

2024-2025



*Bradford County Fair March 4 – 9, 2025*

## Exhibitor Information

### BOARD MEMBERS

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Facebook page – Bradford-Union Youth Show & Sale *Please follow for up to date information.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, October 5, 2024	Weigh-In (8:00 AM–10:00 AM) – Bradford County Fairgrounds
Thursday, October 17, 2024	Meeting (6:00 PM) – Bradford County Fairgrounds
Thursday, November 14, 2024	Meeting (6:00 PM) – Bradford County Fairgrounds
Thursday, December 12, 2024	Meeting (6:00 PM) – Bradford County Fairgrounds
Thursday, January 9, 2025	Meeting (6:00 PM) – Bradford County Fairgrounds
Thursday, February 13, 2025	Meeting (6:00 PM) – Bradford County Fairgrounds
Monday, March 3, 2025	All animals arrive (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM) Final weigh-in
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	Steer Show (6:00 PM) Showmanship will follow Show
Thursday, March 6, 2025	Heifer Show (6:00 PM) Showmanship will follow Show
Friday, March 7, 2025	Buyers Dinner & Sale (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Awards Luncheon & Ceremony (Noon)

**\*\*\* All dates and locations subject to change\*\*\***

**Exhibitors are required to attend 2 mandatory meetings. We advise that exhibitors try to attend all meetings due to important information that will be discussed. Board meetings are not mandatory for exhibitors. Exhibitors and parents are welcome to attend.**

## **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY/MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS-**

Exhibitors must meet the following requirements:

- **Must be** an active 4-H or FFA member in good standing in Bradford or Union County at the time of the second weigh-in.
- **Must either** live in Bradford or Union County **OR** attend a school in Bradford or Union County, Florida Virtual School, or other Florida-based homeschool.

Additional requirements:

- A parent/guardian of each exhibitor must be a member of the Bradford-Union Cattle Show and Sale. Annual dues of \$55 per family are due by the first weigh-in.
- Each animal entered must be owned by the exhibitor. An entry fee of \$35 for the first animal and \$20 for each additional animal must be paid at the first weigh-in.

## **SUBSTITUTION**

**NO** substitution of animals after the animal has been weighed and tagged in at first weigh-in.

## **LIABILITY**

The exhibitor assumes liability in case of death or injury of an animal until sold. No official may be held liable for the loss of any animal.

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

In order to comply with the health requirements of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industries, all animals must be accompanied by a valid health certificate from an accredited veterinarian. (health papers are valid for 90 days and must be valid thru the last day of fair). All animals must have Florida Department of Agriculture required **Scannable RFID tag including steers already in animals ears.**

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Livestock/Cattle-Bovine/Florida-Cattle-Identification/Florida-Livestock-Identification-Premises-Registration-FAQ>

**\*\*\* BUCSS WILL NOT PUT TAGS IN ANIMALS EARS**

## **RECORD BOOKS**

Each exhibitor shall maintain a record book for the steer/breed project. The book must be turned into the exhibitors 4-H/FFA Advisor by the date set by the 4-H/FFA Advisors. The 4-H/FFA Advisor must check in all the record books to the Bradford/Union County Extension Office.

## **ANIMAL BEHAVIOR**

All animals shall be properly trained to be manageable by the exhibitor while in the barn or show ring. Any animal deemed to be unsafe for exhibition may be disqualified at any time by the discretion of the BUCSS Board Members and shall be removed from the barn.

## **ANIMAL CARE**

Animals must be fed and watered daily thru Saturday. If animals are not fed and watered daily, the exhibitor will be disqualified from showing and be removed from the barn and may be disqualified for the following years show.

## **ANIMAL TYPE**

Only beef breeds may be entered. Horned animals shall be dehorned 30 days before the show. However, scurs and secondary growth of horns four (4) inches or less will be accepted. No bulls allowed.

## **BARN CAPACITY**

Exhibitors may enter one steer and as many heifers to barns capacity @ BUCSS Boards discretion.

## **SHOW EQUIPMENT**

Stall dividers, water buckets and feed pans may be brought into the barn and set up in the exhibitors area on Saturday March 1, 2025 from 8:00 am - Noon. First come first serve.

## **FOREIGN SUBSTANCES**

Tampering with any animal entered, such as filling with foreign substances, etc. is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers or any substances that alters the animal's behavior after arrival at show will be construed as a form of tampering. No weight enhancement of any kind will be allowed.

## **HOME GROWN**

### **Calves eligible for homegrown division must be:**

- Must be born & raised in Bradford or Union County
- Calves resulting from embryos purchased outside Bradford or Union Counties are excluded. This includes embryos bought through sales or private treaties from breeders outside these counties.
- If the calf is a product of an embryo transfer, the donor dam must be owned by a Bradford or Union County producer and reside in the county at the time of embryo fertilization.

## **HERDSMAN**

### **Herdsmen is the responsibility of each exhibitor**

- Animals should always be clean with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be properly tied, fed and watered per rules of the barn.
- Stalls are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed pans and buckets clean.
- Exhibitor Educational Poster will be hung up in a designated area.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should always be kept clean and free of equipment.

