



Volunteer Handbook

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Ticket Prices

General Admission Tickets

\$5.00 for adults (5 and over)

Free kids (4 and under)

Monday is Veterans Day – all active/non active or retired Veterans Free entry

Thursday is Senior Citizen Night and seniors above the age of 64 get in free.

**Saturday Ticket Booth closes at 3:30 p.m. and
Opens at 5:30 p.m.**

Armbands on Midway every night

Monday- Friday \$20

Saturday matinee – 12 noon – 3 p.m. - \$20

Saturday night – 6 p.m. til close - \$25

Schedule

Fair Week is Monday through Saturday, October 13 – 18, 2025

Thursday, October 9

Walton County School Art starts set up.

Booths start set up.

Friday, October 10

School Art

Booths set up

Saturday, October 11

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM All entries for Creative Living Department, Agriculture and Home Arts Department, and Youth Activities.

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Art and Photography Entries

Booths set up

Sunday, October 12

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM All entries for Creative Living Department, Agriculture and Home Arts Department, and Youth Activities.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Poultry and Rabbits Enter

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Baking Contest Entries Come in

5:00 PM - Baked Goods Contest Judging Begins

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Hogs Enter

4:00 PM – Judging begins for Poultry and Rabbit Exhibit

Monday, October 13

8:00 AM Judges Breakfast

9:00 AM Judging begins for Creative Living Department, Youth Activities Department, and Community Booths.

12:00 Ribbon Cutting with Walton County Chamber of Commerce

5:00 PM Gates Open

6:00 PM Mari Gleason on Main Stage

9:00 PM Gates Close

Tuesday, October 14

5:00 PM Gates Open

5:30 PM West Defuniak Elementary on Main Stage

6:00 PM Cancer Freeze on Main Stage

6:00 PM Youth Hog Show Begins

9:00 PM Gates Close

Wednesday, October 15

5:00 PM Gates Open

5:30 PM Mossy Head/Freeport Elementary on Main Stage

6:00 PM Jim Hubbard on Main Stage

6:00 PM Youth Rabbit and Poultry Showmanship Begins

9:00 PM Gates Close

Thursday, October 16

5:00 PM Gates Open

6:00 PM Hog Buyer's Dinner at Extension Office

6:00 PM Martin & Laura Lane on Main Stage

7:00 PM Hog Auction

9:00 PM Gates Close

Friday, October 17

5:00 PM Gates Open

6:00 PM Youth Goat Show

6:00 PM Kiera Howell on Main Stage

9:30 PM Gates Close

Saturday, October 18

12:00 PM Noon Gates Open

12:00 PM Youth Beef Show

3:30 PM – Ticket Booth Closes – NO tickets sold

4:00 PM Midway Shuts Down for State mandated inspection
(armbands expire)

5:30 PM – Ticket Booth Opens

6:00 PM Midway Resumes (new armbands must be
purchased)

6:00 PM Rowdy Friends Band on Main Stage

9:30 PM Gates Close

Sunday, October 19

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Entry Pick ups for Poultry and Rabbits in barn.

Entry Pick ups for Creative Living and Agriculture and Home
Arts Departments in the building.

Monday, October 20

Building Gets Cleaned up

GENERAL RULES

- All livestock entered into the Walton County Fair are subject to all applicable Federal, State, Local and Provincial statutes, regulations, ordinances, and rules pertaining to food chain safety. Livestock entered are subject to any and all random tests.
- Unless specified under the division, there will be a limit of one entry per person per class.
- All items entered for competition must have been made or grown this year, except for livestock.
- Division entries will be first given to Walton County residents and members of Walton County clubs first. Divisions will then be opened to entries from surrounding counties.
- All premiums and cash awards may be picked up from Division Chairpersons when your item is retrieved.
- Early removal of any item WILL FORFEIT MONETARY AWARD.
- If income to the Walton County Fair is affected adversely by weather or other factors making it impossible to pay the monetary awards listed.

In that case, all monies will be reduced by the same proportion.

- The Walton County Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to items at the Fair. Every effort will be made to protect items.
- Entry time for all non-livestock items is the Saturday before the Fair opens from 9 AM – 2 PM and Sunday 11 AM – 1 PM
- EXCEPTION: Baked Goods will be accepted on Sunday before the Fair opens, from 1-4 PM, with judging to follow at 5:00 PM
- Entry time for all other livestock is the day of show; check rules for times.
- Entries must be made at the Walton County Fairgrounds. No entry will be accepted or returned via US Mail.
- Senior Citizens are those age 64 and over.
- Pick up for all items is Saturday, the last day of the Fair after 9:30 PM, or on Sunday, the day after the Fair closes, from 1 PM – 4 PM. Unless prior arrangements are made, all entries must be picked up by 4 PM on Sunday. Entries removed before 9:30 PM on Saturday or not picked up by the designated times will be disposed of, and all premium ribbons and cash awards will be forfeited.
- All decisions by the judges in any given division are final.

- A judge may disqualify any exhibit that is deemed inferior to the standards of the Walton County Fair.
- A Health Certificate must accompany all horses, sheep, goats, cattle, and swine.
- Horses must have a negative Coggins test. There is no exception to this rule.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Security is paramount. Anyone who poses a security risk will be asked to leave the property immediately.
- Lost and found will be located in the Walton County Fair Office.
- Any children separated from their parents should go to the front gate entry area or either door to the main building to get help. Volunteers will be in those areas at all times.
- Ticket booth operators on the Fair Midway have communication devices and this would be a good area for lost family members to find each other as well.
- The Walton County Fair is a family friendly establishment. Anyone found conducting themselves in a manner contrary to this will be asked to leave immediately.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that your visit and that of your fellow guest is pleasant, we request all visitors to the Walton County Fair comply with the following Code of Conduct. Violators of the Code of Conduct will be asked to leave Walton County Fair property and may be cited for trespass or violations of local, state or federal law and/or may be arrested by local law enforcement agencies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Do not physically or verbally threaten or harass any person. Fighting, use of physical force, obscene or sexually explicit language or gestures, or racial, religious or ethnic slurs, including any display on apparel or via body art likely to create a disturbance or a danger to other persons, are prohibited.
2. Do not possess any item that could be used as a weapon, including, but not limited to: firearms, explosives, fireworks, chemical dispensing devices, or any clubs, sticks, knives or other object(s) that may be used in any way to inflict bodily injury on another person.
3. Visitors must be fully clothed, including shoes and shirts. Except as required for religious or medical reasons, visitors may not wear any covering that fully or partially obscures a person's face. Clothing that the Walton County Fair construes as indecent, exposes excessive portions of the skin, or that the Walton County Fair views as inappropriate for a family environment is prohibited. Halloween style masks or props are prohibited.

4. Do not run, skate, rollerblade, skateboard, ride a bicycle or scooter, or use wheeled shoes. Do not obstruct or interfere with the free flow of pedestrian traffic, or otherwise engage in any unauthorized performance. Hover boards are not permitted. Segway are not permitted except when utilized as an ADA mobility device. Drones sometimes referred to as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), or other controlled flying devices are not permitted on or above the Walton County Fairs property without the Walton County Fair's express written permission.
5. Do not discard litter of any kind except in designated trash receptacles. Rummaging through or removing items from the trash receptacles is prohibited. Spitting is prohibited. Urinating anywhere except in designated restrooms is prohibited.
6. Do not deface, damage, or destroy any property belonging to the Walton County Fair, its Vendors/ Entrants, or other persons. Anyone found vandalizing the bathroom(s) will be asked to leave the property immediately. The extent of the vandalism will dictate if charges or restitution is pursued
7. Animals are for display purpose only. Touching the animals or entering the enclosure is prohibited.
8. Open cans, bottles or other receptacles containing any alcoholic beverage are prohibited. Smoking or consuming tobacco (including e-cigarettes and vaporizers) in areas other than designated areas is

prohibited. Marijuana and all illegal items, substances and paraphernalia are prohibited.

