification on December 14, 2019, between 8:00-9:00am. All trailers must be in line by 9:00am. Any animals that need to be weighed and tagged must be at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds during this time. Once tagged, exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their tag number is provided to the SVYLSS clerk or other designated member before leaving the fairgrounds. Any animal not tagged at this time will not be allowed to show at the Fair.

____ I certify that the animal listed on this entry form has been owned and kept on the farm or premises of the exhibitor as required by the rules of the Association on or before December 14, 2019.

If you are keeping your animal on property other than the address listed above, please list the address for where your animal can be found and the reason it is there:

____ I also affirm that a Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show Record Book will be kept on this steer.

____ Record Books are due by 5:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2020.

____ I certify that I have received a copy of the 2020 Rules and Regulations, understand them, and agree to participate in the Show and Sale according to these Rules & Regulations.

Signed:

Exhibitor

Parent or Guardian

4-H Agent or FFA Advisor