Refer to the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair Rules & Regulations for complete rules.

1. **Date of Ownership and Entry Deadline:** Each exhibitor may enter two market steers which must be owned by the exhibitor by **Friday, July 16, 2010** (see livestock general rule #1, page 5). An entry form and original bill(s) of sale Seller’s Name, Address and Purchase Price must be submitted to the Youth Fair office by 5:00 P.M., **Friday, July 16, 2010** or postmarked (not metered mail or fax) on that date. **Exhibitors who own market steers prior to the July 16, 2010 deadline, but fail to properly submit entries, may enter upon payment of a nonrefundable $100.00 late entry fee, PAYABLE IN CASH ONLY submitted along with entry form and ORIGINAL BILL(S) OF SALE WITH SELLER’S NAME, ADDRESS AND PURCHASE PRICE INCLUDED.** Late entry fee must be submitted with entry form. **NO CHAPTER ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED. No market steers will be accepted after the July 31, 2010 weigh-in.** Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell only one market steer. Exhibitor's signature and parent/guardian's signature on the entry form that is submitted for a project signifies the rules and regulations have been read by the exhibitor, and parent/guardian and that both understand and agree to abide by rules and regulations. All market steers accepted in the show must sell.

2. **Age of Exhibitors:** Exhibitors must be 10 years old as of **September 1, 2010** and enrolled in grades 4 - 12.

3. **Entry Fees:** Each exhibitor must submit an entry fee in the market steer department for the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair in the amount of $10.00. This entry fee must accompany the entry form in order for entry to be considered valid. Those exhibitors entering more than one market steer need only to pay the entry fee one time. **This entry fee will be valid only for entries in the market steer department for the 2011 Polk County Youth Fair.** Entry forms received without entry fee being paid will not be accepted. **Entry fees are nonrefundable.**

4. **Tagging Identification Fee:** Exhibitors entering the Market Steer department will need to submit a $10.00 identification fee per market steer entered. This fee must accompany the entry form for entry to be considered valid. Entry forms received without tagging identification fee being paid will not be accepted. **Tagging identification fees are nonrefundable.**

5. **All first and second year market steer exhibitors are required to attend the Livestock Field Day to be held November 20, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Field Day will include a rules meeting and any questions concerning the 2011 market steer show and sale. Exhibitors that have shown a market steer more than two years must attend one of the mandatory rules meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to review rules and questions concerning market steer show and sale. These meetings will be held at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Market Steer exhibitors failing to attend one of the mandatory rules meeting will be fined $100.00 for non attendance. This fine will be deducted from exhibitor’s sale check.**

6. **All exhibitors are required to sign a “Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding” and must be turned in with entry form July 16, 2010. This ethics policy must be signed by the exhibitor, parent/guardian and teacher or 4-H leader. Exhibitors, parent/guardian, teacher or leader must be present at the weigh-in. Parents/guardians not present for the initial weigh-in must sign and turn in a “2011 Polk County Youth Fair Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement” prior to the initial weigh-in in July.**

7. **As a condition for participation in the Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Show and Sale, exhibitor hereby agrees to submit to unique animal identification of any and all animals entered by exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Polk County Youth Fair requires that the animal exhibited at the Polk County Youth Fair be the same as the animal entered at the initial weigh-in on July 31, 2010. If the animal’s identity is found to differ from initial weigh-in exhibitor will forfeit any prize money and/or sale proceeds, any add-ons and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Polk County Youth Fair. An identification tag fee in the amount of $10.00 per animal entered will need to be submitted with entry form.**

8. **No bull calves will be accepted at the July 31, 2010 weigh-in. The neutering process must be sufficiently healed before the weigh-in. We recommend the neutering be done as early as possible.**

9. **Each exhibitor will be allowed to show and sell either one market steer or one market hog only. Exhibitor must show and sell their own animal.**

10. **Mandatory Weigh-in Dates and Weight Requirements:** All market steers entered will be weighed in, ear tagged with corresponding numbers at the initial weigh-in on **Saturday, July 31, 2010.** Market steers must weigh a minimum of 550 lbs. (550 lbs. or more) at the initial weigh-in on July 31, 2010. If an exhibitor questions the accuracy of the initial weight, they may request a reweigh of his/her market steer immediately after weighing. This request must occur before the market steer leaves the scale area and before another market steer is weighed. Market steers will not be reweighed under any other circumstances. **Weigh-in will be from 6:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 31, 2010. All market steers will be weighed in at the Agricultural Center in Bartow. Market steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds (1,000 pounds or more) at the final weigh-in on January 26, 2011.**
11. All steers will be subject to a unique individual identification system at initial check-in in July and again upon arrival at the fair in January.