9. No photographing or videotaping in a manner that is harassing or disruptive to the Walton County Fair's Vendors/Entrants or other persons.
10. Do not bring any animals on to the Walton County Fair's property with the exception of service animals providing assistance to visitors with disabilities and/or in the company of persons claiming to be a trainer of a service animal.
11. Overnight parking without the Walton County Fair's written consent is prohibited. Violators will be subject to tow.
12. Line jumping where the use of a queuing system is employed is prohibited and may result in expulsion from the Walton County Fair's property.
13. Do not violate any federal, state or local law or ordinance. Failure to comply with all posted rules, signs, warnings and policies is prohibited.
14. All Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

SAFETY RULES CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND PLANT AREAS

The following rules govern all livestock shows including the plant show. It includes all areas in the fairgrounds deemed as agricultural and all locations on the Walton County Fairgrounds where animals are housed.

The rules concern all participants, their families and any visitors to these areas.

These rules are based on The Center for Disease Control Guidelines for the safe operation of livestock shows.

These rules have been made policy by the Board of Directors of the Walton County Fair Board and as such will be strictly enforced to ensure the Fair's continued ability to provide livestock and exhibitions at the Walton County Fair in future years.

1. Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick and have actually done so.
2. Any contact with animals should always be followed by washing of your hands.
3. **There can be absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK in any form in the livestock or youth plant show areas.** This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.
4. **It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to educate visitors and report food and drink violations to appropriate parties.**
5. No animal can be fed anything but livestock feed in appropriate containers. If an exhibitor is feeding an animal food other than livestock feed, the exhibitor has already violate Rule # 3 above.

6. No one but the exhibitor or his/her duly appointed designee can have direct contact with the animals.
7. All animal areas will be set up so that the general public cannot directly touch the livestock.
8. These rules may change from time to time. It is the exhibitor's and guardian's responsibility to verify the rules prior to entering the show.

Fine Art

Purpose:

To create a major point of culture and aesthetics at the Walton County Fair by drawing from talent throughout Walton County and the two sponsors: The Walton County Art League and the Chautauqua Porcelain Artists.

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Fine Art Division Rules:

- All art must have the artist's name, address, and phone number on the back of the artwork.
- Each artist may submit a total of 5 paintings for judging. Any painting over this limit may be accepted

on a space-available basis but will be placed in a separate category that will not be judged.

- Each work of art will be screened before acceptance for the following:
- The entering exhibitor must have created the work.
- No nude figures or inappropriate paintings will be accepted.
- Paintings that have been accepted in prior years will not be accepted.
- Pictures MUST fit on the hanging space (framed art may not exceed 36 inches in width).
- Pictures must be properly framed, wired, and ready to hang.
- Paintings must be dry; media that is still wet will be refused.
- Participants will remain with their art pieces until they have been properly logged and tagged.
- Should there be insufficient artists (at least 3) entering a category, entries will be shown but not judged, or subcategories will be eliminated and judged under media alone.
- Works entered should be completed within the last two years and not have been entered in the Walton County Fair previously.
- Judging will be based on creativity, principles of design, and technical excellence.
- A maximum of five entries per participant is allowed.

- Decisions of the judges are final.
- Fine Art entries will be accepted by all media. Artists will fall in one of three classifications: Amateur, Professional (artists earning a major part of the income from sales or those who teach art privately or in schools), and Youth Art.

Handicrafts

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 2 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM -1 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Handicraft Division Rules:

- Youth must be as "school-age" K-12 grades and not have completed high school.
- Limit one item per person per sub-class for judging. You may enter as many items for display at the discretion of the Division Chairperson.

- Handicraft articles must have been made by the exhibitor and completed within the previous year.
- Items cannot have been entered previously.
- All exhibits must be clean.
- Special consideration will be given for Senior Citizens and physically challenged persons if the challenge is considered to affect the abilities of the exhibitor.
- Sub-divisions with fewer than three entries will be combined with others. The Fair Association may combine classes at their discretion.
- Any item removed early from the exhibition will forfeit any premiums.
- Any entry deemed vulgar or inappropriately suggestive will not be accepted.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Youth Crafts that need assistance with power tools consideration will be given.

Classes:

Hobbies

Wreath, Hand painted items, Jewelry, Leatherwork, Handmade Dolls /Woven Dolls, Basket Work , Plastic Canvas, Woodworking, Musical Instruments/Windchimes, Scrapbooking, Poetry, Latch Hook, Head Accessories, & Other Items.

Crocheted Items

Afghans, Baby Clothes, Bedspreads, Doilies/Scarves, Edgings/ Insertions, Tablecloths, Other Items.

Embellished Garments

Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Vests, Other Items

Hand Stitchery

Applique, Counted Cross Stitch, Embroidery, Needlepoint, Quilt Tops, Bed Quilts, Smocking, Tatting, Other Items.

Knitting

Afghans, Baby Clothes, Dresses/Suits, Sweaters, Other Items

Machine Stitchery

Applique, Embroidery, Bed Quilts, Quilt Tops, Wall Hangings, Household items, Other Items

Youth Crafts

Painted Items, Plaster Crafts, Jewelry, Woodwork, Embroidery/Crocheting, Sewing Crafts, String Art, Clay Dough, Scrapbooking, K'Nex and Lego Construction, Baskets, Weaving, Decoupage, and Other Items.

Youth K'Nex and Lego Structures

K'Nex and Lego structures are limited to 14" X 14" X 14"

- Structures must be secured to a sturdy surface.
- No Kits, please, original work only.
- Space is limited, so only the first ten entries will be accepted.

Photography

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, Honorable Mention, and Participation.

Exhibits not picked up by 4:00 PM, Sunday, October 16, will be discarded. Items picked up early will forfeit premiums.

Photography Division Rules:

- Reasonable security measures will be provided, but the Fair Association cannot be responsible for loss or damages to entries.
- Amateurs* only are eligible to enter—no age limitation. ("Amateur" refers to anyone who does not charge **any** fee for their photography services, even if photography is not their primary career.)
- The exhibitor must have taken each photograph.
- The exhibitor is limited to five photographs (regardless of category); none of the five photographs may have been previously entered.
- Photos must be mounted (glued) to cardboard, foam board, or matted. **NO FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Put the exhibitor's name, address, and telephone number on the back of each entry.

- Walton County Fair Photography Chairpersons will hang all entries using pre-mounted clips and wires. Please do not include any form of hanging hardware, glue, or tape on the back of the piece.
- The total photo size must be either 5 x 7 inches or 8 x 10 inches. No other sizes will be accepted.
- A class must have at least four entries for the class to be judged. If not, then classes may be combined.
- No collages will be accepted, including multiple-photography displays, regardless of whether or not they are on the same mat or board. Only single photographs will be accepted.
- Pictures deemed controversial because of moral, religious, or political matter will be judged but not displayed.
- Judges' decisions are final.

Classes:

- Nature (plants, insects, bodies of water, sunsets/sunrises, landforms, etc.)
- Human Interest (un-posed, snapshot-style photos of human subjects)
- Sports (any sporting event or athletic action shot)
- Portrait (intentionally posed photos of human subjects)
- Black and White
- Animals

- Youth Division (16 & under)

Porcelain

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Porcelain Division General Rules:

- Work must be the exhibiting artist's own work, not that of a teacher or instructor (no seminar pieces).
- Work must have never been exhibited in this Fair before.
- Pieces must have been completed in the last two years.
- Study pieces are acceptable, but decals are not allowed.
- Pieces are screened for criteria at intake, and the final decision to allow/disallow pieces to be exhibited is made by the division chair.
- Categories will be divided into bisque and glazed if sufficient entries are received. If there are not enough entries to have two categories, the bisque will be judged with glazed pieces in the subcategory in which it can be placed. A minimum of three per

class category is required for judging. Pieces may be grouped differently to accommodate judging criteria.

