

2025-2026 Southeastern Youth Fair Calendar of Events

DATE		TIME	EVENT	WHERE
September				
Thursday	August 28	Ambassador Application DEADLINE		SEYF Office
Tuesday-Tuesday	September 2-16	Market Animal MANDATORY Online Training		must be done online
Tuesday-Tuesday	September 2-16	All Market Animal ENTRY DEADLINE		must be done online
Wednesday-Thurs	September 3-4	Ambassador Applicants' Interview dates		Conference room (IFAS)
Wednesday	September 10	5:30-8 PM	Ethics Workshop	Extension Auditorium
Monday	September 15	4H Registration Deadline for anyone showing Market Animals		must be done online
Saturday	September 27	8:30-10 AM	Steer Weigh-in & Tagging	SELP - Scales
October				
Saturday	October 25	Doors open 7 am	SEYF Benefit Rabbit Show	SELP Auditorium
Saturday, October 25 YOUTH FAIR PREP DAY	8:30 AM	Welcome Meeting		North Covered Arena
	9 - 10:00 AM	Showmanship, Feeding, Overall Care of your project		SELP Grounds
	10:15-11:00 AM	Stations (walking tour, record books, buyer letters)		SELP Grounds
	11:00-12:30	LUNCH BREAK		
	12:30 - 2:45 PM	Ethics Workshop		SELP Rec Hall
Wednesday	October 29	4-6:30 pm	Market Lamb and Goat Tagging	SELP - West Parking Lot
November				
Tuesday-Tuesday	November 4-18	Non-Market Animal MANDATORY Online Training		must be done online
Tuesday-Tuesday	November 4-18	ALL Non-Market SEYF CONTESTS - ENTRY DEADLINE		must be done online
Saturday	November 8	8-10 AM	Swine Tagging (must be in line by 10 am)	SELP - West Parking Lot
Friday	November 14	4H Registration Deadline for all SEYF Exhibitors		must be done online
Friday	November 14	Program Cover Entries Due!		SEYF Office
December				
Friday	December 5	3:00 PM	PROGRAM AD SALES DEADLINE	SEYF Office
Friday	December 12	3:00 PM	Scholarship Applications DUE	SEYF Office
January				
Saturday	January 10	9:00 AM	Mock Lamb & Goat Show	4-H Farm
Sunday	January 11	7:00 AM	Cattle Field Day (showmanship, hoof-trimming, ultrasound, scales)	North Arena (SELP)
Tuesday-Thursday	January 13-15	Scholarship Applicants' Interview dates		Conference room (IFAS)
Friday	January 16	MIDNIGHT	DEADLINE for Bertie Hill, Bess Miller, Carey Robbins Award Applications	SEYF Office
Mon - Friday	January 26-30	MIDNIGHT	ALL BBQ exhibitors (including WMG) must confirm competing by calling/texting Coordinator/emailing SEYF	SEYF Office
Friday	January 23	MIDNIGHT	DEADLINE for Livestock Judging & Plant ID Contest	must be done online
Friday	January 30	MIDNIGHT	DEADLINE for all Shuffitt Nominations (by leaders)	SEYF Office
Friday	January 30	MIDNIGHT	Deadline for leaders to email Livestock Judging TEAM ROSTER to Coordinators	
Saturday	January 31	10 am - Noon	Tractor Driving Prep Day	North Covered Arena/East Side
Saturday	January 31	10 am	SEYF Horse Show Prep Day	North Covered Arena/West Side
February				
Mon - Friday	February 9-13	ACCEPTING ALL RECORD BOOKS		SEYF Office
Office Hours Record Book Week: 8:30 am to 5 pm Mon, Tues, Wed and 8:30 am to 6 pm Thurs, Fri				
Friday	February 13	6:00 PM	DEADLINE FOR ALL RECORD BOOKS	SEYF Office

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It's Fair Time!

