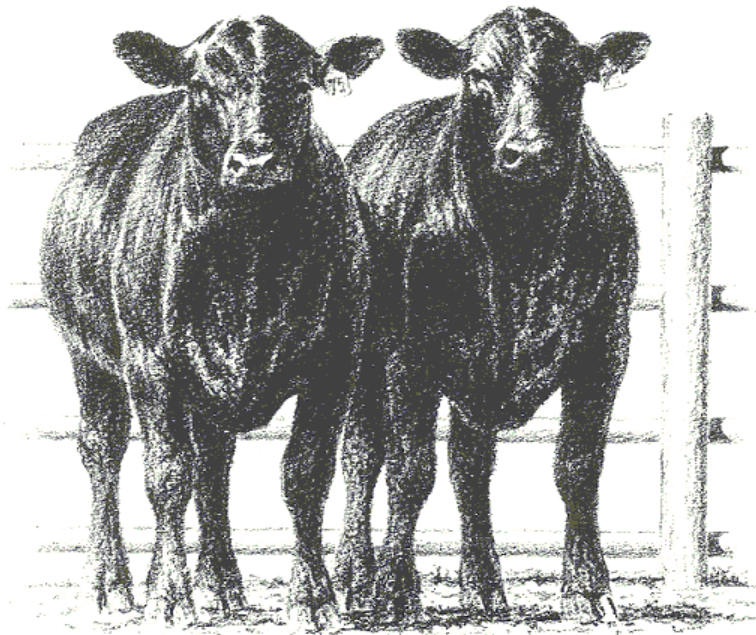


Desoto County Fair



Beef Rules

Desoto County Fair Association
PO BOX 970
Arcadia, FL 34265

2010-2011 BEEF CALENDAR EVENTS

August 03, 2010	7:00pm	Desoto County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall- Mandatory Meeting
August 21, 2010	8:00-9:00am	Arcadia Stockyard- Initial Weight In
December 01, 2010		3 Original Buyers Letters Due
January 22, 2011	8:00-9:00am	Breeding Check In
January 22, 2011	12:00pm	All Steer/Breeding Record Books Due (Regardless of conflict with another fair)
January 23, 2011	2:00pm	Grooming Contest
January 23, 2011	12:00pm	Steer/Breeding Screening @ Fairgrounds
January 25, 2011	7:00pm	Steer Show
January 26, 2011	6:00pm	Animal Costume Contest
January 27, 2011	7:00pm	Beef Breeding Show
January 28, 2011	12:00pm	Beef Breeding Check Out
January 28, 2011	5:00pm	Livestock Awards Ceremony
January 28, 2011	7:00pm	Steer Sale
January 30, 2011	7:00am	Steers Released
January 30, 2011	2:00pm	Mandatory Clean Up & Buyers' Thank You Letter Due

GENERAL FAIR RULES

On behalf of the DeSoto County Fair Association you are invited to be a part of our Youth Livestock Exhibit at the 2011 DeSoto County Fair.

The management of the DeSoto County Fair Association reserves the right to amend, add or and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and difference in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

The DeSoto County Fair and Livestock Committee assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss or well being of the exhibits, however, every reasonable precaution will be observed.

The owner or custodian of the property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft. The Fair, its officers cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether the exhibits, property of the exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

Exhibitors must reside in DeSoto County and be currently enrolled and actively attending a DeSoto Elementary, Middle or High School program. Exceptions may be made on a case by case, written request MUST be made to DCFA, PO Box 970, Arcadia, FL 34265 no later than August 01, 2010. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of a chartered 4-H/FFA program and must be 8 years of age or no older than 19 years of age as of September 01, 2010. The Fair Board and Livestock Committee will reserve the right to ask for proof of school attendance. 4-H and FFA will furnish an attendance record to the Livestock Chairman on January 03, 2011. Each exhibitor must meet the requirements of the club/chapter to be eligible to show/sale at the fair.

The DeSoto County Fair and Livestock Committee assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss or well being of exhibits, however, every reasonable precaution will be observed.

Exhibitors and parents shall no be under the influence of controlled substances or alcohol.

Physical conditions of exhibitors which management considers to be a problem in the show or sale may result in the management not accepting an entry or allowing the entrant to participate in the show or sale.

Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal until the end of the fair or until the animal is removed from the Fair Grounds. At which time market animals become the liability of the purchaser.

Tampering with any animal entered, such as filling with foreign substances etc, is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals or possession of the same after arrival to the fair will be construed as a form of tampering. Tampering will result in immediate disqualification of the animal. No chemicals are to be administered within 30 days of show dates unless administered by a veterinarian and accompanied by a letter from him or her.

Any exhibit not receiving proper care (feed, water, etc.) will be cared for by show management. The exhibitors shall be assessed \$50.00 per feeding for such care from the premium or sale money due. Any exhibitor not attending to the cleaning and care of the animal and pen or stall area may be assessed as noted by the Livestock Committee.

The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject or require removal of any animal because of health, unmanageability or inferior quality.

Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports.

Age determination of showmanship, grooming and record book awards shall be based on the exhibitors age as of September 01, prior to the fair. Awards shall be divided into 2 classes; Junior and Senior see Specific Committee rules.

All market animals will be weighed on scales provided by the Livestock Committee only.

If, for any reason, an exhibitor can not attend the barn clean up day, they must make arrangements on Sunday, January 29, 2011, in advance with the Livestock coordinator. The Livestock coordinator will assign the exhibitors cleaning duties to be performed at a different time. Failure to participate in barn clean up before or after the fair will result in a fine of \$50.00.

Animals must be under the control of the exhibitor at all times. Steers must be double tied with halter and neck ropes at least ½ inch diameter.

All protest must be in writing, stating plainly the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited to the fair in case the protest is not sustained and must be delivered to the fair management within 24 hours after the cause of protest.

Any person who knowingly violates any of these rules in provisions forfeits all rights, privileges and premium offered.

There will be non refundable, registration fee of \$25.00 due at the mandatory registration day. The fee will entitle a week long fair pass for exhibitor and 2 parents. Additional passes may be purchased. Each pass will have a name on it, passes are not to be shared. The pass must have the persons name on it that is using it. NO SHARING OF PASSES.

The Livestock show categories are: Market Steer, Heifers, Bulls, Market Swine, Poultry and Rabbits and Goats. Entry by exhibitor expressly implies their willingness to accept the decision of all judges.

Each Livestock Club is responsible for cleaning the exhibit area immediately following the show/or usage of arena and bleacher area. Steer exhibitors are responsible for Sunday (Grooming), Tuesday (Show), Breeding exhibitors are responsible for Thursday (Breeding).

GENERAL BEEF RULES

All exhibitors in this division are governed by the general rules of the DeSoto County Fair Youth Livestock Show.

Upon acceptance into the fair, exhibitors are under the supervision of the DeSoto County Fair Youth Beef Livestock Committee. At the discretion of the Youth Beef Livestock Committee, any becoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor will result in disqualification, immediate removal of all animals from the fair grounds and the loss of any premium or awards.

Physical conditions of exhibitors which management considers to be a problem in the show or sale may result in the management not accepting an entry or not allowing the entrant to participate in the show or sale.

FFA/4-H Chapters can only show/sale (1) steer or hog per year.

All animals must conform to all State Of Florida Health Rules.

The designated exhibitor must show all entries unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board.

Shots or medication may not be given while at fair grounds, accept with permission of the barn superintendent and under supervision of a veterinarian.

All vehicles used to service animal (such as feed) must take place between Livestock gate opening and 1 hour before fair opens to the public.

All exhibitors that receive a trophy will write a Thank You Letter to the trophy sponsor.

No joint ownership of animals will be accepted.

No parents will be allowed in the show ring at any time during the show or contest. Only appropriate Livestock Committee Members.

In order to insure animals will be on display for the duration of the fair, animals will be released only at the times designated in the calendar of events.

Each exhibitor must have an official Health Certificate upon arrival at the fair. No animals will be allowed inside the fair grounds until a Health Certificate has been reviewed and approved by a State Inspector. All trailers hauling livestock must be cleaned and disinfected prior to arrival according to State Rules and Regulations.

Dress code for all exhibitors will be Black jeans with a White long sleeve shirt, button or snap with a collar. You may wear your FFA or 4-H Jacket. The shirt must be tucked in, Belt and closed toe Boots.