- Pieces may be entered assets (e.g., tea, chocolate, and coffee services, or other serving sets) or as individual pieces (single items or pieces from a set). Jewelry may be included with a subcategory if identifiable as a specialty item (e.g., enameling or luster).

Categories will be subdivided stylistically. Styles will be placed in the following categories:

- Naturalistic
- Dresden
- Pen Work
- Enamel and Raised Paste
- Luster work

Categories:

Within categories, pieces may be divided into the subject matter. Subjects available for selection will be:

- Portrait or human interest
- Animals
- Landscapes or seascapes
- Miniatures
- Floral
- Roses
- Christmas or other holiday themes

- Miscellaneous

Categories may be arranged to not exclude an exhibitor's work from judging. Decisions of the judge are final.

Pottery

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Pottery Division Rules:

- Exhibits accepted include original hand-formed or wheel-thrown pottery.
- Entries are limited to 5 per exhibitor. For two-part entries (ex. salt and pepper shakers), note on exhibit.
- Entries must not have been previously entered at the Walton County Fair.
- The name, address, and phone number should be attached to the entry.
- Do not submit entries that are chipped or broken.

- Entries are to be the sole work of the exhibitor.
- A class with less than three exhibitors will be judged as miscellaneous.
- Youth are encouraged to participate.

Categories:

- Hand-Formed pottery
- Vessel
- Art objects
- Sculpture
- Miscellaneous
- Wheel-Thrown pottery
- Youth Pottery

Baked Goods

Schedule: Entry time: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 1 - 4 PM

Judging at 5:00 PM

Entries will be auctioned Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Main Room of the Fair Building to raise funds for the Walton County Fair.

Ribbons:

- Best in Show - Rosette and prize or gift certificate from a local business

- Blue Award - Blue Ribbon and prize or gift certificate from a local business
- Red Award - Red Ribbon and prize or gift certificate from a local business
- White Award -White ribbon and premium paid

Baked Goods Division Rules:

- Baked goods, limit one entry in each division.
- All entries must have the entrant's name and phone number on the bottom of the plate or pan, so it is not showing to the public.
- All entries must be made from scratch no purchased crusts, mixes, or icings.
- Canned fillings must be disclosed. The entering exhibitor should be the one who made the baked goods.
- Walton County Fair will not provide refrigeration.
- Entries must be accompanied by an ingredients list. This can enhance your skill score with homemade ingredients.
- Recipes cannot be entry from previous year.
- All entries will be scored on the following:

<u>Culinary Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Percent of Overall</u>
Presentation (i.e. Decoration, Shape,	1 – 30
Flavor (i.e. Taste, Aroma)	1 – 30
Texture (i.e Fluffy, Crispy, Chewy, Flakey)	1 – 20

Skill (i.e. Canned Filling vs Homemade)	1 - 20
	100 Points Possible

Classes

1: Cakes

- Layer cakes
- Sheet cakes
- Cupcakes
- Angel food cakes
- Chiffon cakes
- Spice cakes

2: Pies -

- Fruit pies (apple, cherry, blueberry, etc.)
- Custard pies (pumpkin, chess, etc.)
- Cream pies (banana cream, chocolate cream, etc.)
- Savory pies (meat or vegetable pies)

3: Cookies - Must provide at least two dozen cookies.

- Drop cookies (chocolate chip, oatmeal, etc.)
- Rolled cookies (sugar, gingerbread, etc.)
- Sandwich cookies (whoopie pies, Oreo-style cookies)
- Bar cookies (blondies, brownies, etc.)

4: Breads - Yeast breads (white, whole wheat, sourdough, etc.)

- Quick breads (banana bread, zucchini bread, etc.)
- Muffins
- Biscuits
- Rolls (dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls, etc.)
- Sweet Breads

5: Pastries

- Danish pastries
- Croissants
- Puff pastry (tarts, turnovers, etc.)
- Eclairs and cream puffs
- Tarts and Galettes (freeform rustic pies)
- Fruit tarts
- Custard tarts
- Savory tarts

6: Specialty Baked Goods

- Gluten-free or dairy-free baked goods
- Sugar-free baked goods
- Vegan baked goods
- Cheesecakes
- Flourless cakes
- Bundt cakes
- Cake pops

7: Miscellaneous

- Candy
- Bread Pudding
- Lemon bars

- Fudge
- Scones

8: Youth - All baked goods from participants, 14 years of age and younger.

Professional Category

Purpose:

Professional Category (defined as those who have fine arts degrees or those without a degree but who teach art/ painting.) Professionals may enter their work in the Fair in the professional grouping but may not compete with their students. E.g., if you are an instructor in watercolor, acrylics, oils, you may enter your artworks in those media in the professional category. If you are a certified teacher for schools, you may enter your artwork in the professional category. Categories and judging criteria will be the same as applied to the amateur categories and Walton County Scenes. Professionals may enter the Walton County Scenes should they desire.

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and

Professional Category Rules:

- All art must have the artist's name, address, and phone number on the back of the artwork.
- Each artist may submit a total of 5 paintings for judging. Any painting over this limit may be accepted on a space-available basis but will be placed in a separate category that will not be judged.
- Each work of art will be screened before acceptance for the following:
- The entering exhibitor must have created the work.
- No nude figures or inappropriate paintings will be accepted.
- Paintings that have been accepted in prior years will not be accepted.
- Pictures MUST fit on the hanging space (framed art may not exceed 36 inches in width).
- Pictures must be properly framed, wired, and ready to hang.
- Paintings must be dry; media that is still wet will be refused.
- Participants will remain with their art pieces until they have been properly logged and tagged.
- Should there be insufficient artists (a least 3) entering a category, entries will be shown but not judged, or subcategories will be eliminated and judged under media alone.

- Works entered should be completed within the last two years and not have been entered in the Walton County Fair previously.
- Judging will be based on creativity, principles of design, and technical excellence.
- A maximum of five entries per participant is allowed.
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- Fine Art entries will be accepted by all media. Artists will fall in one of three classifications: Amateur, Professional (artists earning a major part of the income from sales or those who teach art privately or in schools), and Youth.

Purchase Award for Walton County Scenes

The Walton Co Art League sponsors the Purchase Award for the Walton County Fair. The Art League will purchase a painting from a local artist. Paintings from previous years are on display at the DeFuniak Springs City Hall. If you are interested in entering that category, entry rules are found online in the Fine Art category at www.waltoncountyfair.com. In addition, the following also apply:

- The scene must be a recognizable Walton County scene (even if the site is gone, you may submit a painting done from a photo).
- The art must be a painting: oil, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, or mixed media are acceptable (photos are not accepted in the Fine Art category).

- The winning painting is considered a purchased painting, and the owner surrenders all rights to the painting. The WCAL will hang the painting for display in a local county/city office.
- The painting must be framed and ready to hang (gallery-wrapped canvases, which are those with sides 1 1/2 inches deep or more, need not be framed if the sides are also painted. Gallery wraps without the wraps (sides) painted will not be judged for purchase).
- The painting must have been done within the last year.
- There will be only one purchase award in either of two different size categories:
- A painting with a picture size up to 11 x 14 inches or 154 square inches, if selected, would be purchased for \$100, or any larger painting will be awarded \$200.
- The award is an actual purchase, and the artist must surrender the painting to the Walton County Art League upon acceptance.

