

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY 4-H SHOW & SALE

# GENERAL RULES

2011-2012 PROJECT YEAR

STEER ❖ SWINE ❖ BEEF BREEDING ❖ RABBIT  
HORTICULTURE ❖ POULTRY ❖ GOAT

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### GENERAL

1. MEMBERS: Only registered members of the Indian River County 4-H program shall be permitted to participate in the Indian River County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale. Show and Sale participants must be members in "good standing" as determined by the 4-H Club Leader and 4-H Agent. **The exception to this would be the status of Cloverbuds (5-7 years). Cloverbuds are considered members and need to pay the enrollment fee (for insurance purposes) and any entry fees, but they are not judged in competitions and do not receive premium monies. They can receive participation ribbons at the discretion of the 4-H agent.**
2. ENTRY FEES: To provide start-up money for the Livestock Show & Sale, and to ensure that all participants contribute to the funding of the Show & Sale, entry fees will be assessed at the beginning of the 4-H year as follows: \$10 for large projects (steer, swine), and \$5 for small projects (rabbit, cavy, goat, poultry). In the case of the small project fees, exhibitors will be assessed per project, and not per project animal/horticulture.
3. CONTRACTS: Extension and 4-H are not obligated to become involved in any contractual disputes related to the purchase of any project animal by a 4-H member or his or her parent or legal guardian.
4. RULE INFRACTIONS: All infractions must be reported by the 4-H member and his or her club leader to the Chairman of the Rules committee within 48 hours of the infraction.
5. MANDATORY EXHIBITORS MEETING: All 4-H'ers participating in the Livestock Show & Sale must attend the annual mandatory exhibitors' meeting **Tuesday Nov. 1, 2011**. 4-H members who fail to attend this meeting without approval of the Rules Committee chair will not be permitted to exhibit their animal/horticulture project at the Show & Sale.
6. CODE OF CONDUCT: All 4-H members and parents must sign the 4-H Code of Conduct, which is attached to the 4-H enrollment forms. Parents must sign and return the Adult Behavior Guidelines, located in the back of this rule book.
7. RECORD BOOKS: Every 4-H member is required to complete at least one project per year. Record books will be collected and assessed at the fair. Between final weigh-in and prior to 6 p.m., each exhibitor must turn in his or her record book(s) to his or her Club Leader, who will submit their club's record books to the **Record Book Committee Chairperson, or pre-approved**

**representative, for verification that the record books are up to date. Persons on this committee will be selected by the 4-H agent.** Any exhibitor who submits a record book that is not up to date, or not satisfactorily completed, will not be eligible to show or sell their project. Record books will be returned to club leaders as soon as possible after the mandatory fair meeting and **at least 12 hours before their perspective show.**

**Final record books will be turned into the club leaders only. Club leaders reserve the right to collect record books prior to the pre-determined date set by the 4-H agent.** 4-H members are expected to complete their record book even if their project animal does not make weight, or does not show or sell for any reason. **Exhibitors who do not complete their record book in the previous 4-H year will not be eligible to show at the Livestock Show & Sale the next year and be assessed 25% of the current year's sale price.**

8. **LIMIT OF SALE:** Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell at live auction only one (1) steer, swine, meat pen or horticulture project. Steer and swine exhibitors will be allowed to weigh in multiple steers or swine at the first weigh-in. A declaration of which steer/swine will be entered in the show & sale must be made at that time. No substitution will be allowed after this declaration. All steers, swine, rabbits, or horticulture projects will be marked for positive identification. Only the Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture project are eligible for live auction.
9. **SHOW TO SELL:** All animals that are to be sold at auction must be shown by the exhibitor in its assigned market class. Exceptions may be made in certain extenuating circumstances as determined by the Rules Committee. A decision by the Rules Committee will be made within 24 hours. **In order to show and sell, all animals must be in approved market condition determined by a veterinarian or the barn chairperson.**
10. **ETHICS CERTIFICATION:** All 4-H youth **MUST** have attended a certified FFF&YLS Youth Livestock Show Ethics & Animal Care Training Program within the past three (3) years. For more information about upcoming trainings, or whether you're certified, contact the Indian River County Extension Office, (772) 770-5030.
11. **DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL:** No exhibitor, parent, or family member will be permitted to distribute fliers, handbills, business cards, etc., during the night of the auction.
12. **GROW YOUR OWN:** Exhibitors' project animals must remain inside Indian River County between the first and final weigh-ins, except in extenuating circumstances granted by the Rules Committee. Participation in the 4-H Livestock program implies consent to inspection of a project animal's facilities.

