

FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®
2008 SWINE SHOW AND SALE
WED. FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH SAT. MARCH 1, 2008

Application deadline: Friday, September 7, 2007

Deliver Application to: Jim Jeffries, 703 N. Thomas St., Plant City 33563

Swine Drawing: Monday, September 17, 2007, New Expo Building - 7:00 P.M.

Initial Tag-In: Monday, November 5, 2007, Festival Grounds - 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Arrival & Final Weigh-In: Wed., February 27, 2008

Swine Show: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, 7:00 P.M. **Swine Sale:** Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

Competition open to: Hillsborough County Resident Grades 3-12

The Florida Strawberry Festival® Swine Show and Sale has become a vital phase of the FFA/Youth Agricultural Organization Youth Program providing the opportunity to showcase the endeavors of local youth. This program was instituted to encourage interest in agriculture, to provide exposure to leadership, to develop character, and to award youth for their contribution.

2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **EXHIBITORS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL® STEER SHOW & SALE AND THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL® SWINE SHOW AND SALE THE SAME YEAR.**
2. The Florida Strawberry Festival® and the Swine Committee will not be responsible in any way for sickness or accident of any nature which may occur to exhibitor or animals during activities associated with the Florida Strawberry Festival®, nor will the Florida Strawberry Festival® Management and/or Swine Show Committee be held responsible for loss or theft of animals or implements in the Swine Show and Sale.
3. All exhibitors must be Hillsborough County bona-fide FFA or Youth Agricultural Organization members currently enrolled in grades 3-12 and reside in Hillsborough County.
4. Physical condition of entrants, which management considers to be a problem for the entrant to participate in the Show and Sale, may result in management not accepting an entry or not allowing an entrant to participate in the Show and Sale.
5. Entrant shall conform to the following standards in academics and conduct. **INITIAL ENTRY:** At the time of initial entry, September 7, 2007 the applicant must have received a 2.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR EITHER THE PRECEDING SEMESTER OR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR. "SUMMER SCHOOL" grades may not be calculated in GPA determination. An "official" report card is acceptable evidence. **FINAL ENTRY:** At the time of final entry, February 27, 2008, the exhibitor must have received a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding semester. Semester exams are considered in calculating semester grades. **FAILURE OF MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT DURING THE 1st SEMESTER OF 2007 - 2008 WILL DISQUALIFY THE EXHIBITOR.** An "official" report card is acceptable evidence.

6. No paraphernalia (other than official placing ribbons or rosettes) will be allowed to decorate swine in the Show and Sale. All exhibitors will be required to wear their youth organization's official dress (no caps, hats, or other paraphernalia allowed during the Show and Sale).
7. Exhibitor must be single, never have been married, and never have borne or fathered a child.
8. A total of seventy-five (75) hogs will be drawn from all entries received. **Do not send by registered or restricted mail. Hand deliver all entries to: SWINE COMMITTEE, C/O MR. JIM JEFFRIES, 703 N. THOMAS STREET, PLANT CITY, FLORIDA 33563.**
9. **ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007 MIDNIGHT OR OFFICIAL POSTMARK BEFORE MIDNIGHT.**
10. All exhibitors must attend Swine Show drawing held **Monday, September 17, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the New Expo Building at the Fairgrounds. Failure to attend by 7 p.m. will be cause for elimination from the drawing.**
11. All entries must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor on or before weigh date of **Monday, November 5, 2007.**
12. Entries may be gilts or barrows. All barrows shall have been castrated and healed before entry date **Monday, November 5, 2007.**
13. **Hogs will be tagged on Monday, November 5, 2007 at the Festival grounds in the Livestock Area. The hours will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Swine will be officially tagged at this time.**
14. It is suggested that pigs weigh 25 to 60 pounds at time of tag-in on **Monday, November 5, 2007. We will not weigh the pigs, only tag them.**
15. **Each exhibitor may enter TWO (2) pigs at the tag-in on Monday, November 5, 2007. However, only ONE (1) pig can be brought to the final weigh-in on Wednesday, February 27, 2008.**
16. **Check-in time** for the Swine Show and Sale will be **Wednesday, February 27, 2008, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at the Strawberry Festival fairgrounds.
17. **Show Box - You are limited to one SHOW BOX per family. SHOW BOX will not exceed 62" long, 30" high, and 26" wide. SHOW BOX WILL BE MEASURED UPON ARRIVAL. SHARING OF SHOW BOXES IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.**
- 17A. Anyone (to include exhibitors or their families) will not be allowed to use any cooking devices to include crockpots, etc. for cooking or warming food in the Livestock Tents. Using crockpots, etc., for cooking or warming food is a fire hazard and will, at the discretion of

show management or General Manager of the Florida Strawberry Festival®, result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, removal of animal(s) and loss of premiums, award and show privileges.