Media Type:

- Oils
- Acrylics
- Water Color
- Pastels

- Pen & Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Colored Pencil, Conte Crayon
- Computer-generated
- Mixed Media

Farm Goods

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 2 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM -1 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Farm Goods Division Rules:

- There is a limit of one entry per variety per person in each class. They should have the variety name on the front or lid of the jar.
- All items should be marked with the exhibitor's name, address, and phone number but not showing to the public.
- Produce items must have been grown by the exhibitor within the previous year.
- All exhibits must be high quality, clean, and free from insect damage.
- Items must be marketable.

Entry Examples:

- Three stalks cane topped and tied
- Five ears of corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, etc.
- 1/2 dozen eggs (in carton)
- One-quart dried, shelled beans, peas, corn, peanuts, etc., in a jar.
- One pumpkin, watermelon, a stalk of cotton, a bale of hay, etc.
- 1/2-pint small seeds (flowers, okra, etc.) in a glass jar

Classes:

- Garden vegetables - cucumbers, cabbage, broccoli, etc.
- Field Crops - cotton, corn, potatoes, peanuts, etc.
- Peppers - all varieties
- Fruits - pears, apples, etc.
- Persimmons - all varieties
- Pumpkins/Squash - all varieties
- Eggs - all varieties
- Seeds - fruit, vegetable, flowers
- Nuts - pecans, chestnuts, walnuts, etc.
- Pepper sauce

- Honey
- Hay
- Misc.: cane syrup, cane juice, etc.

Dried Goods

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 2 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM -1 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Dried Goods Division Rules:

- Dried & vacuum-packed foods - one entry per type/ style of fruit, vegetable, and type of jerky. May enter dried herbs, soup mix, or other dried items. Be creative.
- Trail mix is also acceptable.
- Dried foods should be displayed in plastic zipper-type bags, sandwich sizes, or clear containers.
- Vacuum sealed items should be in appropriate clear containers. (Items must be seen to be judged)
- Whole slices rather than pieces make the best presentation. Exception: items intended to be small pieces - trail mix, etc.

- Entry should have a minimum of 6 slices of fruit, vegetable, or jerky per bag, 1/2 cup trail mix.
- Items must be dried or vacuum-sealed by the entrant.
- The name, address, and phone number of the entrant should be on the bottom of the container or back of the bag.
- Items will be judged on appearance, uniformity of slices, color, visual texture, etc. These are show items, not to be tasted.

Classes:

- Meats
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Herbs / Spices
- Miscellaneous

Canned Goods

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 2 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM -1 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Canned Goods Division Rules:

- One entry per type, such as peas, grape jelly, apple jelly, etc. All foods should be processed according to the USDA Guidelines.
- 4-H club members who are bonafide members with an approved leader will show in a separate division but under the same rules.
- Jars should be in a standard canning jar.
- Jars should be appropriately sealed with new lids and no rings on tops.
- Jars should be clean inside and outside.
- Jars should be filled according to USDA guidelines.
- These are show items not to be tested.
- No artificial coloring can be added unless required by recipes
- Liquids in vegetables and fruits must cover them and be clear.
- Vegetables must be cut in uniform pieces, yet not packed tightly or loosely (not floating in liquids).
- Stems should be removed (figs may retain stems)
- Vegetables should not be overcooked.
- Jellies and jams are checked for color. They should be as clear as possible, free from air bubbles, and to the top of the jar.

- Items must have been canned within the last 12 months.

Classes:

- Jams
- Jellies
- Preserves
- Butters
- Pickled items
- Relishes - chutney, chow-chow, etc.
- Tomatoes
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Green Beans
- Meats
- Soups
- Sauces
- Salsas
- Miscellaneous
- Youth 12 & under

Potted Plants

Chairperson: Dan & Samantha Gillert

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 2 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM -1 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Potted Plant Division Rules:

- Three (3) plants in each class will be accepted per person.
- Each plant will be labeled with the exhibitor's name, address, phone number, and plant name upon entry.
- Please enter your very best, well-cared-for plants in clean pots or containers. Diseased or infested plants will not be accepted.
- Exhibitors must have possession of their plants for a minimum of three (3) months.
- All plants will be blind judged and on their merit.
- Classes with less than three entries may be combined at the Chairperson's discretion.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Reasonable security measures will be provided, but the Fair Association cannot be responsible for loss or damages to entries.

Classes:

- African Violets
- Flowering
- Foliage
- Hanging Containers
- Cactus and Succulent
- Ferns
- Dish Gardens
- Miscellaneous

Youth Art

Purpose

To encourage youth to expand their education through art.
Youth must be between the ages of 6-18.

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Youth Art Division Rules:

- All art must have the artist's name, address, and phone number on the back of the artwork.

- A maximum of 5 entries per artist will be accepted
- Entries must be either framed or matted and attached to foam board, and ready to hang
- All Rules in the Fine Art Division apply

Educational Posters

Purpose:

This contest organized by the Walton County Extension Office and 4-H encourages youth to learn more about Florida Agriculture.

Schedule:

Entry Time: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 9 AM- 4 PM

Place: Walton County Extension Office next to the Fairgrounds

Contact: 850.892.8172

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, and Participation.

Educational Poster Division Rules:

- The poster must be done on an 11 x 14 poster board or a half sheet of regular poster board.
- The poster must be on a subject related to Florida Agriculture.

- The posters may be on ANY subject relating to Florida Agriculture, from livestock to crops.
- The posters should focus on one area and educate the reader about the process or benefit of that aspect of Agriculture. Be creative!
- The name, address, age of the contestant must be printed on the back of the poster in the top right corner. Posters will be disqualified if labeled improperly.

Poster Appearance:

- Well planned, good visual for the topic (10 points)
- Interesting design and colors (10 points)
- Neat and well-constructed (10 points)
- Name, age, and address printed on the back (5 points)

Judging will be based on the following:

- Attracts attention, encourages interest (25 points)
- Original Creative Design (25 points)
- A descriptive statement matches the visual theme and conveys a clear message (15 points).

Youth Pumpkin Decorating

Schedule:

Entry Time: Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 AM- 2 PM

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM -1 PM

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, and Participation.

Pumpkin Decorating Division Classes:

Pre-School, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th through 8th, 9th through 10th, and 11th through 12th.

Youth Pumpkin Decorating Division Rules:

- No carving or puncturing pumpkins as it leads to rapid deterioration. Pumpkins that are punctured or carved will not be allowed entry into the Fair.
- Use sound pumpkins only. The Chairperson will remove all spoiled/deteriorated pumpkins.
- Items picked up early will forfeit premiums.
- Judges will not award a prize to an exhibit, which, in their determination, was not done solely by the child.
- Exhibit area for each pumpkin is limited so please keep display below 20" by 20" by 14".
- All pumpkins must have the artist's name, address, date of birth, and phone number on the back of the entry tag.
- A maximum of 1 entry per artist will be accepted.

Judging Criteria will be as follows:

- Quality of Workmanship...30%
- General Appearance.....25%
- The originality of design.....25%
- Theme.....20%

Walton County Schools Elementary Chorus Groups

Chorus Night Rules:

- All performers will be supervised at all times by Walton County teachers and DeFuniak Springs Police Department. Kids performing are allowed free entry into the building. A designated meeting area will be set up for the kids to wait for their group and meet their choral director. Once the kids are in the designated meeting area they are not allowed to leave until their teacher allows them to or checks them off.
- All parents, guardians, grandparents, and siblings must pay entry into the building. A cash drawer and a credit card machine will be available at the front door of the main entrance for the hour leading up to the performance.