## **BUYERS**

13. **BUYERS SOLICITATION LETTERS:** All exhibitors of animal/horticulture projects to be sold are required to contact at least three (3) potential buyers, two (2) of which did not buy a steer/swine/meat pen/horticulture in the previous year's sale. The original signed letter will be turned in to their Club Leader in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope for verification no less than 30 days prior to final weigh-in. Club leaders will provide the participants with a sample letter. Copies of the letters must be included in the 4-H project record book.
14. **BUYER THANK YOU LETTERS:** Each exhibitor of an animal/horticulture project that is displayed/shown/sold at the fair are required to write thank you letters to the buyer(s) of his/her

animal/horticulture project, all sponsors of the shows, and others as required by 4-H Club Leaders. The Club Leaders will provide the participants with a sample letter. The letter(s) will be turned in unsealed, and in stamped, addressed, envelopes. 4-H'ers should submit their original signed letter(s) to their 4-H Club Leader no later than ten (10) days following the receipt of buyer/sponsors list from their Club Leader. If an exhibitor fails to provide the letters by the 10<sup>th</sup> day, they will forfeit the right to exhibit the following year and will be assessed 25 percent of their sale proceeds. Following the verification of the letters by Club Leaders, the Buyer Committee Chair will collect and mail them to the buyers/sponsors.

15. BUYER MEAT DISTRIBUTION: Each exhibitor must be present to distribute meat to buyers. The date of meat distribution is determined by the slaughterhouse. Your club leader will notify you of the date to deliver your meat to your buyer.
16. SALE CHECKS: An exhibitor's sale/premium check will not be released until his or her thank you letters have been received by the Buyer's Committee Chair, his or her record book has been received by the club leader or agent, all payment checks for all animals have been received from the sale, and his or her buyer thank you plaques have been delivered. Exhibitors must return a signed plaque delivery receipt to receive his or her check. Failure to return buyer's plaque delivery receipt(s) within 14 days may result in the exhibitor being assessed 25% of sale proceeds and forfeit the right to exhibit the following year.
17. ASSESSMENTS: All exhibitors of sale animals may be assessed a percentage of their sale proceeds to cover the cost of the show & sale and other expenses deemed necessary or incidental by the 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
18. BREACH OF CONTRACT: If a buyer reneges on his or her contract for any reason, the exhibitor will receive "floor" prices, which will be established prior to the sale. If an exhibitor does not receive a bid, the project will be removed from the grounds immediately.

## FAIR

19. VET CHECK, REPORT CARD CHECK & HANDLING CLINIC: A mandatory clinic will be held prior to 25 days to the fair for all exhibitors to: 1.) Show that the exhibitor can handle and control animal; 2.) have veterinarian check animals for health certificate; 3.) allow for the Rules Committee Chair to check report card progress of all exhibitors. Any exceptions must have prior approval by the Rules Committee Chair. 4-H will be solely responsible for selecting and contracting a veterinarian. Any animals not inspected by the veterinarian at this activity will be required to have a health certificate provided at the expense of the owner. 4-H has the right to eliminate any steer/swine/breedstock that is deemed uncontrollable at this check or any time during the show & sale. All exhibitors (including market, breedstock, small animal, and horticulture projects) MUST attend this clinic to participate in the Report Card Check.
20. ANIMAL CONTROL AT FAIR: In the event an animal makes it to the Show & Sale that an exhibitor cannot control, 1.) steers will be pulled out of the line and tied to the side of show ring; 2.) swine will be put in a walker in the ring. This is done to protect the other animals/exhibitors and give them a fair chance to show their animals.

For the protection and safety of humans and livestock animals, no non-livestock animals (i.e., dogs, cats, snakes, etc.) will be permitted in the barn or the surrounding area. Anyone that brings and a non-livestock animal to the barn will be asked to remove the animal immediately. If

the animal is not removed then the owner/caretaker will be asked to leave the barn area.