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Tuesday, February 17	2:30 - 6:00 PM	Drop-off Exhibits in: Animal Fever, Home Show, Sewing, Kitchen, Photography, Insect Collection, Garden Show, & All Watch Me Grow (exhibits, not chickens/rabbits)	Southeastern Auditorium - North Hall
	2:30 - 6:30 PM	Conservation Tray Set-up	Southeastern Auditorium - South Hall
	3 PM - 8 PM	Club HAY BALE Exhibit Set-up	Outdoor/Covered Arena - South side
	3 PM - 8 PM	Club Exhibit Set-up	Southeastern Auditorium - South Hall
Wednesday, February 18	5 - 8 PM	Club Exhibit Set-up *must be done by 8 pm!	Southeastern Auditorium - South Hall
	5 - 8 PM	Club HAY BALE Exhibit Set-up *must be done by 8 pm!	Outdoor/Covered Arena- South side
Thursday, February 19	4 - 7 PM	Chicken Check-in	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	4 - 6:30 PM	All Goats & Lambs Check-in (must be in line by 6:30 pm)	SELP Scales
	5 - 6 PM	Tablescaping Contest Set-up	Southeastern Auditorium - South Hall
	6 - 8 PM	Tablescaping Contest Judging	Southeastern Auditorium - South Hall
Lamb/Goat Mandatory Meeting then Skillathon following Weigh-in			
Friday, February 20	ALL DAY	Chicken & Rabbit Barn is CLOSED ALL DAY for exhibit set-up	
	9 AM	Lamb Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	2:00 PM	Goat Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	4-6 PM	Adaptive Show Check-in/Packet pick-up	Outdoor/Covered Arena- South side
	4 - 7 PM	Rabbit Check-in	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	5:00 PM	Kiddie Goat Show Check-in	Indoor Sales Arena
	5:30 PM	Kiddie Goat Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
Saturday, February 21	7:45 AM	Adaptive Show Check-in	Outdoor/Covered Arena - South side
	8:00 AM	Chicken Judging begins	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	7:30-8:00 AM	Check-in for Dog Skillathon & ALL Show Events	North Covered Arena
	8 AM	Dog Skill-a-thon	North Covered Arena
	8 AM	Adaptive Goat Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	9 AM	Dog Obedience, Rally, then Agility Competitions	North Covered Arena
	9:30 AM	Lamb & Goat Awards Ceremony	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	10 AM	Lamb & Goat Auction	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	Dog Show Awards immediately following completion of competition		
	2 - 5 PM	Beef Heifer Weigh-in	SELP - Scales
	2 PM	Rabbit Judging Begins	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	Beef Heifer Mandatory Meeting following Weigh-in		
	Beef Heifer Skillathon immediately following Mandatory Meeting		
	7-9 PM	BARN DANCE!	Outdoor/Covered Arena - South side
Sunday, February 22	starting @ 8 AM	Chicken/Rabbit Showmanship - specific exhibitor times will be given at check-in	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	9:00 AM	Beef Heifer Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	12 - 2 PM	Plant ID Competition	Outdoor Arena, behind center stands
	1-3 PM	Chicken/Rabbit Skillathon	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
Monday, February 23	8:30 - 10 AM	Steer Check-in/Weigh-in (must be in line by 10 am)	Scales
	Steer Mandatory Meeting following Weigh-in		
	Steer Skillathon immediately following Mandatory Meeting		
	4 - 6 PM	Watch-Me-Grow Chicken/Rabbit Check-in & Worksheet Turn-in	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	4:00 PM	Proclamations, SEYF Dedication Ceremony, Awards Ceremony: Animal Fever, Club Exhibit, Club Hay Bale, Cover Design, Conservation Tray, Garden Show, Home Arts Show, Insect Collection, Kitchen, Photography, Plant ID, Sewing, Tablescaping	Outdoor/Covered Arena
Tuesday, February 24	5:00 PM	Steer Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	10 AM	Steer Showmanship	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	4 - 7 PM	Beef BBQ Dinner	Outdoor/Covered Arena- South side
	4:30 PM	Steer & Beef Heifer Awards Ceremony	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	5:00 PM	Steer Auction	Outdoor/Covered Arena
Wednesday, February 25	8:30 AM	Tractor Driving Check-in	**INDOOR SALES AREA**
	9:00 AM	Tractor Driving Contest (Awards following contest)	North Covered Arena
	11-12:00 PM	Bar-b-q Check-in	Outdoor/Covered Arena - South side
	12:30 PM	Bar-b-q Contest (Awards following contest)	Outdoor/Covered Arena - South side
	2:30 PM	Livestock Judging Check-in	North Covered Arena
	3:00 PM	Livestock Judging Contest (Awards following contest)	North Covered Arena
	4 - 6 PM	Rabbit & Chicken Breed ID Contest	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
Thursday, February 26	8 - 11 AM	Swine Check-in/Weigh-in (must be in line by 11 am)	SELP - Scales
	Swine Mandatory Meeting following Weigh-in		
	Swine Skillathon immediately following Mandatory Meeting		
	4-6 PM	Watch-Me-Grow Chicken & Rabbit Pick-up	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	5:00 PM	Speech Contest Check-in	Southeastern Auditorium
	5:30 PM	Speech Contest (Awards following contest)	Southeastern Auditorium
Friday, February 27	9 AM	Swine Showmanship	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	"Vintage" Alumni Showmanship following conclusion of Juniors (\$20 cash)		
	4:00 PM	Awards Show for Chicken & Rabbit Show	Indoor Sales Arena
	6 PM	Swine Show	Outdoor/Covered Arena
Saturday, February 28	7-10 AM	Chicken & Rabbit Pick-up!	Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	8-10 AM	Horses Check-in	North Covered Arena
	8:30 AM	Watch-Me-Grow Stick Horse Check-in & Skillathon Check-in	North Covered Arena
	9 AM	Watch-Me-Grow Stick Horse Show & Skillathon Contest	North Covered Arena
	10 AM	Horse Show	North Covered Arena
	9 AM	Scholarship Ceremony	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	9:30 AM	Swine Awards Ceremony - (including Club Exhibit and Club Hay Bale Awards)	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	10 AM	Swine Auction (break for lunch 12-12:30 PM)	Outdoor/Covered Arena
	10:30 - 3:30 PM	All Auditorium Exhibits Pick-up	Auditorium & Chicken/Rabbit Barn
	11 - 2:00 PM	Pork BBQ Lunch	Outdoor/Covered Arena - South side
Friday, March 13	BUYER THANK YOU LETTERS DUE TO THE SEYF OFFICE (in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope) - This is the Friday BEFORE Spring Break!		
Friday, March 7	Times TBD	SEYF Benefit Chicken Show	Indoor Sales Arena & Livestock Barn

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