Walton County Schools Art Exhibition

Schedule:

Entry Time: Determined by the schools

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM- 4 PM

Awards:

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, and Participation.

Walton County School Art Rules:

- Exhibitor must be a resident of Walton County attending public, private, or home school in grades Kindergarten-twelfth grade.
- Only individual works will be accepted. Group work is not accepted.
- Artwork must be original and have been completed in the current school year. Computer or CAD work must be clearly annotated as such; otherwise, art must be originals.
- Home-schooled children's entries must have the student's name, age, grade, and instructor's information (name/address/phone # for contact) on them. Individual instructors are responsible for providing the students' artwork, but public school teachers may display it for home-schooled children as long as the artwork is clearly marked as belonging to a home-schooled student. If the home-schooled student attends a public school art class, the work

will be exhibited with other public school students' art.

- Private schools may submit works by their students adhering to the public school rules. I.e., a complete list of entries including name (first and last), age, grade, and contact information for the individual responsible for hanging, collecting, and answering questions regarding exhibits or prizes awarded.

Walton County Schools Art Division Rules:

- Only one entry per child. A child may also enter in Youth Art division but may not use the same artwork for both school and Youth Art sections. Youth Art entries MUST adhere to Fine Art rules and regulations.
- Each piece will be mounted on a single piece of construction or other solid-colored paper for affixing to display. Pieces may be matted but not framed. Framed entries may be entered in Youth Art. The bottom right corner of the paper should have the student's grade prominently marked with a permanent marker or a color-coded dot. **USE ONLY ONE COLOR PER GRADE. DO NOT MIX GRADES.**
- Teachers will group students by grade within their respective schools. Please try to keep grades in consecutive order when mounting exhibits to the display boards. Each grade will be displayed on only **ONE SIDE** of the display board (e.g., put first grade all on one side and another grade on the backside.)

- Each entry will have the child's FULL name, grade, and school so that pieces that should become detached can be returned to the correct instructor/entrant. Failure to provide an entrant's full name may result in delayed or non-issuance of checks for monetary prize awards.
- Schools that do not have more than three students per grade will group students for judging in the following manner: Kindergarten through 5th, 6th through 9th, and 10th -12th. If an insufficient students population is present for that grouping, students will be grouped: Kindergarten through 5th and 6th through 12th.
- A printed and electronic list of entries must be provided to the Walton County Fair. The list must have the teacher's name, school, and a phone number for contact, as well as an email address. The entries should be sorted by grade and, within-grade, alphabetically by last name. A computer-generated list may be emailed to Janis Hannon at JanHannon@hotmail.com (Xcel is preferred), but a printed list must be provided when the artwork is dropped/hung. The computer lists will aid judges in marking entries for ribbons/prizes and publication. If a parent has an objection to displaying the student's information, please let the coordinators know, but information MUST be provided to fair officials for participation and prize awards.
- Teachers are responsible for setting up the displays and for disassembling displays at the end of the Fair. Displays must be in place no later than 4:00 PM on the Saturday preceding the fair start date. This

includes home-schooled students' exhibits as well as private schools' students.

- Teachers are responsible for selecting a first, second, and third prize from each of their grades. The list provided to fair officials must clearly annotate which entries are selected for each grade and have the child's information available. The list should also contain a full list of all entries, whether awarded prizes or not. Honorable mentions can be selected at the teacher's discretion. There will ONLY be a first, second, third prize for each grade (e.g., if there are five first grade classes within a school, there will be one first, one second, one third premium award in first grade selected from combined classes).
- Displays must remain in place throughout the entire fair period. Displays will not be removed before 9:00 PM the final night and will be removed no later than 4:00 PM on Sunday after the Fair ends. Checks will be distributed during final checkout times. The accepting party must sign for checks.

Youth Poultry Showmanship

Schedule:

Entries must be pre-registered to guarantee a space as cages are limited. Pre-registered will take priority over all others.

Entry Time: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 1 PM-3 PM

Show: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:30 PM

Pick up:

- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00–9:30 PM
- Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM–4 PM

Awards:

Premiums to be paid on 1st - 5th places in each age division.

Ribbons awarded for 1st - 10th and participation in each age division.

Age Divisions For All Classes:

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions:

(All ages are as of September 1 of the current year. Under 8 years old will not compete for prizes.)

- Juniors 8-10
- Intermediates 11-13
- Seniors 14-18

Youth Poultry Livestock Show Rules:

- The exhibitor must own and possess the animal no less than 60 days before the Fair.

- Poultry must be at least eight weeks of age before entry.
- There is limited space available for the exhibition; you may pre-register by contacting Division Chairperson or registering online at www.waltoncountyfair.com.
- The arrival order determines when the entries will be accepted.
- Pre-registered entries will have priority.
- All animals must be clean and well-groomed.
- An inspection by a Florida Livestock Inspector with negative results and entry paperwork must be complete before poultry are caged.
- Walton County Fair will disqualify any animal found to have mites or fleas. No diseased or externally parasitic animal will be allowed to exhibit.
- All roosters must be de-spurred.
- Any entry removed early from the exhibition will forfeit any premiums.
- Poultry must be in the poultry exhibit for the entire fair week.
- All eggs produced from poultry will be destroyed. Exhibitors must sign egg disclaimers.

Youth Rabbit Showmanship

Schedule:

Entries must be pre-registered to guarantee a space as cages are limited. Pre-registered will take priority over all others.

Entry Time: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 1 PM-3 PM

Show: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:30 PM

Pick up:

- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00–9:30 PM
- Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM–4 PM

Awards:

Premiums to be paid on 1st - 5th places in each age division.

Ribbons awarded for 1st - 10th and participation in each age division.

Age Divisions For All Classes:

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions:

(All ages are as of September 1 of the current year. Under 8 will not compete for prizes.)

- Junior 8-10
- Intermediates 11-13
- Seniors 14-18

Youth Rabbit Show Rules:

- The exhibitor must own and possess the animal no less than 60 days before the Fair.

- Rabbits must be at least eight weeks of age before entry.
- There is limited space available for the exhibition; you may pre-register by contacting Division Chairperson or registering online at www.waltoncountyfair.com.
- The arrival order determines when the entries will be accepted.
- Pre-registered entries will have priority.
- All animals must be clean and well-groomed.
- A physical check by a Florida Livestock Inspector and entry paperwork must be complete before rabbits and cavies are caged.
- Animals found to have mites, fleas, or severe sore hocks will be disqualified. No diseased or externally parasitic animal will be allowed to exhibit.
- Removal from the exhibit will occur if any animal is aggressive.
- Bred rabbits will not be allowed to exhibit.
- Any animal removed early from the exhibition will forfeit any premiums.
- All decisions of the judge and the Fair Association are final.
- There is a maximum of three rabbit entries per exhibitor.
- The exhibitor will show only one animal in Youth Rabbit Showmanship.

- Any entry removed early from the exhibition will forfeit any premiums.
- Rabbits must be in the exhibition for the entire fair week.

Youth Beef Show

Candace Dell Chairman

Schedule:

Entry Deadline: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Arrival Time: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9 AM - NOON

Release Time: Immediately following show

Show Time: Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ 12 PM.