21. **HEALTH:** All livestock must be free of evidence of any disease and healthy **and in marketable condition at the time of the show and sale.** Veterinarian services for emergencies at the fair shall be performed at the owner's expenses.
22. **TAMPERING:** Tampering at any time during the Fair with any animal entered (such as filling with foreign substance, etc.) is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on show animals, or possession after arrival at the fair, will be construed as a form of tampering. The Barn Committee and authorized agents shall have the right to handle and examine animals at any time during the fair. If evidence of tampering is found, the animal shall be removed from the fairgrounds. If after the Sale, all proceeds will be forfeited and the Exhibitor is prohibited from showing the following year.
23. **STALL ASSIGNMENTS:** Immediately following the weigh-in, market animals will be assigned a tie/pen and placed in the barn according to weight — no exceptions.
24. **MANDATOR FAIR MEETING:** There will be a **MANDATORY MEETING** on the evening of **Friday, March 9, 2012**, the first night of fair. All the exhibitors must be present to go over rules for the fair. The leaders will turn in the record books to the 4-H AGENT prior to the beginning of the meeting.
25. **ANIMAL CARE:** The animals while at the fair must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor, parent, legal guardian, or Club Leader. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of injury to his/her animal until the end of the fair and must feed and water, and keep their area clean for the duration of the fair. A fine of \$ 25.00 per day (\$10.00 for rabbit exhibitors) will be assessed by 4-H to any exhibitor who does not adequately care for his/her animals during the fair based upon the 4-H Agent's, Barn Committee and Rules Committee chairpersons' recommendations. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation, animal and exhibitor will be removed from the fairgrounds. The show animals shall have the same careful grooming at the sale as at the show with no adornments at any time from final weigh-in through load out. Project animal will be treated as market animals while at the fair, failure to comply will also result in a fine. No animals shall leave the fairgrounds before times scheduled by 4-H or the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums, fees paid and the right to further participate, unless the exhibitor provides a health and a vet request can amend the removal.
26. **GROOMING:** Only exhibitors, Indian River County 4-H Club Leaders, and parents or legal guardian of exhibitors and their immediate family will be allowed to help groom and work on the animals (steer/swine/breedstock/goat/rabbit) while at the fair; exhibitor must be present, unless prior exceptions are made by 4-H.
27. **OFFICIAL DRESS:** Official 4-H dress shall be worn for the Livestock/Rabbit/Horticulture shows and sale, which will be set forth by their respective 4-H Club Leaders. Failure to adhere to dress codes determined by the Club Leader will result in ineligibility to compete in the show or sell your project animal.  
  
Clothing with provocative, racial and/or sexual content is not allowed by 4-H members while under the livestock barn or at 4-H meetings. Ethical and moral standards are to be maintained at all times while representing the 4-H program.
28. **AWARDS:** The Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champions livestock may receive ribbons and trophies. Judging for the remainder will be done on the **DANISH SYSTEM**. All entrants will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their project animal.

29. Other awards given will be as follows:

- (i) OVERALL: Herdsman Award; There shall be a High and Reserve Herdsman Award.
- (ii) STEER/SWINE: Showmanship, Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18). Highest Daily Weight Gain; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Record Books; All-Around Youth Exhibitor, Best Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine and Best Junior/Intermediate/Senior steer groom. A carcass contest will be conducted following the fair and cash award and plaques for first, second and third will be awarded.
- (iii) BEEF BREEDING: Class awards; Best Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18) beef breeding record books, Best Junior/ Senior showman.
- (iv) RABBITS: Best of Show and Reserve, Best of Breed and Reserve, Grand Champion Meat Pen and Reserve, and Best of Opposite Sex (per breed shown) and the Best Junior, Intermediate and Senior record books all will receive trophies.
- (v) HORTICULTURE: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Best Junior, Intermediate and Senior Record Books.

30. Procedure for selection of showmanship and IRC Bred steer/swine is as follows:

- (i) Showmanship competition shall be open to all junior/intermediate/senior participants.
- (ii) If neither the grand nor reserve champion steer/swine are Indian River County Bred, the highest placing Indian River County Bred steer/swine with a blue ribbon in each class will return to the ring for judging.

