

4-H and FFA
Sumter County Farmer's Market
Youth Bred Heifer Expo & Sale
2024 Expo Application & Rules

APPLICATION DUE: September 29th, 2023 by 5:00p.m.
Grace Period (double entry fee): October 13, 2023 by 5:00p.m.
APPLICATION FEE: \$30.00 per exhibitor

Participant Name: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: _____

Participant's Age (as of Sep. 1st 2023): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to participate in the event named above. I hereby acknowledge that I understand and am aware of the inherent risks associated with live large animals such as the cattle that are to be shown at this event. I understand that I am responsible for the care and control of my own animal(s). I understand the risks and dangers associated with other participants' animals to be shown at this event. I understand that I could possibly suffer severe injury or even death from my participation in this event. I hereby release the Sumter County Farmer's Market and the SCFM Youth Bred Heifer Expo & Sale Committee from any liability for injury illness or death suffered by myself or any animal(s) in connection with this event. I have read and agree to follow the event rules and regulations.

Exhibitor Signature

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____

I hereby acknowledge the participant as an active 4-H or FFA member and is eligible to enter and sell livestock at the Sumter County Farmer's Market Youth Bred Heifer Expo and Sale.

4-H Agent or FFA Advisor

**Applications must be received by September 29th, 2023 by 5:00pm
along with the \$30 application fee. Applications must be post marked by September 25th.
Late entry grace period with double entry fee of \$60.00 is due by October 13th.**

Make checks out to: SC Bred Heifer Expo and Sale

Mail: SC Bred Heifer Expo and Sale
Attn: Mrs. Jamie Graham
P.O. Box 131
Webster, FL 33597

Email: jessicadavis1214wjt@gmail.com

Phone: 352-568-1390 **Fax:** 352-793-1167

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IMPORTANT: Due to space limitations, applications accepted on a “first come first serve” basis determined by the board based on the availability of pens.

NOTE: This project is not a part of a county fair or any other youth market livestock fair. Therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program AS WELL AS in your County Fair youth market auction. (Example: You can sell a pen of heifers in addition to a market swine, steer, or lamb during the County Fair). However, exhibitors must abide by their fair’s general youth market animal rules.

IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION & \$30 APPLICATION FEE DUE: Friday, September 29th, 2023 by 5:00pm

LATE ENTRY & \$60 APPLICATION FEE DUE: Friday, October 13th, 2023 by 5:00pm

Cash or Check. Please make checks out to SC Bred Heifer Expo & Sale. **Fees are non-refundable!**

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INITIAL TAG-IN & MANDATORY MEETING: Saturday, November 4, 2023 @ 8:00am (**must be in line by 8:30am**). Sumter County Farmer’s Market 524 N Market Blvd Webster, FL 33597 **Bring your Premise ID tags**

INITIAL TAG-IN FEE: **\$20.00 per head & Breeders Certificate – due at initial tag-in.**

Cash or Check. Please make checks out to SC Bred Heifer Expo & Sale.

PREMIUM MONEY SPONSORSHIPS: **Friday, June 14th 2024** send to P.O. Box 131 Webster, FL 33597. **Exhibitor is responsible for collecting AT LEAST \$200 in sponsorships. Failure to participate in sponsorships will result in a loss of 200 premium points.** Cash or Check. **Please make checks out to SC Bred Heifer Expo & Sale.** Please attach sponsorship form found in your folder.

RECORD BOOKS DUE: **Friday, July 19th, 2024** (postmarked by July 15th, 2024)

Drop off to: Webster Hardware and Farm Supply 120 N Mkt Blvd Webster, FL 33597

Mail to: PO Box 131 Webster, FL 33597

MARKETING PICTURES: **Friday, July 19th, 2024** email to jessicadavis1214wjt@gmail.com

These are individual pictures of your heifers used for advertising the sale of your heifers.

HEIFER PAIRS: **Friday, July 19th, 2024** email to jessicadavis1214wjt@gmail.com

FINAL CHECK-IN: **Friday, August 9th, 2024 at 8:00am** (**in line by 8:30am**) Sumter County Farmer’s Market 524 N Market Blvd Webster, FL 33597

INTERVIEWS & INDUSTRY SPEECH: **Friday, August 9th, 2024** shortly after preg-check

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HEIFER JUDGING: Friday, August 9th, 2024 at 12:00pm

EDUCATIONAL POSTERS: Friday, August 9th, 2024 due immediately after preg-check.

AWARDS: Saturday, August 10th, 2024 at 9:30 am

HEIFER SALE: Saturday, August 10th, 2024 at 1:00pm. See "Sale Day" rules for more info.

EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to all 4-H and FFA youth.
2. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of their advisors and county agents.
3. Participants must be a Florida resident and at least 8 years of age (as of Sep. 1, 2023) and have not completed the 12th grade by the time the application is submitted. Participants must also meet all other requirements set by their 4-H program or FFA chapter.
4. It is mandatory that heifer entries be born in Florida. Exhibitors are required to fill out and turn in the Breeders Certificate at the initial tag-in. **[See last page]**
5. All heifer entries MUST be tagged in at the Sumter County Farmer's Market on Saturday, November 4th, 2023 8:00am (must be in line by 8:30am).
6. **A pen of two (2) bred heifers must be exhibited for competition.** A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of ten (10) heifers may be checked in at the initial tag-in.
7. Families with one or more children may share the project. Each child will have a heifer assigned to them and each child will still be required to do their own record book, educational poster, interview, etc. Families must notify the committee before the initial tag-in.
8. It is recommended that you keep your heifer breed types as similar to each other as possible. Some examples are frame size, color, breed type, body type, fleshing ability, etc. This is part of how your heifers are judged on Friday. Heifer pairs that are alike in type will also be more appealing to the buyers.
9. **Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for completion. Record books are due on or before Friday, July 19th, 2024 (post marked by July 15th, 2024). If a completed record book is NOT received on this date, the exhibitor will be disqualified and will not be able to sell their heifers.**
10. **If marketing photos are not received by the July 19th, 2024 deadline, 100 premium points will be deducted.**
11. **Exhibitor heifer pairs are to be emailed to jessicadavis1214wjt@gmail.com by Friday July 19th, 2024. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a loss of 25 premium points.** If your pairs get broke up because one is open at preg-check, you can switch your pairs. You must let us know before your heifers get penned.

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12. **Exhibitor is responsible for collecting at least \$200 in sponsorships. Failure to participate in sponsorships will result in a loss of 200 premium points. Sponsorship money and form is due Friday, June 14th, 2024.**
13. **Speeches and Industry Interviews are due Friday, August 9th, 2024, after preg-check. You will have assigned times given to you closer to the event. Industry Interviews are mandatory.** Speeches are optional but are worth up to an additional 100 premium points that could be earned. Prior arrangements must be made with the committee if an exhibitor cannot participate in these two events. Contact Jessica Davis at 352-568-1390 to make different arrangements. **Exhibitors will be fined 100 premium points if they do not complete the interview.**
14. **Educational posters are mandatory and are due Friday, August 9th, 2024, immediately after your heifers are preg-checked.** We will allow you to add pen numbers to your boards as soon as we know what pen numbers your heifers are in. The purpose of the educational poster is to inform the buyers about your heifers and the genetics of the calf. Information to include is: breed of heifer, heifer background, bull information and EPD's, pictures of the bull, approximate due date of the calf, pen numbers, etc. **Boards have to be smaller than a science fair board. Only one board per child, not multiple boards. Failure to turn in board/poster will result in a loss of 75 premium points.**
15. Exhibitors who are unable to exhibit two (2) bred heifers may sell the pregnant **heifers at the end of the sale. The open/non-bred heifer(s) will not be judged but can** be sold as singles at the end of the sale (optional). **Pens of single bred heifers will not be judged.** Heifers are only judged in pairs of two.
16. If an exhibitor chooses to take their open heifers back home, they will **NOT** be able to load them up until the committee has finished with the preg-check process. Be respectful of the vet's time, and the time of the volunteers who have scheduled their time accordingly for this event. We will get you loaded as soon as possible.
17. **ONLY** approved volunteers that are assigned by the committee will be allowed in the barn during the preg-check process. **HOTSHOTS ARE NOT ALLOWED!** This will allow for less stress on the heifers and a smoother process with no miscommunication. **Exhibitors will be allowed to experience the process of their heifers getting pregnancy tested.** We will have an assigned volunteer letting families know when they can come back. Thank you for understanding!
18. Each exhibitor/owner must assume liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal and any injury or death incurred by his/her animal.
19. Closed toed shoes are required. All persons inside the barn area should be clothed in appropriate barn attire at all times.
20. **ETHICAL TREATMENT:** All animals must be treated in an ethical and humane manner. All animals must be shown in their natural conformation. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the animal and the exhibitor.