All Exhibitors are eligible to participate in the herdsman Award. The herdsman contest has three areas: Stalling Area, Practicum and Quiz

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

Exhibitors may compete for the Overall Performance Steer and Breed Award. This Award was created and sponsored by the Hamilton Family. Exhibitors must take the Practicum & Quiz for Herdsman to qualify for the Overall Performance Award. These awards are based on four areas of competition:

- Steer or Heifer Show placing
- Herdsman
- Showmanship

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

Steer exhibitors may participate in showmanship classes following the Steer Show. Heifer exhibitors may participate in showmanship classes following the Heifer Show. The age of the exhibitor as of September 1, 2024.

- Juniors – ages 8 to 10
- Intermediate – ages 11-13
- Seniors – ages 14 to 18

## **SHOW RING ATTIRE**

Each exhibitor must wear an Official 4-H or FFA Dress while in the show ring and at the Awards Ceremony.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

All complaints will be addressed in writing to the BUCSS Board. At any time the BUCSS Board reserves the right to address any issue concerning the safety and welfare of exhibitors and the general public at any time. All Placings by the judge or show official are final.

## **STEER SHOW & SALE**

### **INITIAL WEIGH-IN**

Initial weigh-in of steers will be on Saturday, October 5, 2024 (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM) at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. No minimum weight on Steers at initial weigh-in.

### **FINAL WEIGH-IN**

Final weigh-in of steers will be on Monday, March 3, 2025 (8:00AM – 10:00AM) at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. Time subject to change due to sonogrammer schedule.

### **WEIGHT AND GRADE**

Steers must gain 1.75 pounds per day from Initial Weigh-in to Final Weigh-in.

Steers must have a minimum weight of 1,000 pounds at the final weigh-in **AND**

Steers must Grade USDA Select, Choice or Prime to show and sell. Grade will be based off intermuscular fat which will be determined by Ultrasound.

Steers not gaining 1.75 pounds per day, weighing a minimum of 1,000 pounds and/or grading lower than USDA Select (2.3) will be disqualified. Maximum sale weight will be 1,350 pounds.

Any animals in question will be re-evaluated by a committee for final approval.

### **WEIGHT GAIN CONTEST**

All steers will be entered in the weight gain contest. Weight gain will be determined by the difference between the initial weigh-in and final weigh-in weights.

### **CLASSES**

Steer classes will be determined by weight.

### **SALE & COMMISSION**

All steers shall be consigned to the Sale. Payments made on animals sold at the fair must be made directly to the BUCSS. A 5% sales commission will be deducted from gross sale receipts for each steer or heifer sold. Add-ons will be accepted for all sale animals at the time of the sale. Any across the board add-ons will be announced at the sale. **No commission will be deducted from add-ons.**

### **MARKETING AND BUYER “THANK YOU” LETTERS**

Marketing is the most important responsibility an exhibitor must do to finish a successful show steer project. All steer exhibitors will be responsible for marketing their own steer. The BUCSS strongly recommends that each exhibitor personally visit potential buyers prior the Show and Sale and secure a buyer commitment for their steer.

## **HEIFER SHOW**

### **INITIAL CHECK-IN**

Initial check-in of heifers will be on Saturday October 5, 2024 (8:00 AM -10:00 AM) at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE PRESENT FOR WEIGH-IN. Heifers must have a USDA Scannable RFID Tag or brands (fire or freeze). These numbers will be verified at final check-in.

### **FINAL CHECK-IN**

Final check-in and weighing of heifers will be on Monday, March 3, 2025 (8:00 AM – 10:00 AM) at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. Time subject to change due to sonogrammer schedule.

### **BODY CONDITION SCORE**

All heifers should have a Body Condition Score (BCS) of at least a 6. Cows with calves should have a BCS of at least 5.

### **AGE**

Animals must not be more than 36 months old.

### **SALE COMMITMENT**

If an exhibitor wishes to consign their heifer to the Sale, they must do so upon final check-in 5% will be deducted from the total sale of the animal to cover show expenses. Payments made on animals sold at the fair must be made directly to the BUCSS. Breed animals are to sell according to how they place in their class the night of the show.

### **COMMERCIAL and AMERICAN INFLUENCE HEIFER CLASSES**

All classes will be determined by weight.

- Cow/Calf pair can be shown up to 36 months of age of cow. If the calf is born before October Sign-Ups, and the calf is signed up as individual to be shown in its own class, then the calf can be shown in both cow/calf and as individual calf.

**All Grand animals will compete for a Supreme Champion Heifer**

### **RELEASE OF ANIMALS**

Heifers may be released Saturday March 8, 2025 @ 10:00pm. All steers shall remain in the barn.

## Bradford - Union Cattle Show Entry Form

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR					BUCSS	
ANIMAL	BREED	HOME-GROWN	HG BREEDER	EID/BRAND	TAG#	WEIGHT
STEER						
<input type="checkbox"/> HEIFER <input type="checkbox"/> COW/CALF PAIR						
HEIFER						
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<u>Exhibitor T-Shirt Size (Circle One)</u>		
Youth Sizes	Adult Sizes	
YS	AS	AXL
YM	AM	AXXL
YL	AL	

<b>DUES</b> (\$55)	\$ _____
1 <sup>st</sup> Animal	\$ _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Animal	(\$20) \$ _____
3 <sup>rd</sup> Animal	(\$20) \$ _____
<b>Total Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Pmt: Cash _____	Check # _____