MARKET STEER RULES

In order to enter a steer, the animal must be bred and born in DeSoto County. The Breeder must sign a statement attesting to this fact on approved form, along with a Bill Of Sale. These forms must be completed and attached to the entry form, which will be presented with the steer at initial weigh-in August 21, 2010. All exhibitors must show and sell, including the 4-H and FFA scholarship steers

which will be sold at the end of the steer sale. 4-H and FFA Steers are not eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion Honors.

All Livestock Exhibitors and (1) parent/guardian must attend the mandatory registration meeting on August 03, 2010 at 7:00pm at the DeSoto County Fair Grounds Exhibit Building.

All exhibitors may weight-in 2 steers in at initial weigh-in, however, at final weigh-in only (1) steer will be weighed. Record books must be kept on 2 steers if you choose to weigh 2 at initial weigh-in.

Each exhibitor must attend the weigh-ins to be eligible to show/sale. Exhibitors must have prior approval from the Livestock Committee for an excused absence. School functions or death in family are acceptable excused absences.

Failure to submit all required forms, documentation and pre-entry/registration fee at the required time will result in not being accepted as an exhibitor. There will be no exceptions.

If any exhibitor is charged with a criminal offense (including criminal traffic charges), he or she will not be eligible to exhibit.

Each exhibitor must turn in 3 original Buyers Letters to the DCFA, PO Box 970, Arcadia, FL 34265. Post marked no later than December 01, 2010. Failure to submit to letter will result in \$50.00 fine per letter.

Each exhibitor must bring their buyers' Thank You Letter with a self addressed stamped envelope to the mandatory clean up on January 30, 2011 at 2:00pm. Failure to comply with attendance and/or letter will be subject to a \$50.00 fine for each offense and will be deducted from sale proceeds. Failure to pay will result in ineligibility to exhibit in future fair.

All animals must be polled or dehorned (completely healed) before entering the fair barn. Regrowth must not be longer than 2 inches from scalp.

The Livestock Committee will weigh all steer and have ear tags put in ears. Vaccinations, implants, worming, will be done at initial weigh-in by a veterinarian.

Each exhibitor must attach (2) color pictures to the entry form, 1 of the left side and 1 of the right side. Pictures must be clear and animals must be clearly identifiable. All entry forms must be turned in at initial weigh-in.

Steers may be mouthed at initial or final weigh-in for age verification. A certified veterinarian will mouth any steers questionable. The vet will write a statement concerning the age of steer in question. **STEERS MUST BE NO OLDER THAN 24 MONTHS OLD AT THE TIME OF FAIR.**

Each beef exhibitor will go thru the handling committee at the fair ground on Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 12:00pm. Failure to control your animal will result in disqualification to the fair/show/sale.

All steers must gain 2.0 pounds per day from the initial weigh-in to final weigh-in and weigh at least 950lbs at final weigh-in. (154 days). Steers will not be sold for more than 1300lbs. Initial weigh-in weight of steer is recommended between 650-800lbs. You may ask for your calf to be re-weighed one time only. The calf is not to leave the scale area, while a zero balance on the scale is confirmed.

Steers must be halter broken and halters only will be allowed for screening, show and sale. No nose leads or other retraining devices, including breaking halters will be allowed.

Steers will be assigned show classes by weight upon arrival at the fair.

All steer and breeding record books must be turned in at the mandatory exhibitor meeting at the Livestock Barn on January 22, 2011 at 12:00pm. If no record book is turned in, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show/sale and will remove the animals immediately from fair grounds. All exhibitors must be present for picture taking for the plaques that will be presented on Friday. All exhibitors will receive their fair identification pass to be worn all the time while at the fair.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Animals disqualified from showing for any reason will not be eligible for sale at the fair.

The exhibitor must own the steer on or before August 21, 2010.

BARN RULES

Feeding times 5:30-7:30am and 3:00-6:30pm. No exhibitor are allowed in the barn during the day with the exception of show day.

No flip flops or sandals in the barn or barn area are to be worn by any exhibitor. If, for any reason, any exhibitor can not attend barn clean up day, they must make prior arrangements.

Each exhibitor must be present during the entering of their animal and furnish feed and water and care of his/her animal while at the fair. Each exhibitor is required maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. Any exhibitor showing neglect will forfeit all prize money.