31. ORDER OF SALE: Order of sale for livestock will be as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Highest placing Indian River County-Bred Steer/Swine, 1<sup>st</sup> place (blue ribbon) steer/swine from the next class following the Grand Champion's class, etc., with all blue ribbon animals selling first then red and white. All animals consigned to sale will be considered sold if they receive a bid. Any animal that does not receive a bid will be removed from the grounds within 24 hours, at the owner's expense.

32. TERMINAL ANIMALS: All steer/swine are terminal and must leave the fairgrounds by transportation provided by 4-H.

33. NO ALCOHOL: Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in the Farm Bureau Ag Pavilion at any time during the fair. This will be enforced by the Firefighters Association.

34. JUDGES: The Judges have been hired by 4-H to do the job to the best of their ability. Any disagreements with their opinion will not be tolerated. This is a learning experience for the youth of Indian River County 4-H to have their project judged by a professional.

35. **DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE JUDGE:** Any complaints involving an exhibitor, or other person on behalf of exhibitor, which leads to engaging in immoral or unethical activities, UNSPORTSMANSHIP-like behavior, profanity, rudeness, or disrespect by exhibitors, parent/legal guardians, 4-H Club Leaders, or the public, will not be tolerated and may result in being dismissed from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair. Any alleged complaint involving infractions of the 4-H Code of Conduct, or the mistreatment of people, animals or horticulture shall be filed with a 4-H Club Leader, Rules Committee Chair, or 4-H Agent immediately following the infraction. These infractions will be grounds for removal of exhibitors and their steer, swine, breedstock, rabbit or horticulture projects, if prior to the sale. If after the sale, the exhibitor may be removed, assessed 25% of sale proceeds, and not allowed to exhibit the following year.
36. **ADULT BEHAVIOR:** Any Club Leader and exhibitor, parent/legal guardian who chooses to participate in the 4-H program will not personally violate the integrity of this program. Any person who knowingly violates any of these rules and provisions forfeits all right, privileges, premiums and sale money offered.
37. **OWNERSHIP:** The exhibitor must own steer, swine, rabbit or horticulture; no one other than exhibitor can profit from his or her project. No individual who helps an exhibitor financially with their project shall receive reimbursement (payment) more than the actual expenses incurred.
38. **RULES COMMITTEE:** The Rules Committee has the authority to enforce the rules and assess penalties and fines. The Rules Committee will be at the first and final weigh-ins, the mandatory veterinary check, and the duration of the fair.
39. **APPEALS:** Appeals to the Rules Committee's decision on a given infraction must be filed with the 4-H AGENT in writing, along with \$50, within 36 hours of notification of Rules Committee's decision; appeals will be heard within 24 hours after receipt of written grievance on business days. The defendant involved in the infraction may have one (1) representative with them at the Appeal Hearing to assist with the appeal. All protests must be in writing, stating clearly the complaint, and be accompanied by a fee of \$50, which shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
40. The 4-H AGENT has the final decision.

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# STEER RULES

2011-2012

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## WEIGH-IN

1. **RULES:** General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show and sale.
2. **STEER OWNERSHIP:** All exhibitors will have their steers no later than ten (10) days prior to the first weigh-in, **Wednesday, Aug 22, 2011**. A bill of sale, to prove ownership, signed entry form and a color photo of the steer must be delivered at the time of the first weigh-in, **Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011**.
3. **CASTRATION & DE-HORNING:** All steers must be castrated prior to arriving at the first weigh-in. De-horned steers must be healed by final weigh-in. Insurance regulations prohibit any de-horning, castration, worming, implanting, etc., at 4-H Livestock functions related to the show and sale. Horns that are two (2) inches or longer will be rejected by 4-H.
4. **MANDATORY WEIGH-INS:** Mandatory weigh-in: All steers must be weighed at the official weigh-in on **Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011**, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Steers must weigh at least 550 pounds first and only time across the scales, with no allowance for shrinkage. No exceptions.
5. **AVERAGE DAILY WEIGHT GAIN:** Steers must average gaining at least two (2) pounds per day between the first weigh-in and the final weigh-in date, **Friday, March 9, 2012**. There will be no allowances for shrinkage. At the final weigh-in, steers will be allowed on the scales one time only. Steers weighing more than 1250 pounds will be sold at 1250. All steers final sale weight will have a 3 percent shrinkage calculated into the weight to allow for weight loss during the fair and transportation for slaughter.

