DEPT 190 –RABBIT/CAVY

PLEASE NOTE: The North Florida Fair reserves the right, at its discretion, to change, modify, add or cancel the rules, schedule of events, and the right to disqualify any exhibitor for any reason.

Check-In: *Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (1:00 PM-3:00 PM)*

Showmanship: *Friday, November 6, 2026 (6:00 PM)*

Show: *Sunday, November 8, 2026 (2:00 PM)*

Release: *Sunday, November 15, 2026 (8:00 PM)*
All rabbits and cavies must stay the entire length of the Fair.

All entries in the Youth Livestock Programs must be submitted via online system by the registration date

Entry Deadline- October 1, 2026

Youth Rabbit & Cavy Premiums

Blue - $10 Red - $8 White - $5

Youth Rabbit & Cavy Premiums

Best of Show - $75 & Banner
Reserve Best of Show - $50 & Banner

Best of Breed - $25 & Banner
Best of Opposite - $25 & Banner

North Florida Fair Champion Exhibitor

A Champion Youth Exhibitor and a Reserve Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the North Florida Fair. These exhibitors will be selected based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

The Champion and Reserve Champion Youth Exhibitor Award is based on a premium point system. Each category is worth 100 points. Exhibitors are required to receive a minimum of 70% of the total points to be eligible for Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors disqualified or earning a zero from any category below will not be eligible for Champion Exhibitor.

Points are accumulated by participating in the following categories:
Record Book
Skill-a-thon
Showmanship
Poster
Ask Me Booth

CHAMPION EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Champion Exhibitor
(Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
$250 & Banner

Reserve Champion Exhibitor
(Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
$150 & Banner

Eligibility of Exhibitor:

- Only residents in the following counties; Bay, Calhoun, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsen, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington AND who are bona fide 4-H (8 years old or older as of Sept. 1, 2026) or FFA members will be eligible to enter. All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H Club program, or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida. Anyone who has graduated from high school, dropped out of High School, or currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class, but not attending class, shall be ineligible to enter the show. FFA Chapter and 4-H Club entries will be accepted. Chapters and Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local & state organizations.
- Exhibitors must be under the direct supervision of their Leader/Advisor/Parent/Guardian at all times.

- Exhibitors must designate at the time of online entry, which agricultural organization (4-H or FFA) they will conduct their project under.
- All exhibitors are required to have Ethics Training and have a valid Ethics Number in order show at the North Florida Fair.
- All exhibitors are required to submit a record book for each animal project entered.
- All exhibitors are required to take a Skill-a-thon for each animal project entered.
- All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship for each animal project entered.
- All exhibitors are required to participate in Herdsmanship for each animal project entered.
- Exhibitors must personally show his or her own animal they registered for both show and showmanship. Chapter/Club animals may be exhibited by any member of the organization who would otherwise qualify as an eligible exhibitor. FFA Chapter/4-H Club animals MUST be exhibited by the SAME exhibitor for both show and showmanship.

Chapter/Club Animals: *All chapter/club animals registered under the chapter/club name will be entered online in the following format: (First Name: Club Name & Last Name: Student's first and last name). Please note that all winnings from animals registered this way will be paid in full to the Chapter. All Chapter Animals will use the School's Tax ID Number and NOT The students Social Security Number. The only information on the entry that will belong to the student is their Date of Birth, grade, Ethics Number and parent contact information. All other information should belong to the school/ club.*

Cloverbud Program:

- Cloverbud: age between 5 – 7yrs, as of September 1, 2026.
- Cloverbud Exhibitors must register their own Rabbit/Cavy online before October 1, 2026.
- Cloverbuds may only exhibit 1 animal, they may choose between Purebred Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy.
- Cloverbuds will participate in showmanship Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
- Cloverbud exhibitor must submit a Cloverbud record book.
- Cloverbud exhibitor may submit a poster.
- Cloverbud exhibitors may participate in Skill A Thon.

Cloverbud Award Participation

Ethics Certification: (Required)

Ethics Certification is required for all exhibitors at the North Florida Fair. The North Florida Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth project. All exhibitors that exhibit at the 2026 North Florida Fair must have completed the Ethics training in order to show at the 2026 North Florida Fair.

It is important that the exhibitors understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights

Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2026 North Florida Fair.