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21. **All** exhibitors are required to participate in all activities that are assigned in-between the mandatory events. These times include, when you are not doing your speech or interview, and when you are waiting for the judges to finish judging the heifers. **DO NOT** disrespect any of the volunteers or adults that are involved with putting this event on for you. **Failure to participate in these activities, and a disrespectful attitude will cost you 100 premium points.**
22. **New Rule: ONLY EXCEPTION FOR MISSING THE FINAL CHECK-IN AND SALE!!** Youth that have graduated the same year of the final event, and who have been accepted into an out of state college may be excused the final weekend only under certain circumstances. **1.)** The graduated senior must have been a participant in the Sumter County Farmer's Market Youth Bred Heifer Expo and Sale for two years prior to the event. For an example, the senior must have participated in the event their 10th and 11th grade school year. **2.)** The senior would still be required to be available for the entire event if the college is within a six-hour drive of the Sumter County Farmer's Market. **3.)** It would also be mandatory for the senior to do all of the premier exhibitor requirements. If the senior has a class on the Friday that the interviews are taking place and can't participate in that portion of the event, then it would be required to submit the speech/demonstration by video prior to the event.
23. **Parents, please do not feel the need to rush the events on Friday or Saturday. You know for at least 10 months ahead of time that this weekend is taking place. There are a lot of things going on Friday. Remember, our judges have a lot of heifers to judge, and we want them to have the time that they need. The interviews and speeches are the educational part of this program that are helping to build life skills that our youth will benefit from! Also, on Saturday, do not rush the thank you notes getting finished. The office has to have time to get everything entered in their system correctly, and then give us the addresses for the buyers.**
24. Any parent or exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program and/or fined \$500.00.
25. Exhibitors will receive their premium monies upon the committee receiving a handwritten "Thank You" note to their buyer(s). "Thank You" cards will be available at the event.
26. Premiums will be set according to monies available.
27. Proceeds from the sale and exhibitor premium monies will be sent to the exhibitor by the end of August.
28. A 6% sales fee will be deducted from each sale.
29. In order to comply with the national law on the Beef Check-Off, one dollar will be deducted from the sale of each heifer.
30. The committee reserves the right to amend these rules.

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Initial Tag-In: Saturday, November 4th, 2023

1. Saturday, November 4th: **Sumter County Farmer's Market 524 N Market Blvd Webster, FL 33597.**
 - **Registration 8:00am-8:30am (in line by 8:30am) \$20 per head fee due along with breeder's certificate**
 - **Mandatory meeting at 8:45am**
 - **Unload heifers and tag-in following meeting**
2. During the initial tag-in, all heifers will be vaccinated and receive an ear tag.
3. The exhibitor is responsible for applying for and bringing their own premise ID tags. **If you have your own Premise ID tags, you must bring them to initial tag-in. If you do not have Premise ID tags, please contact committee member, Jessica Davis 352-568-1390.**
4. Heifers should average a minimum of 500 pounds and must not exceed a maximum of 850 pounds at the initial tag-in. Heifers will not be weighed unless an infraction is suspected. This average is set to help with your success in the program.
5. Heifer entries must be **no more than 16 months of age** at the time of the initial tag-in. Any heifer with eruption of adult incisors will not be allowed to enter.
6. Heifers **CANNOT** be added or switched after the initial tag-in date.
7. Exhibitors will receive a folder at registration containing their record books, sponsorship form (be sure to make copies for multiple sponsors), paper with dates (including points to be earned, as well as fines), vaccines given at tag-in, form for buyers that will include what vaccines your heifers were given at home as well.

Final Check-In: Friday, August 9th, 2024

1. Heifers will be checked in August 9th at 8:00am (in line by 8:30am) at the Sumter County Farmer's Market. Heifers will be palpated by a committee appointed person(s) only that morning.
2. **Committee will sift any heifers with obvious health conditions such as sickness, lameness, warts, etc. Heifers must also have a BCS (body condition score) of at least 4.**
3. Heifers must not have calved prior to check-in. Any heifers exposed to a bull within 45 days of final check-in, will be called exposed at the sale.

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4. **Look under the event rules and regulations section for educational items that are due. The times that these events will occur on Friday, August 9th, will be given closer to the event.**
5. There will be no harassment of the judges prior to, during or after judging. A judge will give reasons for the top ten (10) placings, and that will be considered an adequate explanation of the placings.
6. Exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own hay, feed, and feed buckets for their heifers. Water troughs and water will be provided, and already in the pens upon arrival.

Sale Day: Saturday, August 10th, 2024

1. The barn will be open for exhibitors to feed at 9:00am. **Exhibitors must have feed pans removed out of heifers pens by 10:15am.**
2. Exhibitors must be ready for group photo at 9:30am. Be sure to wear nice jeans and your event shirt, which will be given to you on Saturday morning.
3. Buyers will be able to begin viewing heifers at 10:30am. Exhibitors must be by their educational boards at this time to meet and greet buyers that are coming in.
4. Exhibitors will need to help serve lunch at 11:45am to the buyers.
5. **Exhibitors must meet at the back of the sale ring area after the sale to complete their buyers thank you notes. Failure to do so will result in no paycheck.** The committee has to okay your thank you notes before you are excused to leave from the event. This is part of your project, and a lot of money in your pocket! Be thankful for this opportunity!
6. After thank you notes are completed, be sure to get awards off of your heifers pens as well as your educational boards/posters.
7. The committee will release all heifers at the end of sale, once payment has been received by the buyers.
8. The committee only acts as agents for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between the buyers and sellers.
9. All heifers entered in this program and sold become property of the buyers and will remain sold.
10. **There will be a \$100 fine for any items left in the barn for committee members to have to clean up.**

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Breeder's Certificate

Exhibitor Name: _____ Date purchased: _____

Breeder's Name:

Breeder's Signature:

Address:

I state that these heifer(s) were born in _____ County in _____, FL

How many heifers were purchased from this producer? _____

Birthdate range of the heifers from this producer: _____

(Example: Nov 2022- Jan 2023)

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