

2025 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR

STEER SHOW

- **COORDINATOR:** Joy Papy
- **SHOW COMMITTEE:** Rick Moyer, Frank Markham, Ray Smitherman, Sam Albritton, Hugh Dailey, Garrett Peebles, Jimmy LeFils, Hal Phillips, Amber Starling, David Stephens, Terry Teuton, Travis Teuton, Brian Alberty, Jim Peebles, Mike Martin, Madaline Evans, Josh Peebles, Brian Lewis, Frankie Lewis, Samantha Dailey
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** See Calendar of Events for all Steer Show important dates/deadlines

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this show.
2. All steer exhibitors must attend the Mandatory Online Training with a parent/guardian by September 16, 2024. Entry forms will be completed online and must be turned in by September 16, 2024. Completing entry online indicates you agree to abide by ALL rules pertaining to the 2025 SEYF Steer Show.
3. All steers entered in the Steer Show and accepted by the steer committee must be consigned to the sale and must be processed for consumption or sent to resale. No steers will be taken home.
4. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his or her steer until sold, at which time the purchaser assumes the liability.
5. Any steer entered in another steer show after initial weigh-in (September 28, 2024) is ineligible.
- 6. Steers may not be purchased through public sales or auctions.**
- 7. All steers must be bred and calved in Florida.**
8. Proof of ownership must accompany your animal at the initial weigh-in.
NOTE: Only the original, notarized 2024/25 Affidavit will be accepted.
- 9. No steers will be eligible that are the result of an embryo transfer.**
10. The Steer Committee reserves the right to require, from the breeder, proof of legality of the steer to include, but not limited to, a blood test. Cost of the test will be at the breeder's expense.
11. The Steer Committee reserves the right to review any entries, and may, excuse any steer or exhibitor due to misconduct, from entry in the steer show and/or sale, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the overall show and sale.
12. Any decisions made by the Steer Committee or its designee concerning these rules shall be conclusive.
- 13. Each exhibitor is required to submit a FRONT, BACK and SIDE PHOTO (PRINTED IN COLOR) of your 2025 SEYF steer project from the date of purchase. These photos will be submitted with the affidavit to the steer committee at the initial weigh-in. The Notarized Affidavit must be an original; not a copy.**

INITIAL WEIGH-IN

14. Steers must be delivered to the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion during the scheduled day and time for initial weigh-in.
15. All steers must be less than nineteen (19) months of age at the initial weigh-in. If a steer has any of its permanent teeth, that steer shall be deemed nineteen (19) months of age or more. The Steer Committee shall designate a person to determine whether a steer has any permanent teeth.
16. It is recommended that the steer weigh between 550 and 800 pounds at the initial weigh-in.
17. All cattle entered in the show must be castrated and healed by the initial weigh-in.
18. A person or persons designated by the Steer Committee will review the steers at the initial weigh-in. All steers must meet the requirements for medium or large frame #1 steers as described in USDA publications. Steers not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to show. No stags, saggy dwarf type steers will be accepted for the show and sale. Steers rejected at the initial weigh-in may be replaced provided the replacement steer is brought to the initial weigh-in during the scheduled time.
- 19. It is highly recommended that the exhibitor be present at initial weigh-in. If not possible, arrangements should be made with committee chair and an adult representative must be present in place of exhibitor.**
20. All steers entered in the SEYF will be ear notched at initial weigh-in for the purpose of DNA testing.
- 21. EID tags are to be in steers left ear by the initial weigh in. The producer/breeder of the steer must provide the premise ID # on the Affidavit. If steer shows up without an EID, the steer committee will put an EID in the steer's ear with cost to the exhibitor of \$5.**

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22. Any medication, supplement, or feed that requires a withdrawal period **and needs to be given within 30 days of Steer Show** must be approved by or administered under the supervision of a veterinarian. If an exhibitor's animal fails a toxicity screen at the processor, that exhibitor will not be paid for his/her steer and will be stripped of any titles won.

FINAL WEIGH-IN

23. Steers must be delivered by the exhibitor to the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion during the scheduled day and time for final weigh-in. No steers will be accepted at any other time without approval of the Steer Committee. The steer and exhibitor must be present at the final weigh-in.
24. **Boots or leather shoes are highly recommended when working with steers. Closed-toed, closed-heeled shoes must be worn at all times when working with animal on fairgrounds.**
25. Steers must have no horns longer than one (1) inch and must be completely healed if surgically removed.
26. All steers will be weighed, and ultrasound tested during the final weigh-in.
27. All steers must gain a minimum of two and one-fourth (2.25) pounds per day from the initial weigh-in.
28. All steers must weigh a minimum of nine hundred (900) pounds at final weigh-in.
29. Steers weighing more than thirteen hundred and fifty (1350) pounds on show day may enter if they meet all other requirements, but they will not be sold for more than thirteen hundred and fifty (1350) pounds.
30. All steers must have a minimum of one-fourth (0.25) of an inch back fat cover at the final weigh-in. The amount of back fat cover shall be determined by ultrasound testing performed by a person or persons designated by the Steer Committee.
31. **All steers must arrive with a maximum of ¼ inch hair length, leaving only a tail switch. All steers must be sheared prior to arrival at final weigh in. Clipping includes the head, body, underline, legs above the knee and hock, and 12 inches from the end of the bone of the tail. Steers will be checked at final weigh in and will not be allowed to show if they have more than ¼ inch of hair.**