North Florida Fair Workshop Dates
Saturday, July 18, 2026 @ 1:00 PM
Saturday, September 19, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

These are LIVE, ON-SITE workshops, held at the North Florida Fairgrounds
Please register online at www.floridastatefairag.com

PLEASE NOTE: FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2026 NORTH FLORIDA FAIR SEPT 19th, 2026, WILL BE THE LAST ACCEPTED DATE TO TAKE YOUR ETHICS TRAINING…NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!

Eligibility of Animal:

- As of August 1, the exhibitor must show ownership of animals and be in possession of the animal.
- All animals must be registered in the name of the youth exhibitor and ownership papers, or registration papers must reflect the exhibitor as the SOLE OWNER and the date of ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor by August 1, 2026
- NO JOINT OWNERSHIP WILL BE ALLOWED.
- LEASED ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- A maximum of 3 animals per exhibitor will be accepted.
- Only Purebred Animals can be shown.
- No animals under 12 weeks will be permitted in the barn.
- BUCKS AND DOES may be shown. No neutered or spayed rabbits will be shown.
- Any animal showing signs of pregnancy will be palpated. If pregnant, entry will be disqualified.
- All animals will be upheld to and judged from the basis of the ARAB's Standard of Perfection. It is highly recommended to keep updated on the current recognized breeds.
- No sick or diseased animals will be allowed in the barn. It is highly suggested that each exhibitor check his/her animals' ears for mites or cancer.

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Best of Opposite - $25 & Banner

Official Entry Form & Entry Fees:

- A **$5.00** per animal entry fee is required at the time of online entry.
- All animals MUST be registered through the North Florida Fair website using the online ShoWorks system.
    - Completion of registration indicates you have read, understand, and agree to abide by ALL rules set forth in this premium book.
    - All entries will be subject to a non-refundable entry fee charged at the time of online registration.
    - Exhibitors will be prompted to complete a W-9 during registration, this MUST be entirely filled out to complete registration.
    - Registration will close at 11:59 pm on the date of the deadline. Exhibitors who have NOT registered through the online system by the deadline will NOT be eligible to show at the North Florida Fair, NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted.
    - ShoWorks confirmation receipt should be kept by the exhibitor for their records. Should any registration issues arise, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide proof of registration.
- An official entry form for EACH animal registered must be completed and accepted in order to exhibit at the North Florida Fair.
    - Entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and exhibitor's FFA advisor or 4-H Leader.
    - Entry forms must be presented at Fair Check-in for all animals.
    - Acceptance of entry forms in no way guarantees animals will be eligible to show at the North Florida Fair.

Health Requirements & Identification

- All Entries must be accompanied by a Health Certificate stating they are disease-free at time of fair check-in (with the exception of Poultry, Rabbits and Cavy). ***Female animals with kids, the kids must be listed on the health certificate.***
- All animals must have an official identification number from the State of Florida (rabbit, poultry and horses excluded). This ID must follow USDA office requirements.
    - EID (also referred to as RFID) is REQUIRED for all Steer and Beef Breeding entries. Animals must be tagged with this EID at time of fair check-in and MUST match a health certificate.

    - Official ID on the animal must correspond with the number on the Health Certificate at time of Fair Check-in.
- Ear tags/tattoos: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have the rabbit tattooed or Cavy tagged before entering the fair. Rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear - MUST BE LEGIBLE and Cavies must have an ear tag in the left ear - No EXCEPTIONS. This is for identification purposes. Animals without a readable tattoo or ear tag number will not be accepted on check in day.
- Animals will be checked for mites, fleas, etc., on check-in day. An exhibit may be denied entry to the fair if the animal displays one or more of the following: pregnant doe's, ear canker, ear mites, fur mites, sick or in poor condition, colds, blindness, bad teeth, missing toenails, sore hocks showing infection, broken bones, torn or injured ears, vent disease, abscesses, or noticeably runny eyes. An entry may be declined by the superintendents if it is determined the entered should not be shown. State Health and USDA requirements will supersede any other rules or health requirements.

