

# Pure Country 4-H Club



## A Word From Your Club Leader—

### Mrs. Deanna

I am excited for the new 4-H year and all in has in store. Thank you for joining the Pure Country 4-H Club. We are a very active club with many members participating in open shows, State Fair, and the Florida Agriculture & Wildlife Expo. We also attend many events such as the Brooksville Christmas Parade, 4-H Day at the Capital, County and District Events and those Seniors that qualify attend State Events.

The club will host several livestock skill-a-thon events to get your prepared for showing your animal whether it be a rabbit, chicken, pig or steer. We also try to attend educational field trips throughout the year as well

The club as a webpage [www.purecountry4h.com](http://www.purecountry4h.com) and a Facebook page as Pure Country Club. You can monitor these sites for updates and information about the club.

Let's make this a great year full of learning, fun, and excitement. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email, text, or phone call if you have any questions or need any help throughout the year.



## THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge...



my **HEAD** to clearer thinking.



my **HEART** to greater loyalty.



my **HANDS** to larger service.



my **HEALTH** to better living.

For my club, my community,  
my country and my world.

## Upcoming Shows/Dates

Jan 2-3	Best in the Nest—Cattle—Hawthorne, FL
Jan 3	Hidden Gem Sheep and Goat Show—Sheep and Goat—East Palatka, FL
Jan 3	Sweet South Swine Classic—Swine—Moore Haven, FL
Jan 3	Swine on the Suwanee—Swine—Fanning Springs, FL
Jan 9 –11	Rock your Stock Youth Expo—Cattle, Sheep, Goats—Orlando, FL
Jan 9-11	Sunshine State Classic—Goats—Lake City, FL
Jan 10	Showdown in the springs—Swine—Green Cove Springs, FL
Jan 17	South Lake FFA Alumni Cattle Show—Cattle—Groveland, FL
Jan 18	Mount Dora FFA Alumni Cattle Show—Cattle—Eustis, FL
Jan 23-25	Live Oak Winter Classic—Cattle—Live Oak, FL
Jan 24	City of Champions Swine Show—Swine—Hawthorne, FL
Jan 24-25	Goatin' for Gold Meat & Dairy—Sheep & Goats—Port St. Lucie, FL
Jan 30-21	Pride of the Pasture—Cattle—Ocala, FL

*For more information on upcoming shows and events go to the Showman App  
<https://showman.app/shows/>*

## Florida State Fair

**Upcoming Deadlines.** Please remember to check online at the florida state fair for all upcoming deadlines for records books as these need to be submitted ahead of time. You can also go to the State Fair Website to view the Livestock Schedule of Events at <https://floridastatefairag.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/SCHEDULE-2026->