18. **Health regulations (subject to change): All swine consigned to the show will go directly to a state certified slaughter house.** Swine may be entered for exhibition without official health certificates or movement permit provided such animals are presented at the exhibition area during hours when a state designated representative is on duty. This time will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008.**
- 18A. In the event of government or Florida Strawberry Festival® imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibit or sale of the Florida Strawberry Festival®, the Florida Strawberry Festival® accepts no responsibility for financial, or other, loss by the exhibitor incurred as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal Agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains to the entire time period prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the Festival and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.
19. Entries will be sifted at **weigh-in on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at the discretion of the Sifting Committee, for conditions such as ruptures, tumors, or any diseases, overweight, etc.**
20. **All entries must weigh over 200 pounds. Entries should also make quality grade specifications of at least USDA No. 2 market swine. Any inferior quality swine will be sifted at weigh-in by the Sifting Committee.**
21. **Show date: Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7 p.m.**
22. **Sale date: Friday, February 29, 2008 at 7 p.m.**
23. Official Record Books will be kept on all animals. **You will be given the official book on Monday, November 5, 2007 at the tag-in. These are to be complete and accurate. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting by letter at least five (5) potential buyers one week in advance of the Show. Copies of the letters must be turned in with the record book at the time of check-in.**
24. Exhibitors must furnish feeding and watering implements and care for their animals and pens during the Festival and are responsible for their swine until notified. No feeding implements may be removed until then. Any exhibitor neglecting feed and care of their hog or failure to have someone else care for the animal will be red tagged. First Red Tag will be a warning notice, Second Red Tag will be \$100.00 fine, Third Red Tag will be \$100.00 fine and exhibitor will be disqualified and barred from competition for the following year also.
25. Servicing of animals in the livestock area must be done between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.**

26. No knives, clippers or scissors allowed -- all clipping done prior to arrival.
- 26A. No powder or oil may be used in the process of grooming.
27. **A letter of thanks must be sent to the buyer within two (2) weeks after the sale. A copy of this letter will be delivered to Show Management before payment will be made to exhibitor. Exhibitor should send a thank you letter to all add-ons. Mail or hand deliver copy of letter to Swine Show, Florida Strawberry Festival, P.O. Drawer 1869, Plant City, FL 33564-1869.**
28. Up to six per cent (6%) sales fee will be deducted from total monies owed to exhibitors to help defray expenses. The Festival will normally pay the exhibitor by check mailed to the exhibitor when the buyer pays the Festival. This policy also applies to monies received for the resale of swine and add-on monies.
- 28A. Hopefully, all checks will be mailed to the exhibitor no later than Friday, May 9, 2008.
- 28B. Provisions will be made **for buyers to make payment for animals and add-ons on the night of the sale.** Payment on that night is encouraged, but not required. Those not paying on the night of the sale will be billed as usual except for rule 29C.
- 28C. Add-ons of **less than \$25.00 per animal must be paid on the night of the sale.** Add-ons of less than \$25.00 per animal and not paid on the night of the sale **must be paid directly to the exhibitor.** The Festival will not bill nor collect add-ons of less than \$25.00 per animal after sale night.
29. Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor or anyone associated with the exhibitor will at the discretion of management, result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the swine and the exhibitor from the fairgrounds with the loss of premiums, awards, show privileges, and sale privileges. Presence of an exhibitor in the swine exhibit area during hours when the swine exhibit is closed will be considered unbecoming conduct. Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the fairgrounds.
30. No swill or garbage fed swine will be accepted.
31. No swine shall sell within ten cents (\$.10) per pound of the Grand Champion.
32. Entries will be divided into classes by weight at time of check-in.
33. Swine must be housed on exhibitors' property, unless otherwise approved by committee.
34. Any questions or protests concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of check-in to Swine Show Superintendent. Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be vested in Show Management and the Florida Strawberry Festival® and their decision will be final.

- 35. **Those selected for competition who fail to appear with their hog at tag-in on Monday, November 5, 2007 will forfeit the privilege of showing the following year.**
- 36. **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 Florida Strawberry Festival® may desire.**
- 37. **Buyer acknowledges that the purchase price of an animal at any Florida Strawberry Festival® livestock sale is for the purchase of the carcass only and the value thereof shall not exceed the wholesale value of the carcass purchased or one of similar quality and grade. Such value is ordinarily determined prior to the sale and generally referred to as the “resale value”.**