Record Books (Required):

- All species are required to submit COMPLETED Record Books for the Fair office no later than **Friday, October 16, 2026**. Record books may be mailed to the fairgrounds. If mailing your record books, it must be received by **Friday, October 16, 2026,** OR delivered to your County Extension Agent to be accepted. Species include Beef Breeding, Prospect Steers, Dairy Goats, Breeding Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits/Cavy, Boer Goats. All record books must be completed through the animal's check-in date. The Fair is not responsible for any submission lost by the Postal Service. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm that the Fair has received their record books.
- Only 2026 North Florida Fair Record Books will be accepted.
- Record Books will not be accepted without the completed Signature Pages. Record Books will be reviewed and any exhibitor submitting an incomplete record book will RECEIVE A ZERO and will be notified along with their leaders/advisor. The exhibitor along with their parent or advisor will be required to complete the record book at final check-in to be eligible for show and participation at the North Florida Fair. The exhibitor will be given a 1-hour window to complete & resubmit on final check-in day. Any record book deemed incomplete at resubmission will forfeit the exhibitor from participating & showing at the North Florida Fair.
- The project officially begins **August 1, 2026.**
- The ownership deadline goats/sheep is **August 1, 2026.**
- All Photos must be in color and from the current project year. Photos should not look like scrapbooks and should be kept in a square and rectangular shape.
- Final Record Books must be handwritten by the exhibitor in their own words. Failure to comply is considered grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor resulting in ineligibility for show & participation in the program.
- If additional pages are needed, print a duplicate page, and add them into the book. Be sure to staple in the left-hand corner & include them in your final calculations.
- Record Books not submitted by the deadline will result in exhibitor disqualification from the program.
- Parents and advisors/leaders are responsible for reviewing for completeness prior to signing.

- Disqualified exhibitors will be notified by the North Florida Fair.
- Graded Record Books will be returned at the Fair.
- Exhibitors must score 70 or better in order to receive record book recognition and/or awards.
- Exhibitors will be in age divisions: junior, intermediate and senior.
- Points will be earned towards Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.
- Record Books are judged on the Modified Danish System; Blue, Red and White.
- Record Books will be available for pick up at release.

Skill-a-thon (Required):
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (4:00 PM)

- The Skill-a-thon will be given at the North Florida Fair.
- The Skill-a-thon is designed to test the exhibitor's knowledge in areas associated with their livestock project.
- All exhibitors are required to participate in the Skill-a-thon in order to show.
- Failure to take the Skill-a-thon will result in disqualification from the program.
- There is no time limit during the multiple-choice section of the test; however, there will be time limits on the hands-on station to ensure movement.
- Exhibitors must score 70 or better to receive Skill-a-thon recognition and/or awards.
- Exhibitors will be in age divisions; junior, intermediate and senior.
- The 2026 Educational topic is the same as the Florida State Fair's please refer to the following website for study material: http://www.floridastatefairag.com.
- Exhibitors will earn points toward Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.

SKILL-A-THON AWARDS

Rosettes Awarded to Junior, Intermediate and Senior Division Winners!

Rosettes Awarded to 2nd and 3rd Place Junior, Intermediate and Senior Division Winners!

Exhibitors scoring 70 or above on their Skill-a-thon will receive the following award

90%-100% - $30 80%-89% - $20 70%-79% - $10

Showmanship (Required)
Friday, November 6, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
The main objective in being a good showman is to present the animal to the judges in the best possible manner. The animal must be set up properly, clean and trained well enough to respond to the exhibitor's commands. The exhibitors must be courteous, attentive and demonstrate knowledge of their project.

- Failure to compete in showmanship will result in a zero for Champion Exhibitor Points and forfeiting all premiums.
- Exhibitors will be in age divisions; junior, intermediate and senior.
- Official North Florida Fair Show Ring attire is required.
- Exhibitors must be in the arena 15 minutes prior to the show starting for an official dress check.
- During all shows only the judges and committee members are allowed inside the ring. All others will remain outside the closed off area.
- Awards will be given to the top three (3) places in each age division.
- Exhibitor earns points towards Champion Exhibitor (no monetary premium will be paid).

Showmanship Divisions

Junior (8-10 years old) · ***Intermediate*** (11-13 years old)
Senior (14-18 years old -through grade 12 in high school)

Belt Buckles Awarded to Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Division Winners!

Banners Awarded to 2nd & 3rd Place Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Winners!

No Premium Monies will be awarded!

