

# **2025/2026 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP**

**Last Update: July 25, 2025**

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and Information for Raising and Showing a Youth Animal Project. It is essential that the exhibitors understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2026 Florida State Fair and many other Florida Fairs.

\*Certification is only valid for three (3) Fair seasons, not three (3) calendar years.\*

**For the 2025/2026 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 24, 25, or 26 are current and valid.**

The requirements are as follows:

- **ALL STUDENTS ENTERED IN THE 2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR YOUTH MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.**
- **YOUTH EXHIBITING AT OTHER FLORIDA FAIRS SHOULD CHECK THAT SPECIFIC FAIR'S RULES FOR ETHICS QUALIFICATIONS.**
- *Check the following pages for updated dates, times, and locations.*
- **\*\*\* ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS SHOWING IN THE 2026 FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE AN ETHICS CERTIFICATION NUMBER BY JANUARY 19, 2026.**

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| <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: Attendance will qualify for certification, but <u>NOT</u> for Achievement Points</b></p> |
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The following Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops are currently being offered to date:  
(Please periodically check the website for additional workshops being offered.)

| DATE   | TIME               | LOCATION                                 | REGISTRATION DEADLINE              |
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| <b>**Please Note: Registration/Sign-In for all on-site workshops will be 30 minutes prior to the listed time. ****</b> |                    |  |                                    |
| MAY 7  | 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  | Volusia County Fair - Talton Building    | Pre-register by May 4 (200 Limit)  |
| OCT 11   | 10 am - 1 pm       | Martinez Middle School                   | Pre-register by Oct 9 (Limit 100)  |
| OCT 15   | 4 pm - 7 pm        | Central Florida Fairgrounds              | Pre-register by Oct 12 (Limit 150) |
| OCT 25   | 10 pm - 1 pm       | Sumter County Fairgrounds - Cow Palace   | Pre-register by Oct 23 (No Limit)  |
| OCT 30   | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  | Charlotte County 4-H Office              | Pre-register by Oct 28 (Limit 50)  |
| NOV 1  | 9 am - 12 noon     | South Florida Fairgrounds                | Pre-register by Oct 29 (No Limit)  |
| NOV 24   | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | Charlotte County 4-H Office              | Pre-register by Nov 20 (Limit 50)  |
| DEC 6  | 9 am - 12 noon     | FL Strawberry Festival - Boring Building | Pre-register by Dec 4 (No Limit)   |
| DEC 9  | 7:30 pm - 9 pm     | Sumter County Fairgrounds - Cow Palace   | Pre-register by Dec 7 (No Limit)   |
| JAN 24   | 9 am - 12 noon     | Central Florida Fairgrounds              | Pre-register by Jan 21 (Limit 150) |

(Please note: January 19th will be the last workshop for exhibitors showing at the 2026 Florida State Fair.)

**Additional Workshops will be added!! Please check periodically for updated workshops.**

**\*\*Please Note: The Florida State Fair and the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Trainers reserve the right to modify and/or cancel any scheduled workshops if necessary. Pre-registered participants will be notified if any changes/modifications need to be made.**

Please **DO NOT** register for multiple workshops, as this will prevent other students from attending. Contact the Florida State Fair Agribusiness Office if you need to cancel your pre-registered workshop.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT**  
**[WWW.FLORIDASTATEFAIRAG.COM](http://WWW.FLORIDASTATEFAIRAG.COM)**

**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION**

**For any questions, please contact Emily Smith at**  
**[Emily.Smith@FloridaStateFair.com](mailto:Emily.Smith@FloridaStateFair.com) or 813-627-4340**

## **Directions and Information on** **On-Site Ethics Workshops**

**May 7, 2025**

**4:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Volusia County Fairgrounds**

3150 E. New York Ave

DeLand, FL 32724

**Please note: Class is limited to 200 students; please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Sandy Hull

**Contact Info:** [Sales@volusiacountyfair.com](mailto:Sales@volusiacountyfair.com)

## **October 11, 2025**

**10 am - 1 pm**

**Martinez Middle School - Held in the School Cafeteria**

5601 Lutz Lake Fern Rd

Lutz, FL 33558

**Please note: Class is limited to 100 students; please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Elizabeth Hessel

**Contact Info:** [elizabeth.hessel@hcps.net](mailto:elizabeth.hessel@hcps.net)

## **October 15, 2025**

**4 pm - 7 pm**

**Central Florida Fairgrounds - Commercial Building**

4603 W. Colonial Dr

Orlando, FL 32808

**Please note: Class is limited to 150 students; please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Jacki Stough

**Contact Info:** [jacki@centralfloridafair.com](mailto:jacki@centralfloridafair.com)

## **October 25, 2025**

**10 am - 1 pm**

**Sumter County Fairgrounds - Cow Palace**

7620 State Road 471

Bushnell, FL 33513

**Please Note: Class has no limit, BUT please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Carrie Ray

**Contact Info:** [fairmanager@sumterfair.net](mailto:fairmanager@sumterfair.net)

## **October 30, 2025**

**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Charlotte County 4-H Office**

514 E Grace Street

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

**Please note: Class is limited to 50 students; please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Kristie Popa

**Contact Info:** [kpopa@ufl.edu](mailto:kpopa@ufl.edu)

## **November 1, 2025**

**9 am - 12 noon** (8:30 am - 9 am is sign-in)

### **South Florida Fairgrounds**

9067 Southern Blvd

West Palm Beach, FL 33421

**Please note: Class has no student limit, BUT please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Paige Poole

**Contact Info:** [Paige@southfloridafair.com](mailto:Paige@southfloridafair.com)

## **November 24, 2025**

**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### **Charlotte County 4-H Office**

514 E Grace Street

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

**Please note: Class is limited to 50 students; please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Kristie Popa

**Contact Info:** [kpopa@ufl.edu](mailto:kpopa@ufl.edu)

## **December 6, 2025**

**9 am - 12 noon** (Registration will begin at 8 am)

### **Florida Strawberry Festival - Arthur Boring Building**

2301 West Oak Street

Plant City, FL 33563

**\*Please note: Class has no student limit, BUT please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Cala Callins-Hogan

**Contact Info:** [cala@flstrawberryfestival.com](mailto:cala@flstrawberryfestival.com)

## **December 9, 2025**

**7:30 pm - 9 pm**

### **Sumter County Fairgrounds - Cow Palace**

7620 State Road 471

Bushnell, FL 33513

**Please Note: Class has no limit, BUT please pre-register.**

**Contact Person:** Carrie Ray

**Contact Info:** [fairmanager@sumterfair.net](mailto:fairmanager@sumterfair.net)

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## **January 24, 2026**

**9 am - 12 noon**

**Central Florida Fairgrounds - Commercial Building**

4603 W. Colonial Dr

Orlando, FL 32808

**Please note: Class is limited to 150 students;** please pre-register.

**Contact Person:** Jacki Stough

**Contact Info:** [jacki@centralfloridafair.com](mailto:jacki@centralfloridafair.com)