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

GRAND CHAMPION, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION AND FIRST PLACE IN EACH CLASS SPONSORED BY SUNSHINE STATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW	\$100, TROPHY, ROSETTE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION	\$ 50, TROPHY, ROSETTE
FIRST PLACE IN EACH CLASS	\$ 20, RIBBON
SECOND PLACE IN EACH CLASS	\$ 17, RIBBON
THIRD PLACE IN EACH CLASS	\$ 15, RIBBON
FOURTH PLACE IN EACH CLASS	\$12, RIBBON
FIFTH THROUGH ALL REMAINING PLACINGS IN EACH CLASS\$10, RIBBON

PREMIER EXHIBITOR - SPONSORED BY SOUTHSIDE FARM SUPPLY-NUTRENA

JUNIOR\$50, TROPHY
INTERMEDIATE.....	.\$50, TROPHY
SENIOR\$50, TROPHY

RECORD BOOK CONTEST - SPONSORED BY FARM CREDIT OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ACA

JUNIOR DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE	\$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE\$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE\$10, PLAQUE

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE	\$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE	\$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE	\$10, PLAQUE

SENIOR DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE	\$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE\$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE	\$10, PLAQUE

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST - SPONSORED BY HOOF 'N' HORNS SLAUGHTERHOUSE

JUNIOR DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE \$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE . . \$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE . . . \$10, PLAQUE

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE \$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE . . \$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE . . . \$10, PLAQUE

SENIOR DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE \$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE . . \$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE . . . \$10, PLAQUE

HERDSMAN AWARD - SPONSORED BY HILLSBORO BANK

JUNIOR DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE \$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE . . \$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE . . . \$10, PLAQUE

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE \$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE . . \$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE . . . \$10, PLAQUE

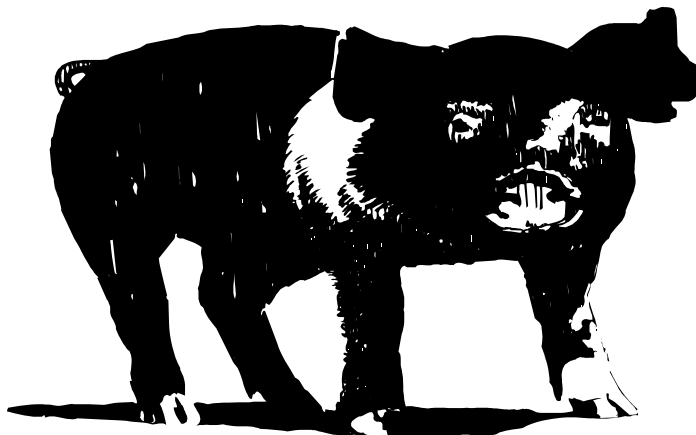
SENIOR DIVISION:

FIRST PLACE . . . \$25, PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE . \$15, PLAQUE
THIRD PLACE . . \$10, PLAQUE

BUYERS' AWARD - SPONSORED BY BILL MCCLELLAND

Buyer of Grand Champion Swine - Plaque
Buyer of Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Plaque

CHAIRMAN: JON POPPELL
503 W. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Plant City, Florida 33566
Phone: 752-4155 (Work)



2007 Swine Buyers

3 Star Farms	Astin Farms, Inc.
Astin Strawberry Exchange	BBI Produce
Billy Linton	Blue Ribbon Farms
Brandon Land Clearing	C. F. Industries
Central Drywall	Central Maintenance & Welding
Charlie Grimes Farms	Chemical Dynamics
Clint Stephens	Complete Landcare Inc.
Controls & Weighing	Crocker Citrus & Cattle Company
Dixie Growers	DWRG
Farkas Land Clearing & Roll Off Service	Farm Bureau Insurance
Farm Credit of Central Florida	Fred's Market Restaurant
G & F Farms LLC	Grandpa Johnson BBQ
Griffin Utilities	Gulf Coast Turf & Tractor
Harold's Farm Supply	Hendrix & Dail
Jarrett Scott Ford	Jim McElya
Jurnigan Equipment	Keymark Corp Florida
Kristie & Jeff Southerland	Lamar Porter
LLTCAJ Farms	Lonesome G Ranch
Mathis Farms	Morrow Steel
Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC	MPB Farms
Plant City Electric	Poppell Insurance
Publix Supermarkets	QGS Development Inc.
Rick Chancey Farms	Rick Lott
Sam Williamson Farms	Santa Sweets
Strawberry Ranch, Inc.	Sunshine State Federal Savings & Loan
Sydney Farms	TCR Green Waste Recovery Inc.
The Artistry Salon & Spa	The Great American Barber Shop
Westcoast Enterprises	

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

TO BE INCLUDED ON FAIR ENTRY FORM

EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.

Date: _____	Exhibitor (owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person) _____
Date: _____	Guardian or Parent of the above Signator _____