Show (Required)
Sunday, November 8, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

- Rabbits and Cavies will be shown by age and/or breed and placed into their respective divisions based on their age and breed.
- Rabbits and Cavies will be judged on the Danish System; Blue, Red and Whtie group.
- Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Winners will be required to present their animals to the judge for final evaluation.
- The judge's decision is final; no protests will be entertained.
- During all shows only the judge, exhibitor and clerk will be allowed inside the Rabbit barn. All others will remain outside of the closed off area.
- During the selection of Champions, exhibitors, parents, advisors/leaders shall refrain from speaking with the judge.

Youth Rabbit & Cavy Premiums

Blue - $10 Red - $8 White - $5

Youth Rabbit & Cavy Premiums

Division Best of Show - $75 & Banner
Division Reserve Best of Show - $50 & Banner

Best of Breed - $25 & Banner
Best of Opposite - $25 & Banner

Educational Posters (Optional) (Earn points toward Champion Exhibitor)

- Posters must be submitted at the Skill-a-thon **Wednesday, November 4, 2026.**
- Posters must be done on 20 x 30 foam board ONLY. NO trifolds or poster board will be allowed and will be disqualified.
- Posters must be done in a landscape/horizontal format. Any other orientation will be disqualified.
- Posters from other fairs will not be accepted. Clean, neat posters will no bent corners, staples, tape, holes, etc. that show signs of being previously displayed will not be accepted.
- Poster must relate to the current Skill-a-thon topic.
- Exhibitors using any resource must cite the source on the back of the Poster.
- Include a clear legible title on the front of the poster.
- On the back of the poster include:
    - Name
    - Age Division
    - Program (i.e., Poultry, Steer, Dairy Goat, etc.)
    - Sources
- Exhibitors will be in age divisions, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
- Cloverbud posters are optional.
- Posters must be removed at check-out.
- Points will be earned toward Champion Exhibitor. Exhibitors not submitting a poster or receiving a zero will forfeit competing for Champion Exhibitor.
- Judging will be based on the following:

Topic & Educational Value	25 points
Originality and Creativity	25 points
Quality of Work	25 points
Citing Work	25 points
TOTAL POSSIBLE	**100 points**

Ask Me Booth (Optional) (Earn points toward Champion Exhibitor)
Thursday, November 5-Sunday, November 15, 2026

- Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the Ask Me Booth Demonstrations.
- Exhibitors may sign up for two (2) thirty (30) minute demonstrations.

- Each Ask Me Booth demonstration is worth 50 points each towards Champion Exhibitor.
- Exhibitors who are exhibiting animals are the only ones eligible to demonstrate in the Ask Me Booths.
- All exhibitors participating in the Ask Me Booth Demonstrations MUST BE IN OFFICIAL DRESS…NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Exhibitors must register for the Ask Me Booth prior to Fair.
- Exhibitors must check-in and check-out with the committee member on duty.
- Groups of friends/parents/advisors/leaders are not permitted to gather around exhibitors while they conduct their Ask Me Booth time slot. The intent of this area is for exhibitors to interact with & educate the public about poultry and their projects.

Fair Arrival:
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (1:00-3:00 PM)

- FDACS will be on site inspecting all animals. After animals have been inspected management will check-in animals and will assign pens.
- NO animal will be allowed in the barn until they have been inspected by the FDACS team, NO EXPCEPIONS!
- Only animals that have been registered to show and exhibit are allowed on the North Florida Fairgrounds and in the barns, NO DOGS, NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Pens will be assigned by management.
- All exhibitors must be present at check-in at the Fair (Wednesday, November 4, 2026) and accompanied by an adult leader or advisor unless special permission has been requested and approved by management.
- No toys, blankets, or hay hangers will be allowed in the cages, no exceptions!
- You may have a litter box for litter trained rabbits. You may use a Rabbit/Cavy designed mat for the cage floor. The holes must be big enough for the waste to fall through. Cavies may use a hutch, a crock, & shaving.
- During cold weather, cages may be covered by the Exhibitor between the hours of 10pm-9am. It is the Exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that the covering is moved before 9am.
- A limited number of shavings will be provided by the fair.
- NO leash walking due to safety.