## FAIR

6. **STEER AGE:** All steers will be no more than 24 months of age at the time of the show and sale. Steers may be mouthed for age by a certified veterinarian.
7. **NECK ROPES:** All steers will have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the fair. The neck and lead rope shall be no longer than 18" from knot to animal at any one time while they are tied. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine first time violators; second time will be asked to be removed from grounds. This is to keep animals from hurting animals next to them and getting tangled in their ropes, or the neighbors' ropes due to not being tied properly.
8. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on sand, or whatever 4-H provides. Each exhibitor must furnish his/her own hay and feed throughout the fair.
9. **GROOMING:** Only 4-H Club Leaders and parent/legal guardian, or immediate family will be allowed to groom or help with the animal throughout the fair. The exhibitor must be present at all times.
10. **SHOW YOUR OWN:** The exhibitor has to use his/her own project animal for all competitions.

## STEER SALE

11. SALE: If your animal receives a bid during the sale, it will be considered sold. No Exceptions.  
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# SWINE RULES

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## WEIGH-IN

1. RULES: General Rules apply, and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. SWINE OWNERSHIP: All exhibitors will have their swine no later than ten (10) days prior to the first swine weigh-in, **Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011**. A bill of sale to prove ownership, signed entry form and a color photo of the pig must be delivered at the time of the first weigh-in, **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011**.
3. CASTRATION: Entries may show either a gilt or barrow. Male pigs must be castrated before the first weigh-in.
4. MANDATORY WEIGH-Ins: All pigs must be weighed, ear tagged, and tattooed at the official weigh-in on **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011**, between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. It is recommended that the pigs weigh at least 50 pounds but it is not mandatory. They will have one time across scales and that is the weight they at which they will start.
5. FINAL WIEGH-IN: At the final weigh-in, all hogs must weigh at least 220 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds on the first day of the fair, **Friday, March 9, 2012**. Any hog weighing less than 220 or more than 300 will be disqualified.

## FAIR

6. BEDDING: All animals shall be bedded on whatever 4-H provides. Each exhibitor must furnish his own feed throughout the fair.
7. SHOW YOUR OWN: The exhibitor has to use his/her own project animal for all competitions.

## SALE

8. SALE: If your animal receives a bid during the sale, it will be considered sold. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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# BEEF BREEDING RULES

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1. **RULES:** General Rules apply, must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **ENTRY FORM:** A completed entry form must be submitted to the 4-H Office by December 1, 2010. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time.
3. **OWNERSHIP:** Each exhibitor will own, or have a signed lease agreement for, their animal by November 27, 2010, and have full responsibility of feeding, breaking and the general all-around care of their animal(s).
4. **AGE & ID:** Registered and unregistered stock are eligible to compete. All animals must have positive I.E. as follows: Registered animals per association requirements, unregistered animals by brand or tattoo, or metal brucellosis tag (The state does not accept the plastic ear tags.) Bulls can not be shown over 36 months of age at time of Livestock Show & Sale. Bulls over 9 months of age must have nose ring.
5. **AGE (Cont.):** Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age. All cows from classes 11, 12, & 13 must be bred or with calf to be eligible to show.
6. **LIMITATIONS:** No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than five (5) animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in same class.
7. **SHOWING:** Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal except when he/she has two or more in same age class, or has more than one animal showing for division champions. An exhibitor may select a fellow 4-H member to exhibit his or her additional animals. To participate in the show, each exhibitor must turn in a 4-H Project Book prior to the show date.
8. **DIVISION CHAMPION:** Only blue ribbon animals will be called in for division champions. Each exhibitor will show only his/her own animal for showmanship competition.
9. **NECK ROPES:** All Beef Breeding stock will have neck rope on at all times while tied at fair. The neck and lead rope will be no more than 18" from knot to animal at any one time while they are tied (This is to keep animals from getting tangled in their ropes or their neighbors and from doing damage to one another). Failure to do so may result in a fine.
10. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on sand or whatever 4-H provides. Each exhibitor must furnish his own hay and feed throughout the fair.
11. **HEALTH:** All entries must be accompanied by and OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE listing permanent identification and any tests as required for each individual animal as State regulations require. **TUBERCULOSIS:** Beef Breeding animals do not fall under these guidelines. **BRUCELLOSIS:**

