

BAKER COUNTY FAIR

AGRICULTURAL DIVISIONS - GENERAL RULES

Tommy Staier, General Livestock Chairman

Health and Safety

1. Exhibitors, either under lease agreement or ownership, must have their animal in their possession at their home, farm, or leaser's home or farm, for a period of 60 days prior to the show and cared for from that date by the exhibitor. If the animal is leased, the agreement must be on the file with the local FFA Chapter or 4-H Club and must be presented to the Baker County Fair Livestock Chairman with the entry form. Swine and steers must be owned and in possession of exhibitor from initial weigh/tag day forward. There will be no leases for swine or steers.
2. Chapter 5 - C. 4 of the Rules of the State of Florida - Admission of Animals for Exhibition is adopted as the Official Requirements for the Admission of Animals at the Baker County Fair.
3. State Health Inspectors will be on the fairgrounds during the hours of check-in for all animals. No animal will be unloaded or tied up in the livestock barns until the animal(s) have been checked and all health papers approved by the inspectors.
4. Registration papers will be checked before animals are unloaded on registered animals and open swine.
5. All animals must be in good condition and halter-broken. All animals, except swine, must be trained to lead and handle.
6. The State of Florida requires all goats must be either ear tagged or ear tattooed. Also per the State of Florida regulations, all animals must be participating in the scrapies eradication program and have a scrapies tag OR be registered by a breed association and have a legible tattoo and a certificate of registration.

Entry Forms and Livestock Arrival/Departure

7. All entry applications must be completed (using legal name) on the official Baker County Fair application form. Answer all questions, if it applies to you or your animal. Registration papers must be attached application. All applications must be on file with the Baker County Fair Livestock Chairmen by the deadline date shown on the applicable entry forms. Out-of-county and/or late entries will be accepted on a space available basis only.
8. **All beef, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine and steers will be submitted on a separate application.** The Official Fair Application form must be used for all entries.
9. All entry forms must be mailed to: Baker County Fair Association, P O Box 492, Macclenny, FL 32063. Do not delay your application by giving it to someone else to turn in for you. Applications must be postmarked (or turned in) by the deadline date shown on the applicable entry form.
10. Cattle exhibitors can exhibit up to Five (5) beef cattle. Goat exhibitors can exhibit up to (3) three goats. This rule does not apply to market swine or steers. Limit of only one swine and one steer per exhibitor.
11. Animals must remain at the fairgrounds during the entire fair or premium money will be forfeited, unless permission from the Livestock Chairman is received to remove the animal.
12. Exhibitors must furnish feed boxes and water buckets for his/her animals while at the Baker County Fair, with the exception of poultry entries. Feed and water containers for poultry will be provided by the fair.

13. All cattle must have a strong halter rope and neck rope. Cattle must be de-horned. No bulls over 2 years of age. Bulls over 6 months of age, must have a nose ring during the duration of the fair.
14. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of injury or damage caused by his/her animal or animals. The Baker County Fair Association will not be held liable for death of any animals, or injury or damage, caused by any animal. The Baker County Fair Association makes no guarantee as to the quality of any animal.
15. All animals must be clean and in the barn by the opening time of the fair each night. All exhibitors are required to maintain their pen/stall space and their animals in a clean, sanitary manner for the duration of the fair.

Miscellaneous:

16. Only registered animals of major breeds will be shown in the registered division. There will be a commercial heifer show of non-registered animals after the registered show.
17. There will be a Youth Show in all breeds. Champion classes will be determined by the Show Superintendent, depending on number of entries in each breed. There will be no Champion award where there are less than 3 entries in any class.
18. Exhibitors must be present to show their animals. The Board reserves the right to review any circumstances or emergency that may arise. The Danish system will be used on youth shows.
19. All prizes and awards will be distributed by the end of the fair week.
20. An FFA or 4-H member may exhibit an animal, if they graduated in 2023, provided they are continuing their education. Graduates of 2023 may not exhibit swine or steers.
21. The Baker County Fair livestock chairmen will be responsible for obtaining all judges and auctioneers for all of the livestock shows. Livestock chairmen will be responsible for ordering all trophies, plaques, ribbons and rosettes. Chairmen will coordinate with co-chairmen.
22. The livestock chairmen is in charge of the livestock barn. Anything that is put up, taken down, or removed from the barn must be approved by the chairmen.
23. Any issues, which are or are not addressed on the web site, will be determined by the livestock committee. If their decision is not acceptable to the objecting person or persons, the issue will then be presented by the livestock chairmen to the full Baker County Fair Board of Directors for clarification with the objecting party present if they wish.
24. Final classes will be determined by the livestock chairman, depending on number of entries. Classes may be combined or removed at the discretion of the livestock chairman.
25. If any Board member or Livestock member observes any animal not being fed or watered, that student will be given a warning, 2nd offense could **result in future eligibility to show.**
26. Signs: Fair Board reserves the right to remove any signage that deems inappropriate.
27. Home grown new definition: Must be born and raised in Baker County **OR** Born and raised on the farm to any Baker County FFA or 4H member.

28. Mandatory workdays for market animal students. Parent or guardian must attend workday if student is under the age of 16. If any student does not show up for one of the mandatory workdays, they will be ineligible to show a market animal.
29. The Baker County Fair Association nor the Baker County Fair Livestock Committee will not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that occur. The Baker County Fair Association nor the Baker County Fair Livestock Committee will not be responsible for any lost or stolen personal items or damages to personal property.
30. All pens and stalls must be cleaned by 2:00pm on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Or forfeit premium.
31. No outside fitters for grooming. Only exhibitors/guardians/advisors or other exhibitors may assist with grooming. Failure to comply will result in loss of premium.

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

CATTLE

Cattle for exhibition must be accompanied by an Official certificate of veterinary inspection dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation.

SWINE

- 1) **Swine entering MARKET SHOW ONLY may be entered WITHOUT official certificates of veterinary inspections** or movement permits provided such animals are presented at the exhibition during hours when a state-designated representative is on duty. All swine presented in any such consignment will be refused entry should any animal in said consignment exhibit symptoms of communicable disease.

POULTRY, DOMESTIC FOWL & RATITES

- 1) An official certificate of veterinary inspection is required for all poultry, domestic bird and ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However poultry, domestic birds and ratites may be presented for exhibition without an official certificate of veterinary inspection and will be inspected as provided in 5c 4.001(4) by a representative from the Florida Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Poultry.
- 2) All poultry, domestic birds and ratites entered for exhibition must originate from pullorum-typhoid class flocks or hatcheries as defined in Rule 5c 16.008, Florida Administrative Code, or have negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition.
- 3) All poultry, domestic birds, and ratites entered in the Baker County Fair must be free of external parasites.

Specific Authority 5c 4.004 FS

SHEEP & GOATS

- 1) Sheep and Goats presented for exhibition in Florida must be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) dated not more than 90 days if raised within the State of Florida, otherwise not more than 30 days prior to presentation. This Health Certificate will be inspected upon arrival. The permanent identification number of each animal must be included on the OCVI. The OCVI must include a statement that each animal is free of the clinical signs of the diseases: caseous, lymphadenitis, contagious ecthyma(orf), chlamydial, kerato - conjunctivitis, contagious foot rot, scabies, and scrapie. Sheep & Goats must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certifications listed below:
- 2) All sheep & goats must have a U.S.D.A Scrapie tag or be registered by a breed association and have a legible tattoo and certificate of registration.
 - Order your scrapie tag at (352) 313-3060 option #2. Tags are free and come with an ear tag applicator. Be sure to order in advance and allow at least 2 weeks to arrive.
 - If you purchase from a breeder, the breeder should tag goat (per Florida law) and you will not need to order scarpie tags.