Herdsman Contest (Mandatory)

Proper herdsmanship will be upheld by all exhibitors of the North Florida Fair. In order to ensure a proper and safe environment for our exhibits, public guests and exhibitors, all exhibitors will participate in the Herdsman Contest during their time at the 2026 North Florida Fair.
The exhibits will be judged daily from 10:00 AM-10:00 PM on the following basis:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service area, cages, beds, animals and public walkways.
2. Neatness, courtesy and behavior of exhibitors.
3. Cooperation with fellow exhibitors and show officials in presenting attractive exhibits.
4. Availability of exhibitors to furnish information about their exhibits.

Awards will be given to the
1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Outstanding Herdsman Teams

Show management reserves the right to withhold any or all Herdsman Awards if they are not merited by virtue of superior housekeeping.

Daily Care of Animals & Quarters:

- All animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor to be fed, watered and pens cleaned daily until the animal(s) leave the grounds.
- All feeders must be removed from pens immediately after feeding. No self-feeders allowed.
- Feed & Water: Exhibitors will supply their own feed, feed buckets, hay and hay rakes. Bring your own water buckets.
- Exhibitors are required to have proper footwear on while inside the livestock barns.
- Exhibitors are prohibited from spending the night in the livestock barns and/or pens.
- Please note: no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in any animal area.
- Rabbit/cavy cages cannot be opened except by the North Florida Fair Show Management, Show Superintendent, or the Youth Exhibitor…NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Zip Ties are strictly prohibited from being put on cages until Barn Close. Zip Ties will be placed on the cage by the Committee or Staff only.

Daily Pen Cleaning:

- Exhibitors are responsible for daily pen cleaning.
- Bedding: The upper layer of shaving must be removed and shavings replaced daily. Hay is not permitted.
- Any exhibitor failing to do a daily cleaning of the animal pen will be fined $25 per occurrence and will be disqualified from showing at the North Florida Fair and will be asked to remove the animal from the grounds. All premiums will be forfeited.

Animal Grooming:

- Animals must be properly groomed for shows and showmanship.
- Putting glitter, oil, powder or any other foreign substance is strictly prohibited on fur.
- Grooming and clipping of animals is limited to the exhibitor, advisor/leader, and/or parent ONLY.

Release
Sunday, November 15, 2026 (8:00 PM)

- During the period of exhibition, no animal may be removed, except by consent of management.
- Animals will be released Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 8:00 PM. Animals removed prior to this time, without prior permission will forfeit all premium monies won.
- No cages will be permitted in the barn until release.

- Premium checks take 6 weeks to process after the Fair ends and will be mailed to the address provided by the exhibitor on the official entry form.

FUN CONTESTS

Fashion Revue (Optional)
Saturday, November 14, 2026 (3:30 PM)
This is a fun show for exhibitors and spectators alike. The intention is to exhibit originality and teamwork within the 4-H and FFA Chapters by displaying up to three (3) members in coordinating costumes. Imagination is beneficial to our learning experiences. However, keep in mind that we are working with animals and have limited resources in the show area setting.

- The contest is open to all youth exhibitors participating in the livestock programs.
- Members may enter as individuals or in a group of two (2) or three (3).
- Teams must be registered as exhibitors and in coordinating costumes.
- Any animals used in the Fashion Revue must be officially entered and processed to show at the North Florida Fair.
- Each exhibitor must submit an information summary sheet including the following information:
    a. Names of individuals participating
    b. Name of 4-H or FFA Chapter
    c. What the exhibitor has learned from their project
    d. Why they chose their costume
    e. A short description of the entry to be read during the presentation.

- All summaries are due by **Saturday, November 14, 2026**.
- All care should be taken to ensure the animals, being dressed, are not harmed or hindered from natural movement in any way by the costume. On the animal no use of glitter, paints or dyes will be allowed.
- Products must be made for use on livestock. Committee members have the right to question products being used on animals. All animals MUST be broken down and free of product prior to barn closure at 10 PM. Failure to comply with rules will result in a $100 fine.
- Awards will be given in each age division; all species will be combined.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. **Costume originality**-The imagination is the limit, with the limits of a livestock show and fair limitations.
2. **Coordination of Costume**-Animal costume should be coordinated with the costume of the exhibitor accompanying the animal in the show ring.
3. **Showmanship**- Entry should be exhibited to best display the concept represented by the costumes.

Fashion Revue Awards
1st-3rd Place in each age division-Award (12 awards)

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