Cattle must come from a brucellosis-free herd and have been tested within their anniversary date for this year. Heifers need to have calf-hood vaccination/or come from a brucellosis-free herd. Cattle from herds not under quarantine in Class A or Class B areas may be entered for exhibition if negative to brucellosis testing within 30 days prior to entry into the fair or show. Cattle from such herds which are months of age, and official calf-hood vaccination under 24 months of age, and which are not parturient or post parturient are exempt from the test.

12. **PREMIUMS:** Premiums will be paid. Amount to be determined after show when all bills have been paid. Each exhibitor will write thank you letters to sponsors under the same rules as the General Rules before he or she receives a check.
13. **PERFORMANCE RECORDS:** Any exhibitor having performance records available at the time of show on cattle he/she owns, from a recognized testing program will receive an additional \$5.00 premium money.
14. **RELEASE TIME:** Release time for breedstock will coincide with the market animals, any animal or animals removed before this time without permission will forfeit premium money.
15. **CLASSES:** See current class list in the Appendix.

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# RABBIT RULES

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1. **RULES:** General Rules apply, must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **HEALTH:** All rabbits must be 8 weeks or older and have permanent identification in their left ear. All animals must be in good health, Decisions of health will be determined by a veterinarian, if available, or the 4-H Rabbit Club Leader and 4-H Agent. The 4-H Agent's decision will be final.
3. **SHOW RULES:** Show judging and rules of the show will be as per ARBA Rules. All rules of conduct will be as per 4-H Code of Conduct and Livestock Show & Sale Rules. ARBA Rules included in appendices.
4. **CHAMPIONS:** Grand Champion & Reserve rabbit will receive ribbons and trophies. Judging for the remainder will be done on the Danish System. All entrants will receive Blue, Red, or White ribbons for their projects.
5. **DEADLINES:** Each exhibitor must be registered to show a rabbit project by the mandatory Exhibitors' Meeting on **Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011**. Individual rabbit/cavy entry forms must be turned in by **Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011**. Additional rabbit/cavy entries may not be added or substituted after this date.

Each exhibitor must have their rabbit(s) and or meat pen under the barn by noon on the first day of fair, **Friday, March 9, 2012**. Completed record books must be turned in to leader at the time the rabbits are brought to the fair. All rabbit(s) will stay at the fair for the duration, unless excused by a veterinarian due to illness. Any animal taken off the grounds before time or with out permission will forfeit all premiums, fees paid and the right to further participate.

## MEAT PEN RABBITS

1. **DEADLINES:** All exhibitors will have their "Commercial-type doe" for a meat pen no later than **Friday, Nov. 11, 2011**. A bill of sale with name, address and telephone number of seller, (subject to verification by the Rules Committee to prove ownership) and a signed entry form and color photo of the rabbit must be turned in to the 4-H Office by **Friday, Nov. 11, 2010, by 5 p.m.**
2. **OWNERSHIP & WEIGHT OF MEAT PEN:** The meat pen must be bred and raised by a youth exhibitor. Youth exhibitors may not purchase their meat pen rabbits. If an animal in the meat pen dies, is over - weight or over- age, than the entire pen will be disqualified. The Rules Committee decision will be final.
3. **BREEDING RECORDS:** The doe should be bred 100 days before the show, **Friday, Dec. 12, 2011**. Leader must be notified of breeding date. The 4-H Club Leader must be notified of birth date of litter.
4. Exhibitors are required to contact three potential buyers; copies of letters to buyers are due to the 4-H Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters will not be eligible for the meat pen show.
5. **MANDATORY WEIGH-IN:** All meat pens must be weighed at the final weigh-in. The entire litter weighed on this day will be given ear tattoo numbers by the Rules Committee. Final weigh-in for all

meat pens will be **Friday, March 9, 2012**.