All exhibitors, leaders, and parents are expected to conduct them selves in a courteous, orderly, professional, positive, and sportsmanship like manor at all times or they will be dismissed from the fair and will be banned from participating in future fairs.

There will be no climbing on gates, bleachers, or cages. Children are to be kept under control by their parents.

BREEDING ANIMAL RULES

Breeding exhibitors may enter no more than 2 animals in any individual class. Each exhibitor is limited to 4 breeding entries.

Breeding entry forms must be complete, 2 pictures attached, Breeders Certificate, Registered Papers and Release Form due on September 01, 2010. All must be mailed to DCFA, PO Box 970, Arcadia, FL 34265.

All breeding animals must have a tattoo or branded for proper identification.

All heifers must be calf hood vaccinated prior to entering the fair.

Breeding classes will be assigned by sex, age and breed.

Any female older than 2 years of age must have calf at side or be verified bred by a certified veterinarian and documented on the health certificate.

Breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor on or by September 01, 2010.

NO BREEDING ANIMALS OVE 3 YEARS OLD.

JUDGING:

A modified danish system of judging will be used. All decision of judges are final.

Ribbons awarded for placement in classes will be paid premiums as follows:

Blue Ribbon	\$20.00
Red Ribbon	\$15.00
White Ribbon	\$10.00

Grand and Reserve Champion will be awarded a Trophy and Belt Buckle.

STEER/BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Eligibility for competing in showmanship classes will be determined by the judge.

Breeding/Steer showmanship exhibitors must show their own animals.

Two classes each for Beef and Steer exhibitors will be comprised of 2 divisions:
Juniors exhibitors 8-12 years of age as of September 01, 2010 and Seniors 13-19 years of age as of September 01, 2010. There will be at least 2 animals to constitute a class.

Blue Ribbon	\$20.00
Red Ribbon	\$15.00
White Ribbon	\$10.00

WEIGHT GAIN

1 ST	Blue Ribbon	\$100.00
2 nd	Red Ribbon	\$ 50.00
3 rd	White Ribbon	\$ 25.00

GROOMING CONTEST

Exhibitors must register for the grooming competition at the 12:00pm meeting at the January 22, 2011. No late entry will be accepted.

All beef animals are eligible. Exhibitors must groom their own animal.

Grooming division are Junior ages 8-12, they have 1 hour and 15 minutes and Seniors ages 13-19, they have 1 hour.

Grooming event is optional, but all exhibitors are encouraged to enter.

GROOMING GUIDELINES:

1. Steers must be brought into arena clean and wet.
2. Each participant must provide their own equipment and grooming products.
3. No sharing of products during competition.
4. Grooming chutes and blowers may be barrowed prior to competition.
5. No show boxes are allowed in arena. A towel, bucket or some other item should be brought Into arena for equipment.

6. **No help or additional products will be allowed once the competition begins. Spectators, 4-H and FFA leaders and parents must stay outside arena and refrain from coaching or hanging onto fence. If problems arise, the participants should advise judge and problem will be handled. Beef Committee will monitor competition.**

STEER BREEDERS AWARD:

The Breeders Award will be based on the following:

Grand Champion Steer	20 points
Reserve Champion Steer	15 points
Class Winners -Blue (excluded if Grand/Reserve)	10 points
Blue Ribbon- 2 nd place	9 points
Blue Ribbon- 3 rd place	8 points
Blue Ribbon-4 th place	7 points
Blue Ribbon-5 th place, 6 th , 7 th	6 points
Red Ribbon	3 points
White Ribbons	1 points

If a tiebreaker is needed it will be decided upon the number of calves.

STEER SALE

All steers accepted to show **MUST** be consigned to sale. All animals must be removed Sunday.

Two percent (2%) of sale proceeds from each exhibitor will be deducted by the DeSoto County Fair Association to help defray expenses. **The 2% will not be deducted from and add-on.**

Steers will be sold in the following order. The judging system for the classes is separate from the sale order.

Grand Champion
Reserve Grand Champion
Blue Ribbon Calves- Heaviest to Lightest
Red Ribbon Calves- Heaviest to Lightest
White Ribbon Calves- Heaviest to Lightest
FFA/4-H Scholarship Steers will be sold last in the sale order.

Each exhibitor is responsible for being ready and in sale line up order. If you are not ready when called your steer will be sold at the end of the sale.

