

YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL RULES

(Market Exhibitors must be from
Nassau, Duval, Clay, Baker, St. Johns, Brantley, Camden or Charlton Counties)

1. Project books are required for all market animal exhibitors in order to show, this includes lambs, steers and swine. A book is required for each market animal shown.
2. Project books will be handed out at Mandatory Market Exhibitor Tag-In, July 11, 2026. Books must be turned in Tuesday, October 13, 2026 by 7:00 p.m. to the beef, lamb, or swine chairperson.
3. Project books will be judged by the Modified Danish System of Judging. All books will receive ribbons. The top three books in each age division will receive money and rosettes.
Juniors ages 8-10 as of September 1, 2026
Intermediates ages 11-13 as of September 1, 2026
Seniors ages 14-18 as of September 1, 2026 and not graduated

AWARDS

First Place.....	Rosette + \$25.00
Second Place.....	Rosette + \$20.00
Third Place.....	Rosette + \$10.00

4. Buyers thank you baskets are not a requirement, however, if the exhibitor has a basket it must include a thank you letter in it. This letter will have to be reviewed and approved by a member of the Livestock Committee or representative the night of the Sale. This is the only way that the exhibitor will not be required to mail a thank you letter. It will be up to the Buyers (if multiple) to distribute the basket amongst themselves. Letters and unsealed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer must be sent to the NEFF, P.O. Box 1070, Callahan, FL 32011 by November 20, 2026. This includes if the buyer was a family member. No checks will be mailed until letters are received (seniors included) and buyers have paid.
5. The Mandatory Tag-in (optional weigh-in) is Saturday, July 11, 2026, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. All market exhibitors and their parents or guardians will be required to sign an agreement stating rules for market projects. It is mandatory for all market animals to be tagged onsite. Project books must be printed by the exhibitor. A link will be provided on our website, www.nefffair.org.
6. Market exhibitors and parents or guardians will be required to participate in a MANDATORY MARKET EXHIBITOR MEETING in order to show and sell a market animal. This meeting will be available online beginning Saturday, July 11, 2026 through Saturday, July 25, 2026. The meeting and quiz must be completed by Saturday, July 25, 2026. The link and information will be given out at the Tag-in on Saturday, July 11, 2026. Failure to comply will result in the exhibitor not showing or selling in the market program.
7. Lost Tags: If your hog, steer or lamb loses its ear tag, notify the Northeast Florida Fair Livestock Committee no later than five (5) days after the tag has been lost. An email with a picture of the misplaced tag must be sent to the Livestock Secretary email at livestock@nefffair.org to receive a new tag. Arrangements to pick up the new tag and/or if you need assistance will be coordinated through the Livestock Secretary. This applies to market animals tagged in for the 2026 Northeast Florida Fair only.
8. Exhibitors who are unable to be at the market sale must get a letter from their coach, band director or other persons stating the reason for not attending the sale. Letters must be approved by the market sale committee. Letters must be turned in at the final weigh-in.
9. It is mandatory that market exhibitors write at least 3 letters inviting buyers to the sale. A copy of the three letters must be attached in the Record Book.
10. All market exhibitors are responsible for finding their own buyers.
11. Market exhibitors will be paid after obligations have been met and buyers have paid.
12. Buyer checks should be written to the Northeast Florida Fair.
13. A 3% fee will be deducted from the sale of the animal. The fee will be used to help offset the cost of the Market Show and Sale, and also for buyers thank you plaques. Thank you baskets should be provided to buyers the night of the sale.
14. There will be a mandatory entry fee (non-refundable) of \$20.00 for all market animals (steers, lambs and swine) due online at the time of entry.
15. Market animals will only be weighed once at the final weigh-in. The Northeast Florida Fair reserves the right to deny any animal that is injured, sick or has a sickly appearance. Market animal exhibitors with market animals that meet the weight requirements will participate in the Youth Market Show and Sale. These exhibitors and animals will be placed on the sale order by class placing and weight.
16. Livestock shall not be exhibited or shown if drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, local statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. Any surgical procedure, injections or insertion of foreign material, substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance of an animal's body will not be tolerated.
17. The Market Show and Sale is a TERMINAL event. All animals will be transported by the Northeast Florida Fair to a designated USDA meat processor. Per State of Florida guidelines all market animals must be processed at an approved USDA processor.