6. One meat pen per exhibitor will be eligible for sale, unless you also have livestock; livestock will take precedence over rabbits or horticulture.

# HORTICULTURE RULES

2011-2012

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1. **RULES:** General Rules apply, must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **ENTRY:** Entries may be exhibited in the horticulture division, provided a record book of that project is presented at check-in before fair.
3. **PLANT CHECK:** Plants may be grown at home or personally cared for in the school nursery. Entries will be subject to a spot check by the Horticulture Committee.
4. **PLANT SCREENING:** A plant screening committee will determine if each entry meets quality standards. The committee has the right to reject entries of inferior quality or diseased plants. If any doubt exists as to whether an exhibitor has cared for his/her plant, the committee has the right to question the exhibitor about his/her knowledge of growing the plants entered.

## **CITRUS TREES (containerized)**

1. **RULES:** General Rules apply, must be followed to be allowed to show.
2. **CONTEST:** This contest is organized solely for the purpose of recognizing the participant's skills in growing horticulture and rewarding students by providing a horticulture auction. Students may enter two (2) citrus trees, but may select only one to exhibit at the fair.
3. **GRADING:** Entries in the competition will be judged according to Florida Department of Agriculture Grades and Standards. All trees must be judged Florida #3 or better to be exhibited. Trees will be sold as landscape plants. A screening committee at the beginning of the fair will award all exhibited trees on the Danish System of blue, red, or white ribbons. This committee will also pick the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Citrus Trees
4. **CHAMPION:** The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Citrus Trees will be sold at auction. All other citrus trees that make it in the fair will be sold through silent auction. Participants will be expected to attend the fair to help sell their trees.
5. **LETTERS:** Exhibitors are required to contact three potential buyers. Copies of letters to buyers are due by the February meeting of your 4-H Club, or as specified by your Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters WILL NOT be included in the Citrus Tree Auction.
6. **DELIVERY:** Participants are expected to deliver their citrus trees to their buyer after the fair is over. A sales fee — to be determined by 4-H — will be assessed to every participant. Thank you letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion plaques must also be delivered prior to checks being given to the exhibitors.

# POULTRY RULES

2011-2012

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1. GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW
2. All entries must be made on official entry forms furnished. Entry deadline is December 1, 2011 postmark or when the limit of allowed birds is reached.
  - I. On Indian River County Youth Livestock Association registration forms, each bird must be listed individually. Incorrect forms may be disqualified.
3. All poultry exhibitors are subject to the GENERAL RULES of the Indian River County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale. No exceptions.
4. The show will include exhibitors ages 8 -18 years of age. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for their birds.
5. All entries must be properly leg-banded and numbers correctly records on entry forms before cage assignments are made (Leg bands will be available at the Fairgrounds on the day of check-in).
6. All birds must be owned by the exhibitor for at least 90 days prior to the Fair and each exhibitor must CHECK IN, BAND, AND COOP their own birds. NO DROP OFFS WILL BE ALLOWED!
7. ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR: Health regulations will be enforced according to Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code entitled Admission of Animals for Exhibition. All birds must be transported in a cage or pet carrier. Cardboard boxes are not allowed. The exhibitor — not the parent — must cage all of his or her birds. No sick diseased birds showing evidence of parasites will be allowed in the show. The state inspector from FDACS will test all birds upon arrival for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean. Poultry presented at any other time will not be accepted.
8. FLOCK CERTIFICATION: The state inspector from FDACS will test all birds upon arrival for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean (NPIP) Exhibitors with proof of certification will receive 5 extra points towards Best Display. To have your flock certified before the entry deadline, call Jennifer Jennings-Glover at 850-878-0344 for further information.
  - I. Judging will be scheduled. Times will be posted at check-in. Exhibitors are permitted and encouraged (but not required) to be present during judging. Results will be posted as soon as possible after judging.
  - II. Check-in will be from Noon to 6 p.m. on **Friday, March 9, 2012**. We suggest you dust your birds for mites with 5% Sevin Dust prior to check-in day.