## FAWE Calendar of Events



### 2026 Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo Schedule of Events

EVENT	DATES	Day of the Week	Time
Pullet Entries Due	9/18/2025	Thursday	midnight via Showman app
Steer Entries Due	9/19/2025	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Initial Steer Weigh-in	10/4/2025	Saturday	7:00am, line by 9:00am
Pullet Pick up @Ranch Hand Feed	10/11/2025	Saturday	Schedule to be based on entries/clubs
Swine Entries Due	11/14/2025	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Swine Tagging	12/6/2025	Saturday	2:00 pm, in line by 4:00 pm
Poultry Entries Due	1/16/2026	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Rabbit Entries Due	1/16/2026	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Ethics course completion	1/31/2026	Friday	various
Steer Record Books DUE	3/6/2026	Friday	by 5:00 p.m. to Ranch Hand (no earlier than 3/5/26)
Swine Record Books DUE	3/6/2026	Friday	by 5:00 p.m. to Ranch Hand (no earlier than 3/5/26)
Poultry pre-testing with FDACS	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Rodeo #1	3/13/2026	Friday	7:30 PM
Rodeo #2	3/14/2026	Saturday	7:30 PM
Poultry & Rabbit Check-in	3/15/2026	Sunday	4-6pm (Checkin by club at scheduled time spot)
	Pre-tested & NPIP will go first in club		MANDATORY MEETING AFTER CHECK-IN approx 6:15
Poultry Show	3/16/2026	Monday	judging starts at 3pm
Poultry Showmanship	3/16/2026	Monday	shows starts at 6pm
Steer Weigh-in	3/17/2026	Tuesday	4pm start, must be in line by 6pm
			MANDATORY MEETING AFTER CHECK-IN approx 6:15
Rabbit Show	3/17/2026	Tuesday	judging starts at 5pm
Rabbit Showmanship	3/17/2026	Tuesday	show starts at 7pm
Swine Weigh-in	3/18/2026	Wednesday	4pm start, must be in line by 7pm
			MANDATORY MEETING AFTER CHECK-IN approx 6:15
Swine Show/Showmanship	3/19/2026	Thursday	show starts at 6pm
Steer Show/Showmanship	3/20/2026	Friday	shows starts at 6pm
Market Animal Sales	3/21/2026	Saturday	Times see below
			Pullets 1pm
			Swine not before 3pm
			Steer not before 5pm
Load out for Rabbit & Poultry	3/21/2026	Saturday	after auction is completed
Clean Up for all Exhibitors	3/22/2026	Sunday	12pm-1pm ENTIRE HOUR
<b>Exhibitors must check in, stay/work the entire hour, and check out</b>			
Thank you notes - Market Animals/Buckles	3/22/2026	Sunday	1pm-2pm (AFTER clean up)
<b>Any exhibitor selling a market project or earning a belt buckle must turn in a hand-written thank you at this time</b>			
Donation (add-on) lists available for distribution	3/30/2026	Monday	Lists will be emailed to address on file
Donation Thank you notes due	4/10/2026	Friday	8am-5pm
	4/11/2026	Saturday	8am-5pm (cutoff time 5pm)

# Pure Country Club Calendar

## January 2026

5 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
3 6:00 pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island  
26 midnight Show Poultry Entry Deadline  
26 midnight Show Rabbit Entry Deadline  
27 6:00 pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island—Need to reschedule due to 4-H day at the Capitol  
28<sup>th</sup> 4-H Day at the Capitol  
31 Deadline for Ethics Certification

## February 2026

2 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island  
5-16 Florida State Fair  
6 Livestock Judging  
13 Poultry Judging  
24 6:00pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island  
26 County Events Makeup

## March 2026

**1-31 4-H 5K Virtual Run**  
2 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island  
7 County Events  
13-22 Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo  
31 6:00pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island

## April 2026

6 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island  
11 State Livestock Judging Conest  
28 6:00pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island

## May 2026

4 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island  
8 County Photography Photos Due  
26 6:00 pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island

## June 2026

1 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island  
10-12 Project Reports, Record Books, Standards of Excellence Due

## July 2026

6 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
27-30 4-H University

## August 2026

3 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting  
14 Hernando 4-H Awards- August 14 (tentative)  
21-23 4-H Volunteer Leader's Forum- August 21-23

## March 4-Health

Back again for 2026, the 4-H Virtual 5K. This 'event' runs the entire month of March and every participant can earn a 5K medal. Registration will officially open December 1, 2025. We can choose to participate as a club. Running is not required. The funds raised with your \$10.00 entry fee will then be used to support Florida 4-H programs through mini-scholarships and Health Rocks programming. That fee also allows you to receive your medal.

# March 4-Health 5k



**March 1-31, 2026**

**Our Virtual 5K can be completed  
with a run, walk, by rowing a boat,  
or even riding a horse from any  
location you choose.**

**Cost is \$10 for a medal.**

**Group packages available.**

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS  
DECEMBER 1,  
2026**



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UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



**HEALTH!  
ROCKS!**  
INSPIRED TO BE SUBSTANCE FREE

## January Birthdays

01/1—Samantha Perkins

01/21—Caroline Barnett

01/22—Myka Morris



## Club Information

Our club has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/purecountry.club>

And a webpage: [www.hernandopurecountry4h.com](http://www.hernandopurecountry4h.com)

Follow our Facebook and webpage for information and updates.

## Brooksville Christmas Parade and Club Meeting Holiday Round Table