Youth Beef Livestock Show Rules:

- Exhibitors must be 8 years of age to a senior registered in high school.
- All livestock must have an official individual identification, and an in-State Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (**health paper**) **dated no more than 90 days (in-State cattle) and 30 days (out-of-State cattle)**
- All entries are required to be seen by the USDA inspector when you arrive before parking or offloading any animal.
- All exhibitors and animals must be checked-in and weighed between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 PM. Saturday, October 18, 2025

- Cattle arriving at a time other than stated above must have prior approval of the livestock chair.
- All cattle will be shown by weight class. Cattle can be either purebred or crossbred.
- Exhibitors may enter up to five (5) animals.
- Grooming space and holding areas are limited. All animals should be clipped and groomed prior to arrival. Grooming chutes space is extremely limited. One chute per area/group is recommended.
- Generators will be needed due to power accessibility. Power will not be supplied by the Walton County Fair.
- This is a blow and go show, **NO FIT show**. All animals will be exhibited at the owner's risk and in their natural state, clean and clipped. **NO paint, glue, etc.** Animals should be shown clean and dry. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification. **ALL ANIMALS WILL BE CHECKED FOR PAINTS, GLUE, ETC. BEFORE ENTERING THE SHOW RING.**
- Livestock must be shown by the exhibitor unless he/she has multiple entries per class. If there are multiple entries, he/she may designate another individual to show for them in the animal's prospective class or division.
- All animals must be dehorned. Horns must be made smooth with the head
- Exhibitors must wear appropriate footwear and attire. This rule pertains to the entire show grounds from arrival until departure.

- Exhibitors will provide all necessary items to feed and water their animals. Please make sure all items have some sort of identification that belongs to the showman. W.C.F.A. will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- All exhibitors are responsible for stalled area cleanup.
- **NO dogs allowed on premises unless they are service animal.**

Fees:

\$20.00 per head - Heifer, Steer, and Bull

Mail Payment to:

Walton County Fair Association

P.O. Box 550

DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Saturday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.: Check-in/Weigh-in

1:00 p.m.: Showmanship: Oldest to youngest. Following showmanship: Heifer classes by weight (**lightest to heaviest**), Champion Heifer Division, then Steers (**lightest to heaviest**); Champion Steer Division, followed by Bull class (**lightest to heaviest**) Bull Champion Division

Age Divisions for All Beef Showmanship Classes:

(All ages are as of September 1 of the current year)

Showmanship Division:

Senior: 14 - 18 years of age

Intermediate: 11 - 13 years of age

Junior: 8 - 10 years of age

Awards:

- Premiums and Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 10th in each division.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from class winners (1st and 2nd place winners of each class). Premium and Rosettes will be awarded.
- Grand and Reserve Champions for each division (Heifer and Steer) will receive belt buckles.
- ONLY the Grand Bull Champion will receive a belt buckle.

Divisions for Beef Show Classes:

(Division is defined as Heifer, Steer, and Bull)

Heifer Show:

- Heifers must be no more than 24 months of age
- Heifers will be shown by weight. Classes will be divided at management discretion.

Steer Show:

- Steers will be shown by weight. Classes will be divided at management discretion.

Bull Show:

- Bulls cannot be more than 24 months of age day of show.
- Bulls will be shown by weight. Classes will be divided at management discretion
- If a bull is older than 12 months a nose ring is required

All classes will be placed after weigh-in.

***Show officials reserve the right to make decisions deemed to be in the interest of the beef show. (Unruly/aggressive livestock will be penned and not allowed to continue to show)**

***No one associated with the show will be held liable for accident or injury to any person or animal, theft, missing, or loss/damaged property.**

Questions contact: Candace Dell 850-978-3192 Livestock Chair

Youth Hog Show

Chairman – Bobby Collins

Hogs must have a negative, state-required brucellosis and rabies test to participate in the Walton County Fair. All swine exhibited must be accompanied by an official health certificate indicating freedom from contagious and infectious diseases. An accredited veterinarian must sign the certificate. All animals must have tested negative dilutions to brucellosis or originate from a validated herd. This information must be recorded on the official health certificate. All swine exhibited must have tested negative for pseudo-rabies within 30 days of the show check-in.

Schedule:

Fair Week October 13 – 18, 2025

Arrival at the Walton County Fair: Sunday, October 12, 2025,
at 3 PM – 5 PM

Show Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Buyer's Dinner: Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Auction Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM

**WALTON COUNTY FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
INJURY, THEFT, OR DEATH OF ANY ANIMALS**

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULE:

All livestock entered into the Walton County Fair are subject to all applicable Federal, State, Local and Provincial statutes, regulations, ordinances, and rules concerning food chain safety. Livestock entered are subject to any random tests. The Walton County Fair will not be responsible for damage done by animals or injuries to animals.

Health Requirements:

- **EACH ANIMAL ENTERING THE WALTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MUST BE LISTED ON AN OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) ISSUED BY A LICENSED ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN.**
 - All animals and CVI's will be inspected by state officials prior to unloading.
 - Multiple animals may be listed on the same, original CVI.
- **CVI's MUST BE ISSUED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF WALTON COUNTY FAIR SWINE CHECK IN DATE.**
- **OFFICIAL PREMISE ID (840) Tag**
- **CVI'S MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**
 - Name and address of Exhibitor
 - 4H/FFA Chapter name and address of school lab for grouped animals
 - Event Name and Address: example – Walton County Fair, 790 N. 9th Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL
- **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION required to be listed on CVI**
 - **ALL ANIMALS MUST** be officially identified with a federally approved USDA '840" electronic, (EID) permanently numbered ear tag. (usually supplied by breeder/ farm of origin)

- **ALL ANIMALS MUST** have a “readable” tag number as well.
- **SEX of each animal**
- **REQUIRED TESTS (taken within 30 days of WCF check in)**
 - A vet will do a blood draw of the pig and send off to a lab.
 - A negative result of Pseudorabies and Brucellosis must be obtained for CVI to be written.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please review CVI’s with your veterinarian and make sure ALL requirements are met well in advance of the swine check in order to eliminate issues under short notice. Please list your veterinarian’s cell phone number on the CVI.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

- All Walton County youth, Walton County 4h members, and Walton County School FFA members ages 8 to enrolled senior as of September 1st of the current year may participate. (surrounding counties if space is available)
- There is a limit of 1 entry per exhibitor.
- Animals must weigh between 200 and 300 pounds at WCF swine check-in to be eligible for awards. One weigh back only. Animals not

meeting weight requirements may only be entered for showmanship and will not be sold at the WCF exhibitor auction. The animal must be removed by noon Wednesday. If animal is not removed all prizes will be forfeit. The exhibitor is personally responsible for said animal and must not make any sales on WCF property.

- All entries should be market quality hogs with no feral influence and **must not** be fed food intended for human consumption. **Note:** feral hogs may carry the diseases you will be tested for, therefore do not house your project in areas of known occupation of untested animals.
- All animals must comply with all health and quality standards for show and sale.
- All animals must weigh in/tag in on August 2nd. Failure to weigh in/tag in will result in forfeiture of spot in show.
- Any animal failing to meet these standards may be disqualified at the discretion of the Show Chairman, if available, and a committee of four WCF board members. This is to protect the health of all animals and the integrity of the Walton County Fair.

ENTRY, PAPERWORK AND FEES

- Entries due **NO LATER THAN the last Friday of May**. Entries are due to WCF designee and are on a first come first served basis as space allows. **If there are more entries than space allows then participation will be determined by WCF swine committee and WCF Board.**

- All required forms and fees are due at this time for the entry to be complete and accepted.
- Exhibitors are required to attend mandatory meetings as deemed necessary by WCF swine committee / WCF Board. Pig-U will be held **Saturday, March 29, 2025** at Walton County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. until. A second Pig-U will be held on a date TBD later. All participants must sign up for either before March 24th 2025. If participants are unable to attend the first Pig-U they must provide a valid reason to the Swine Chairperson. Validity will be determined by the Swine Chairperson.
- A \$15 nonrefundable processing fee is due upon submission of all paperwork. Fee payable to Walton County Fair.
- **All Exhibitors** are required to submit an IRS form W-9. Exhibitor's SSN # is required on W-9. **This form is required** for anyone receiving winning/ funds totaling \$600 or more. Each exhibitor will receive a form 1099-Misc from Walton County Fair.
- State law requires a pork check off fee be deducted from the sale proceeds. This may be a percentage of sale proceeds and may vary animal to animal according to actual sale value.
- Entry will be first come first serve via online entry forms on the Walton County Fair website.