12. **NO CLIPPING ALLOWED.** All clipping of animal has to be completed prior to arriving at fair. No clippers are allowed at fair. (Prefer no complete body sleek sheering/close clipping). Animals will show and sell on a WASH - BLOW - SHOW & SALE program. The Market Steer committee will supply the exhibitors with the only soap allowed to wash their animal. **NO** chemicals of any kind which includes but not limited to adhesives, paints, foam, polish, glitter, etc. will be allowed. **USE OF CLIPPERS OR ANY CHEMICALS IS IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

13. Ear Tag Removal: Exhibitors removing ear tag from market steer after sale will be charged a fee of $100.00 to be deducted from sale check. This rule will be strictly enforced.

14. **Certified Age Certificate and/or Mouthing:** No market steer will be accepted whose known age is more than 24 months. A signed statement from the breeder certifying age will be accepted. The management reserves the right to determine age by mouthing in cases where the physiological age differs greatly from the certified chronological age.

15. **Show Classes:** Market steers will be placed in classes based on weight regardless of age. The management reserves the right to determine the number and size of classes to insure the maximum efficiency in conducting the show.

16. **At final weigh-in market steers must be handled by exhibitor only from scale to tie space.** Any exhibitor who cannot handle their steer at final weigh-in will have until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2011 to demonstrate handling requirement or be disqualified at that time. During the 2011 Market Steer Show any market steers deemed a safety hazard will be removed from the show and receive a no award and will be sold at the end of the sale. Any market steers removed from the show by the market steer committee after being judged will also be sold at the end of the sale.

17. **Owner Responsibility:** It is the responsibility of the owner to verify ear tag and unique individual identification match from the initial weigh-in in July, 2010. At time of sale, halter will be supplied for each steer. This halter is the property of the Fair and must remain with the market steer after the sale. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a $10.00 service fee assessed to the exhibitor. Market steers must be double tied with a halter lead and neck rope, each tied to a separate ring.

18. No costumes or decorations of any kind will be allowed on the animal during the show or sale which includes but not limited to hats, bandanas, ornaments, etc.

19. **Sale:** All market steers will be sold at a 3% shrunken weight. Order of sale will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, first place junior showmanship winner, first place senior showmanship winner, followed by the first place blue ribbon winners in Class 1, 2, etc. chronologically. Other blue, red and white ribbon animals will be selected in the same manner. Market price will be established by packer bids. **At time of sale, no additional incentives can be added to sale of steer which includes but not limited to fishing trips, hunting trips, vacations, etc. All Market Steers must Sell and go to slaughter.** Sale checks will be mailed as soon as money for market steers has been received by the Youth Fair office from the buyer and a copy of the thank you letter (not metered mail or fax) to the buyer has been received from the exhibitor by the Youth Fair office. Exhibitors not submitting copies of thank you letter to buyer to the Youth Fair within 90 days following the sale will forfeit all sale money. Add-on checks are mailed separately from sale checks.

**ALL MARKET STEERS MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER**

20. **Sale Fee:** Each exhibitor will be assessed a 5% fee and a $1.00 beef referendum fee. A 5% fee will also be deducted from add-ons received.

21. All market steer exhibitors are required to contact at least two **different** potential buyers. Copies of at least two letters which are eligible with potential buyers names (one letter with two potential buyers names is not acceptable) to potential buyers are due in the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., Friday, January 7, 2011** or postmarked (not metered mail or fax) on that date and should be marked **Attn: Market Steer Committee.** If one letter is sent to a potential buyer and is used for several different projects (hog, cake, blueberry plant or plant buyer letter), a separate copy must be sent to the Youth Fair office addressed **Attn: Market Steer Committee.** Exhibitors not submitting copies of two letters to potential buyers to the Youth Fair office by **5:00 P.M., Friday, January 7, 2011** will be fined **$50.00 to be deducted from sale check.** No buyer letters will be accepted after Friday, January 7, 2011. Postmarked by the United States Postal Service (not metered mail or fax) by the deadline is acceptable.

22. **Health Regulations:** ALL MARKET STEERS PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY SHOULD ANIMAL APPEAR TO BE MEDICALLY UNSOUND OR EXHIBIT ANY CONDITION THAT WOULD AFFECT THE MARKET VALUE OF THE MARKET STEER. Also see Livestock Health Regulations on pages 6-8. **Health Regulations:** ALL MARKET STEERS PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY SHOULD ANIMAL APPEAR TO BE MEDICALLY UNSOUND OR EXHIBIT ANY CONDITION THAT WOULD AFFECT THE MARKET VALUE OF THE MARKET STEER. Also see Livestock Health Regulations on pages 6-8.

23. **Record Book:** All exhibitors must present either an approved up to date FFA record book or a 4-H record book at check-in time. **No exceptions will be made.** EXHIBITORS NOT PRESENTING AN UP TO DATE RECORD BOOK BY 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011 WILL BE FINED **$25.00 TO BE DEDUCTED FROM SALE CHECK.** Record book will be returned to exhibitor as soon as committee member has reviewed record book for completeness.
24. **Special Contests:** See General Rule #12, page 4.

REMINDER: After the sale of your market steer, you may pick up a copy of your sale card and any add-ons you have received in order to write your thank you notes. Copies are ready to be picked up in approximately 30 minutes after you sell.