9. All entries will be entered as singles in the following classes:
  1. CLASS A COCK: Male birds 12 months of age or older.
  2. CLASS B COCKEREL: Male bird under 12 months of age
  3. CLASS C HEN: Female birds 12 months of age or older
  4. CLASS D PULLET: Female bird under 12 months of age
10. The Fair will not be responsible for any loss but will give every exhibit careful attention.
11. SHOW ONLY FANCY OR BEST PRODUCING BIRDS. The poultry superintendent may decline any entries he or she feels should not be shown. BIRDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY ARE IN HEALTHY CONDITION.
12. There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the course of the FAIR, the birds must be removed from the barn.
13. Special exhibits or exhibits requiring special cages should arrange with the Barn Committee Chairman prior to the beginning of the Fair.
14. Each exhibitor may enter up to, but not more than, three (3) birds.
15. Birds will be judged on the Danish System. Each bird is judged on its own merit.
16. Failure to abide by these rules may result in the loss of ribbons and/or premiums.
17. ALL BIRDS REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RELEASE FROM THE POULTRY SUPERINTENDENT.
18. Birds may only be removed from cages with permission of Poultry Superintendent, and only by the exhibitor.
19. Early removal of exhibits shall result in loss of ribbons, premiums, and future showing privileges.
20. No instances of unsportsman-like conduct will be tolerated. It can result in the loss of premiums and awards.
21. Get your reservations in early. Attention youth, you MUST have attended the MANDATORY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE & TRAINING PROGRAM in order to show an animal at the Indian River County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale.
22. NOTICE: You will no longer be able to use CARDBOARD BOXES for transporting poultry to and from the fair. Use ONLY WIRE CAGES, or approved pet carriers.
23. During the fair, poultry will be fed and watered by a designated person during the fair. Neither that individual nor 4-H will be held responsible for any injury or lost of any bird.

24. Competition Time: To be scheduled.
25. Youth must sign up for showmanship on the entry form.
26. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skill on an individual bases to a judge.
27. Judging will be on a modified Danish System.
28. Each grade division will receive a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Rosette.
29. Record Books: All exhibitors are required to enter a poultry record book for competition. Record books must be submitted at the time of check-in: 12:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012.
30. Animal Information Cards: Exhibitors are encouraged (but not required) to create information cards telling the general public about their birds (name of breed, what they are showing) Exhibitors will receive extra points toward the Best Display Award for each card. For the protection of the exhibitors, personal information such as addresses and phone numbers are not allowed.
31. SPECIAL AWARDS:
  - a. Classes – Standard and Bantam Chickens
  - b. Best Cock Reserved Best Cock
  - c. Best Hen Reserved Best Hen
  - d. Beck Cockerel Reserved Best Cockerel
  - e. Best Pullet Reserved Best Pullet
  - f. Best Bantam of Show Best Standard of Show
  - g. Best Display Award Best in Show
32. YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP: Poultry must be entered in the Indian River County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale exhibit and be owned by the exhibitor. Exhibitor will be judged on a point scale based on handling, knowledge and appearance.
  - a. AGES: 8-10 (Junior), 11-14 (Intermediate), 15-18 (Senior)
  - b. You must sign up for the Showmanship competition on your poultry registration.
  - c. Premiums will be awarded in each age group. Place of event will be announced at check-in.

# Goat RULES

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1. GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW
2. ENTRY FORM: A completed entry form must be submitted to the 4-H Office by December 1, 2010. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time.
3. AGE (Cont.): Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age.
4. LIMITATIONS: No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than five (5) animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in same class.
5. SHOWING: Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal except when he/she has two or more in same age class, or has more than one animal showing for division champions. An exhibitor may select a fellow 4-H member to exhibit his or her additional animals. To participate in the show, each exhibitor must turn in a 4-H Project Book prior to the show date.
6. BEDDING: All animals will be bedded on sand, shavings or whatever 4-H provides. Each exhibitor must furnish his own hay and feed throughout the fair.
7. PREMIUMS: Premiums will be paid. Amount to be determined after show when all bills have been paid. Each exhibitor will write thank you letters to sponsors under the same rules as the General Rules before he or she receives a premium check.
8. RELEASE TIME: Release time for goats will coincide with the market animals; any animal or animals removed before this time without permission will forfeit premium money.