SHOWMANSHIP AND AWARDS:

- Age calculated as of Sept 1st of current year.

- Junior Division: 8-10
- Intermediate: 11-13
- Senior: 14-18 (enrolled Senior)
- Note: Swine committee reserves right to further divide the divisions into “heats” to ensure fairness to all exhibitors. Those selected from each heat will compete for overall division awards
- Premiums/Awards will be given to 1st – 3rd place of each division

MARKET CLASSES AND AWARDS

- WCF swine committee has discretion to divide swine into workable classes based upon number of head entered and weight ranges.
- Premiums and ribbons will be awarded 1st -10th overall (This could vary more or less as weights dictate).
- The first-place winner in each market hog class will compete for Grand Champion. Hogs that placed second will be on standby. The pig placing second to the Grand Champion will be included into the championship drive for Reserve Champion Honors.
- **NOTE:**
 - 2023 and 2024 saw carcass evaluation and top 5 were selected. This is

extremely beneficial industry related information and we hope to continue this as sponsorship allows.

- 2024 saw the first Skill-a-thon being provided to the participants. This voluntary test allowed for the participants to learn about the swine industry and how it relates to their project. The Walton County Fair has acquired a sponsorship for this in hopes to continue this to future fairs.
- 3% of the total sale price of the swine will be charged per animal by the Walton County Fair. This will help with expenses of judges, plaques, ribbons, as well as future improvements to the livestock area.

Show rules:

- All animals shown at the owner's risk.
- A special needs exhibitor may request assistance in the ring from another entered exhibitor for their class.
- **The show trend is longer hair on the pigs. No hair can be less than ½" on body. Again the trend is basically no clipping on the body with limited trimming on neck, head and ears.**
- Animals must be groomed and prepared prior to entering the ring.

- A show whip, and a grooming brush or towel should be in the exhibitor's possession as they show.
- Pens will be assigned by the committee to facilitate easy transitions. Their decision is final.
- Pens should have signage to acknowledge sponsors and animal information.

SWINE SALE:

- Swine sale will be held Thursday evening of the fair week
- All participants are encouraged to contact prospective buyers. The sale is reliant on buyers and it is in the best interest of all participants to recruit more buyers.
- This is a public auction
- All buyers are required to register and have a bidding paddle. No bids will be accepted from anyone without a paddle.
- Swine are sold on a price per pound basis. (Bid amt. x weight = Total amt. paid)
- Payment is due at the end of the sale unless prior arrangements have been made with the WCF Board
- Winning bidders must designate, on auction night, the processing destination for the animal. The winning bidder may wish to not take possession of the animal and may offer it for resale. Limit of 1 resale per pig. Original buyer is

responsible for the total amount they bid. Resale buyer is responsible for the total amount they bid.

- The exhibitor is required to exhibit their animal during the sale process unless special arrangements are made with Swine Chair and/or four members of the Fair Board of Directors.

SALE ORDER:

- (1) Grand Champion (2) Reserve Champion (3) then 3rd – 10th overall Top 5 Carcass Champions follow. (some of these could sell in the above categories)
- Following these champions will be the remainder of the class placing pigs.
- Remainder of any 1st place animals
- Remainder of any 2nd placing pigs
- Remainder of any 3th place
- 4th place, 5th place, 6th place, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, etc.... heavy weight hogs then light weight hogs.
- All Resale Money will go to the participants showing the hog.

BARN CLEANLINESS AND FEEDING GUIDELINES

- The exhibitor must furnish care and feed during the week of the Fair

- The fair association will provide morning feeding duties. Please contact barn personnel upon arrival if your pig has a particular feed. Labels to identify your feed and written instructions may be advisable.
- Exhibitors are only allowed entrance to the fairgrounds after 2 PM. Anyone arriving earlier to clean their pen or feed will be asked to wait in the parking lot or leave the property
- Exhibitors must clean pens by removing used and dirty shavings and care for their animal between 2 PM and 4:45 PM Monday through Friday and by 8 AM on Saturday. Any participant who doesn't clean their pens in the time allotted may be subject to ban from future participation.
- Only exhibitors, fair staff, volunteers, Board Members, Ag. Teachers, 4-H agents and swine chair are allowed in the barn area between 2:00 PM and 4:45 PM (except on show day). This time is dedicated to students cleaning their pens. All other siblings, parents or other caregivers may wait in the arena area or grassy area next to swine barn.
- All pens must be cleaned and the barn "presentable" for prospective buyers to view animals by 4:45 PM on sale day.
- During the show on Tuesday, and auction on Thursday only students, show volunteers, Ag. Teachers, 4-H Agent and swine committee members are allowed in barn area 15 minutes

prior to starting and 15 minutes after conclusion.

- **Exhibitors MUST sign up for “shifts”** to help maintain clean walkways during the entire week of fair. Exhibitors are to maintain a clean facility for spectators to view animals, ensure safety to animals and report any issues to fair swine staff. Community service hours may be credited by Organization leaders.
- Entries will remain in barn until released by Swine chairperson Sunday morning. This facilitates the swine committee with load out of swine exhibits. Exhibitors removing their project prior to this, unless instructed to do so, will forfeit all monies earned and forfeit their opportunity to participate if future fairs.
- If student is showing at Peanut Festival the Chairman **MUST** be notified prior to sale.
- The rules of WCF are to be used to support an educational experience for all exhibitors and their organizations
- Exhibitors will be provided a copy of rules at the mandatory meetings. It is the exhibitor and parents’ responsibility to read and become familiar with these rules.
- Direct any questions to swine Chairperson or committee members.

IMPORTANT DATES: 2025

- **March 29th & TBD** - Mandatory Pig-U will be held on TBD at the Walton County Fairgrounds. Price Per Child - \$15 includes lunch
- **LAST FRIDAY OF MAY - ALL ENTRY INFORMATION AND OTHER REQUIRED PAPERWORK DUE TO ENTRY PERSONNEL.**
Remember entries are based on space availability. Get them in accurate, complete and early
- **AUGUST 2 – MANDATORY WEIGH-IN/TAG-IN**
- **OCTOBER 13 – 18, 2025 -- WALTON COUNTY FAIR WEEK**
- **OCTOBER 12, 2025, -- SUNDAY -- SWINE arrival. 3-5 PM**
- **OCTOBER 13, 2025 – MONDAY - SKILL-A-THON – 9:00 AM**
- **OCTOBER 14, 2025, TUESDAY -- SWINE SHOW – 6:00 PM**
- **OCTOBER 16, 2025, THURSDAY—BUYER DINNER, 6:00 PM**
- **OCTOBER 16, 2025, THURSDAY –AUCTION, 7:00 PM**
- **OCTOBER 19, 2025 - SWINE LOAD OUT TIMES TBD**

The Walton County Fair Board and Swine Chair reserves the rights to rule on any issues not previously covered and change the rules if needed.

Youth Market Goat and Dairy Goat Show

Chairman Jewellyn Owens

All goat exhibited must be accompanied by an official health certificate and a scrapie premise tag (ear tag). An accredited veterinarian must sign the certificate.