SHOW DAY

32. The Steer Show committee recognizes that the record books are to be turned in to the SEYF prior to the final weigh-in, make a copy of the "Financial Summary" page and turn it in after final weigh-in.
33. No food or drink allowed in the barn.
34. SEE GENERAL RULES for dress code requirements.
35. Steers shall be halter broken and gentle. No tranquilizers, nose tongs, or other restraining devices are allowed. The Steer Committee or its designee may at any time disqualify any steer that is unruly or creating an unacceptable risk to exhibitors or others.
36. All steers are required to be housed in their assigned stalls.
37. The SEYF will provide the initial shavings required for bedding in the stalls. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing any extra shavings that he or she wants in their stall.
38. Each steer must be shown by its owner unless otherwise excused by the Steer Committee.
39. No professional showmen/groom is allowed to assist any exhibitor at the show. ONLY immediate family members, FFA advisors, and 4H club advisors are allowed to assist the exhibitors with the fitting and grooming of the steer. NO clippers/scissors or grooming products (adhesives, paint, or polish etc.) other than soap, brushes, and/or combs will be allowed. Grooming chutes and blowers/hair dryers ARE allowed. However, the steer committee reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the use of the chute and blower/hair dryer during severe weather conditions.
40. NO electrical equipment will be allowed at the wash rack area.
41. All exhibitors are required to enter the Showmanship contest with their own steer (or their Club or Chapter steer) unless excused by the Steer Committee. Failure to participate will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor from the Steer Show and Sale.
42. Steers will be divided in classes by weight only. The number of classes will be determined after final weigh-in.
43. Steers will be judged according to the Danish System.
44. Homegrown steers will be judged at the start of the show. Only steers bred and calved in Marion County while under the care of the exhibitor will be eligible to participate in the homegrown class. The Steer

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Committee will have the final say as to the eligibility of a steer for the Homegrown Class. **Definition of a Homegrown Steer: Owner of steer is immediate family of exhibitor, and is a resident of Marion County.**

HERDSMAN

45. Stalls will be assigned and grouped by Club or Chapter prior to the show. Judging will begin at check-in by undisclosed judges.

SKILL-A-THON – Coordinator: Amy Davis (352) 307-7428

Skill-a-thon DOES NOT require a separate entry form. Check if you are participating on your STEER ENTRY FORM. Go directly to the designated area for contest at the designated time.

AUCTION

41. All steers will be sold to the highest bidder. Any disputes will be settled by the auctioneer.
42. No add-ons to any individual steer or group will be accepted during or after the sale.
43. At the conclusion of the sale, each exhibitor is required to leave a halter with a lead rope on his or her steer. The exhibitor is also required to assist with sorting and loading the steers. Exhibitors must remove all shavings from the stall and put them in the center of the aisle of the barn after the steer has been called to be loaded, and ONLY when all of the steers in the respective barn aisle have been called for load out. The steer committee will administer a \$50.00 fine that will be deducted from the exhibitor's check to any exhibitor that does not comply with this rule.
44. A three percent (3%) shrinkage will be placed on all steers, and they will be sold at their reduced weight.
45. A buyer appreciation fee will be deducted from each exhibitor's sale check in the amount of \$20.00 (two Bar-B-Q Dinner tickets @ \$10.00 each).

AWARDS

46. The Show Coordinator reserves the right to withhold awards if there is not sufficient competition.
47. Premiums may be awarded after all sponsorship has been collected and all expenses have been paid on individual shows & events.
 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
 - Homegrown Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
 - Carcass and Reserve Carcass Champion
 - Premier Exhibitor
 - Class Winners – 1st through 5th Places
 - Showmanship – Junior, Intermediate & Senior – 1st through 10th Places
 - Record Books – Junior, Intermediate & Senior– 1st through 3rd Places
 - Herdsmen 1st – 3rd Place
 - Bess Miller Award
 - Carey Robbins Award
 - Landis Blich Award
 - Breeders of Grand & Reserve Champion *to be presented at Marion County Cattlemen's Dinner*
 - Breeders of Homegrown Grand & Reserve Champion *to be presented at Marion County Cattlemen's Dinner*

STEER CARCASS CONTEST

The annual carcass contest, held in conjunction with the Southeastern Youth Fair, emphasizes the end product of the beef industry and provides a valuable educational complement to the Steer Show. A comprehensive report is prepared following the judging of the carcass qualities using ultrasound. The ultrasound report measurements will include FOE (fat over the rib eye at the 13th rib), rib eye area, and marbling score, which is a measurement of intramuscular fat. These measurements will be used to calculate yield grade and estimate carcass quality.

1. All steers accepted at the final weigh-in for the Southeastern Youth Fair Steer Show and Sale will be eligible and measured for the carcass contest.
2. The measurements taken by ultrasound at the final weigh-in will be evaluated by the University of Florida's Animal Meat Science Department to determine carcass contest winners.

Awards: *To be given at Marion County Cattlemen's Dinner*
Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion including Breeder; and 3rd – 5th places.