All re-sale steers will sell immediately after the last white ribbon calf at the end of the sale. If the animal is a re-sale the proceeds will go to the organization (buyer) not the exhibitor.

All steers will be dispatched to processor. (Slaughter House) DeSoto County Fair is not responsible for any expenses, such as feed for the animals after the animal has left the fairgrounds.

STEER SALE CHECKS:

The DeSoto County Fair Association, Board of Directors, Members, Beef Committee Chairman and members jointly and severally, specifically and irrevocably decline to and will not act as agent for any exhibitor of any event including the Youth Steer Sale, for any legal action whatsoever taken or in the collection of proceeds of any bid rendered for purchase of any animal at the sale held at the DeSoto County Fair.

The DeSoto County Fair Association and Beef Committee will make all reasonable effort in the normal billing process for collection of any bid rendered by individuals, companies, partnerships or corporations for the purchase of any animal offered for sale at the DeSoto County Fair. If no response is rendered and the Fair Association has determined that the account cannot be collected, the Exhibitor will be notified.

A \$35.00 fee will be charged to each exhibitor for the cost of the Buyer's Plaque and picture.

Checks will be mailed to Exhibitor after March 30, 2011, provided the DeSoto County Fair Association has received payment for the purchaser, Plaque Receipt from Buyer and add-on monies have been paid and all other requirements have been fulfilled.

Add-on monies are only given to exhibitors whose steer has made final weight, show and sale.

Exhibitors must obtain Buyer's Plaque from Beef Committee and shall be responsible for delivery to

Buyer of their steer. A Buyer's RECIEPT MUST be mailed to Beef Livestock, PO Box 970,

Arcadia, FL 34265 by March 30, 2011. Failure to turn in the Buyer Plaque Receipt by the due date

will have a \$200 fine from the exhibitor and this money will be deducted from the livestock sale

check. Sale proceeds checks will not be delivered to exhibitors until plaque has been delivered.

ROOKIE AND JUNIOR AND SENIOR PREMIER
STEER/BREEDING EXHIBITOR AWARDS:

Cash awards will be given to Premier Exhibitor on the criteria listed below.

SENIOR PREMIER	\$50.00
JUNIOR PREMIER	\$50.00

Awards are presented to encourage steer/breeding exhibitor participation and will be presented before the steer sale.

Points from the following categories determine winners:

Class Placement Blue	10 points
Red	5 points
White	3 points
Showmanship (1 st Place Only)	10 points
Record Book (1 st Place Only)	10 points
Weight Gain (1 st Place Only)	10 points
Grooming Contest (1 st Place Only)	10 points
Steer and Breeding Exhibits (per animal)	10 points
Perfect Attendance	10 points
Participation in Prospect Show	10 points
<u>MUST BE VERIFIED BY FFA ADVISOR OR 4-H LEADER</u>	

Class placement points are awarded to each exhibitor

RECORD BOOKS:

All exhibitors must use a DESOTO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK and must be completed and signed where applicable at check in dates. Failure to submit a record book at acceptance of entry will result in disqualification of exhibitor. Separate book for steers and breeding animals must be used.

All completed record books for steers that are turned in at the final weigh in will be judged whether steer meets the required weight gain or not. Steers must be weighed at final weigh in for record book to be eligible for judging.

All Steer and Breeding Record Books must be signed by the FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader prior to Final Weigh In.

RECORD BOOK AWARDS:

All divisions of submitted record books will be judged on completeness, accurateness and neatness. Record books will be judged separately in two (2) age divisions- Junior and Senior as determined by the DeSoto County Fair Youth Livestock Committee. Judging will be performed by qualified out of town judges.

Judging and points assigned to Record Books are as follows:

<u>Components of Book</u>	<u>Points</u>
Signatures and Dates	2
Agreement	3
Purpose	8
Closing Inventory	8
Feed Expense	8
Non-Feed Expense	8
Weight Record	4
Health Record	4
Project Summary	15
Important Dates	8
Pictures	10
Project Story	15
Buyers Letter	5
Drug Statement	2
TOTAL	100

Record Book Premiums

1 st Place each Division	Ribbon, plus plaque and \$15.00
2 nd Place and Division	Ribbon—————and \$10.00
3 rd Place each Division	Ribbon—————and \$ 5.00