Schedule:

Fair Week October 13 – 18, 2025

Arrival at the Walton County Fair: Friday, October 17, 2025, at 3 PM – 5 PM

Show Date: Friday, October 17, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Rules and Regulations:

Entries are open to

- All Walton County 4- H and FFA members, Walton County School and surrounding counties 4-H and FFA members. All participants must be eight years old by Sept 1, 2025 and not have graduated high school yet.
- All livestock entered into the Walton County Fair are subject to all applicable Federal, State, Local and Provincial statutes, regulations, ordinances, and rules concerning food chain safety. Livestock entered are subject to any random tests. The Walton County Fair will not be responsible for damage done by animals or injuries to animals.
- No entries will be accepted after entry deadlines. For protection of all animals exhibited, all entries must be checked in at the appointed times and must be cleared by ag inspectors.
- Entries due NO LATER THAN the last Friday of Sept. Contact Fair board or chairperson for any question.

- A \$15 nonrefundable processing fee is due upon submission of all paperwork. Fee payable to Walton County Fair.

- Exhibitors will be held responsible for the care, feeding and watering of their animal for the entire time they are at the Walton County Fairgrounds. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the forfeiture of all prizes and awards.

- Does and wether will be show together in the market goat show

- No Bucks are allowed

- Dairy goats shall be does only

- A goat may be shown in dairy or market goat but not in both. Any goat is eligible for the showmanship classes.

- **All goats must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate, CVI) within 30 days of the show date and a Scrapie premise number (ear tag)**

- Injured or unhealthy-looking animals, determined by the ag inspector or the Walton County Fair Board will not be allowed to unload at the fairgrounds and not permitted to be shown.

- There is no limit to the number of goats an exhibitor can bring, however, animals must be owned or leased and in possession of the youth exhibitor 60 days prior to the date of the show.

Youth Horse Showmanship

Schedule:

Entry Deadline: Pre-Registration Required by – October 17, 2025

Arrival Time: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 2:30-4:00 PM

Judging: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 5:00 PM

Release Time: Friday, October 17, 2025, 9:00 PM

Awards:

Premiums to be paid on 1st - 5th places in each age division.

Ribbons awarded for 1st - 10th and participation in each age division.

Age Divisions For All Classes:

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions:

(All ages are as of September 1 of the current year.)

- Juniors 8-10
- Intermediates 11-13
- Seniors 14-18

Youth Horse Livestock Show Rules:

- The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to combine, split, or cancel any class(es).
- All exhibitors are REQUIRED to wear an SEI, or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian safety helmet with fastened chin harness in all classes. (SEI – Safety Equipment Institute, ASTM – American Society of Testing and Measures).
- Appropriate footwear and attire must be worn at all times. This rule pertains to the entire show grounds from arrival until departure.
- Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- No stallions are allowed in classes.

- Riding outside of the arena is not allowed.
- The youth or a family member must own or lease the horse and be the youth's project horse.
- Exhibitors must register with Horse Division Chairperson.
- All horses on Walton County Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a negative Coggins Test not more than 12 months old.
- After the Ag inspector has cleared you, please bring your Coggins Test to the office to have a copy made.
- Arrival and Release times must be followed; exhibitors leaving early without the approval of the Chairperson will forfeit award premiums.
- Stall space for horse show contestants is not guaranteed.
- Any unsound, injured, or sick horses will be excused or removed after a fair panel of 3 or more members consisting of a combination of Fair Board Members, horse division chairperson, or state inspectors has deemed it necessary.

Youth Horse Showmanship:

- English or Western attire and tack must be worn.
- Patterns will be posted in the barn before the show.

Conformation Class:

- Halter Class is defined as a class where the horse is judged based upon its conformation.

- Patterns will be posted in the barn before the show.

Costume Class:

- The exhibitor must wear a helmet.
- The exhibitor and horse must be dressed for the contest.
- The winner receives a gift card from Tractor Supply.

Poultry Exhibit

Schedule:

Entries must be pre-registered to guarantee a space as cages are limited. Pre-registered will take priority over all others.

Entry Time: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Pick up:

- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00–9:30 PM
- Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM–4 PM

Awards:

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Classes:

- Chickens
- Guineas

- Bantams
- Ducks
- Geese
- Turkeys

Poultry Exhibit Division Rules:

- The exhibitor must own and possess the animal no less than 60 days before the Fair.
- Poultry must be at least eight weeks of age before entry.
- There is limited space available for the exhibition; you may pre-register by contacting Division Chairperson or registering on www.waltoncountyfair.com
- The arrival order determines when the entries will be accepted.
- Pre-registered entries will have priority.
- All animals must be clean and well-groomed.
- An inspection by a Florida Livestock Inspector with negative results and entry paperwork must be complete before poultry are caged.
- Walton County Fair will disqualify any animal found to have mites or fleas. No diseased or externally parasitic animal will be allowed to exhibit.
- All roosters must be de-spurred.
- Entries will be for one male & one female of the same breed per cage.

- Only one entry of each breed per exhibitor with a maximum of 6 entries will be accepted.
- Any entry removed early from the exhibition will forfeit any premiums.
- All eggs produced from poultry will be destroyed. Exhibitors must sign egg disclaimers.
- Pigeons or quails will no longer be able to exhibit or show at the Walton County Fair.

Rabbit Exhibit

Schedule:

Entries must be pre-registered to guarantee a space as cages are limited. Pre-registered will take priority over all others.

Entry Time: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Pick up:

- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00–9:30 PM
- Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 PM –4 PM

Awards:

Premiums: Will be paid for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Division.

Ribbons: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd place, Best in Division, and Participation.

Rabbit and Cavy Classes:

The Fair Association may combine divisions at their discretion.

- Rabbit

- Lop
- Dwarf
- Mini Rex / Rex
- Commercial / Meat
- Miscellaneous

Rabbit Exhibit Division Rules:

- The exhibitor must own and possess the animal no less than 60 days before the Fair.
- There is limited space available for the exhibition; you may pre-register by contacting Division Chairperson.
- The arrival order determines when the entries will be accepted.
- Pre-registered entries will have priority.
- All animals must be clean and well-groomed.
- A physical check by a Florida Livestock Inspector and entry paperwork must be complete before rabbits and cavies are caged.
- Animals found to have mites, fleas, or severe sore hocks will be disqualified. No diseased or externally parasitic animal will be allowed to exhibit.
- Removal from the exhibit will occur if any animal is aggressive.
- Any animal removed early from the exhibition will forfeit any premiums.

- All decisions of the judge and the Walton County Fair are final.
- Rabbits must be eight weeks of age as of the Fair's opening day.
- Bred rabbits will not be allowed to exhibit.
- There is a maximum of three rabbit entries per exhibitor.
- Cavys will no longer be able to exhibit at the Walton County Fair.

Horse Exhibit

Schedule:

Entry Deadline: Pre-registration by October 8, 2022

Horse Exhibit Rules:

- The public may exhibit horses in the stalls located in the livestock area.
- Any individual breeding farms and ranches are encouraged to display horses.
- Horse owners may display signs to promote farms and breeds. Signs must be professional and not contain any derogatory images or words.
- All horses on Walton County Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a negative Coggins Test not more than 12 months old.

- Stalls are limited; to assure stall availability, contact the Chairperson to reserve a stall or stalls. The Chairperson will give youth project horses priority.
- Horses must be well-groomed and cared for, with water and hay provided by the owner.
- The horse owner will remove hay and manure from stalls and new shavings added to the stall as needed each night (shavings provided).
- The horse owner is responsible for monitoring the horse's safety while on fairgrounds.
- Horses must be on exhibit from 4:30 - 9:30 PM unless previously arranged with a chairperson.
- Any unsoundness or horses showing signs of being sick will be excused or removed after a fair panel of 3 or more members consisting of Fair Board Members, horse division chairperson, or state inspector, if available, have deemed it necessary.