On March 10, 2016, Perdido River Farms, an enterprise of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, hosted the 2016 Escambia County, Alabama Steer and Heifer show. The show is the highlight of the calf projects that started in September 2015 with a beginning weigh-in. Twenty-nine calves were weighed in to start the program, and 24 were shown. This makes the Escambia County show one of the largest in the state.

Eighteen students were from the Poarch 4-H. They were Brianna Bailey, Jordyn Boutwell, Ashkia Weaver, Tyler McGhee, Colbie English, DJ Rolin, Caleb Davis, Wyatt Rutherford, Chaz McGhee, Jacelyn Chunn, Tanner Jackson, Rowdy Rutherford, Halle Ra Perdick, Dylan Rolin, Alexia Ross, Jason Davis, Denver Shuttlesworth and Tyler Jackson.

With a day filled with activities, which included washing, drying and grooming the calves, the show began with Senior, Intermediate and Junior showmanship classes. This provides an opportunity for the participants to showcase their showmanship skills learned. Following the showmanship classes, the heifers were shown to determine the County Grand and Reserve Champions. The show continued with steer class divisions from lightweight to heavyweight to determine division winners. Each division winner then competed to determine Grand, Reserve and County Bred Champions. A special award was presented to the average–daily–gain winner of the steer show.

General Manager of Perdido River Farms John English said, “We are fortunate to have outstanding young people who are interested in livestock in the county, who learn valuable lessons that will last a lifetime through this great program. Accounting, stewardship, management and responsibilities are just to name a few.”

Alexia Ross won first place in ADG, third in steer class and sixth in senior showmanship. Ashkia Weaver won fourth place in ADG and in steer class and ninth in junior showmanship. Brianna Bailey won second in steer class and fifth in senior showmanship. Caleb Davis won second in steer class and third in junior showmanship. Chaz McGhee won fourth in steer class and seventh in intermediate showmanship.

Colbie English won first in junior showmanship and heifer class, second in steer class and won the supreme champion heifer award. Denver Shuttlesworth won fourth in steer class and in senior showmanship.

DJ Rolin won fourth in junior showmanship and fifth in steer class. Dylan Rolin won seventh in junior showmanship. Wyatt Rutherford won first in senior showmanship and in heifer class and third in steer class.

Reserve grand champion steer was won by Denver Schrock, and reserve supreme champion heifer was won by Austin Schrock.

PCI students shine at steer, heifer show