

**102<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

***MANATEE COUNTY FAIR***

**January 11-21, 2018**

***“Good Food, Good Rides, Good Times”***

**YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES**

**Containing:**

**Check-in Schedules  
Mandatory Meeting Dates  
Rules for All Animal Areas**

Revised Rules August 2017





## **2018 FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**

*Made up of Fair Board Directors, who each have a specific animal area and will communicate information down to Area Superintendents*

### **Livestock Directors**

**Livestock Committee Chairman:** Hugh Taylor

**Beef Steer Directors:** Hugh Taylor, Mitchell John

**Dairy Cattle Director:** Dave Carlson

**Rabbits & Poultry Director:** Jim Parks

**Horse Director:** Danny Alfonso

**Dog Director:** Peter Vole

**Swine Directors:** Lynn Howell, Gene Glassburn

**Goat Director:** Sondra Dakin

**Beef Breeding Director:** Jerry Wolfe

**Youth Livestock Committee Chairman:** Jerry Wolfe

**2018**

**YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**

Made up of Area Superintendents, who work with a specific animal area at the Fair and should communicate information down to Club Leaders and FFA Advisors

**Area Superintendents:**

Beef Heifers	Gene Wingate
Swine	Clayton Mathis
Dairy	Chris Quattlebaum
Dogs	Patty Martin
Goats	Richard King
Horses	Karen Neal
Poultry/Rabbits	Sue McGonegal
Steers	Steven John
Steers	Susan Grainger

**2018 FAIR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE**  
Registration Dates and Area Mandatory Meetings

**BEEF BREEDING**

Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Your completed registration, bill of sale, profile picture of animal with tag visible and \$10 registration fee per head should be brought to the Super Check-In. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in. ***Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.***

**DAIRY CATTLE**

Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Your completed registration, bill of sale or lease agreement and \$10 registration fee per head should be brought to the Super Check-In. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in. ***Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.***

**Mandatory Meeting:** Each exhibitor must also attend the mandatory Dairy meeting on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Rogers Auditorium at the Manatee County Fairgrounds.

Any Dairy animal purchased at the annual Bartow Fall Classic Calf Auction in November will be eligible for the Manatee County Fair Dairy Show. Only these animals can be registered up to November 30, 2017.

## Swine

Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Your completed registration, bill of sale, full body photo with tag visible and \$15 registration fee should be brought to the Super Check-In. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in.

*Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.*

## Rabbits & Poultry-

Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in.

Entry fee of \$2 per animal will be assessed at the Super Check-In for Rabbits and Poultry. Also, Rabbit and Poultry Meat Pens will be assessed a \$5 fee at the Super Check-In.

*All Poultry & Rabbit Livestock must be brought to the Super Check-In. Rabbits and Poultry will be assessed for breed. Tattooing will be available for Rabbits.*

## **DOGS**

**Dog Registration:** Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in.

*Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.*

**Mandatory Meeting:** January 4, 2018 Haley Room near 4-H Office 6:30 PM-8:15 PM

## **GOATS**

**Check-In:** Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in.

*Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.*

*An Entry Fee of \$5 per animal will be assessed at the Super Check-In for each Goat entered into the Fair.*

**Mandatory Goat Showmanship Clinic- Saturday, November 4, 2017  
At 2 PM in the Mosaic Arena.**

## **HORSES**

Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 7, 2017 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 1 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in.

*Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.*

## **STEERS**

Weigh-In: 8:00AM-11:00AM – Saturday, August 19, 2017 Mosaic Arena,  
Manatee Co. Fairgrounds

Registration for steers can be obtained from your 4-H or FFA leader or on the fair web-site at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com). Your completed registration, bill of sale and \$10 registration fee should be brought to the steer weigh-in.

Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the weigh-in.

## **FNGLA**

Plant Classes A, B & C on-line registration must be completed by October 5, 2017 at 3 PM.

Mandatory Tagging of Plant Classes A, B & C will take place October 7, 2017 at the Super Check-In in the Mosaic Arena. The Super Check-In will open at 9 AM and will close at 1 PM. Please bring your plants with you to the check-in.

Plant Class D (Miscellaneous Plants) Check-In: November 30, 2017 at the fairgrounds 2 PM-6:30 PM

Fair Check-In for All Plants January 8, 2018 2 PM-6:30 PM Stewart Building  
Plant Judging takes place January 9, 2018.

## **2018 FAIR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE**

Fair Check-in/Out and Fair Show Schedule

### **Monday, January 8**

Swine Load-in 2-6 PM at Mosaic Arena  
FNGLA Plant check-in 2 PM-6:30 PM Stewart Building  
Dairy Heifers Load-in from 7-9 PM at Mosaic Arena

### **Tuesday, January 9**

FNGLA Judging-Stewart Building 8AM-1PM-Judges Only  
Dairy Showmanship 6 PM at Mosaic Arena  
Dairy Production Cows Load-In from 7-9 PM at Mosaic Arena

### **Wednesday, January 10**

Swine Showmanship 6 PM at Mosaic Arena  
Dairy Fitting and Grooming Contest 7-8 PM  
Rabbits Load-In from 2-7 PM in Powell Bldg.

### **Thursday, January 11**

Rabbit Judging 6 PM in Cook Arena  
Swine Show at 6 PM in Mosaic Arena

### **Friday, January 12**

Rabbit Showmanship Show at 5 PM in Cook Arena  
Dairy Show at 6 PM in Mosaic Arena

### **Saturday, January 13**

Dairy, Swine, Horse Judging: Registration at 7:30 AM in Mosaic Arena  
(Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)  
Dairy Costume Show-TBA  
Swine Sale at 1 PM in Mosaic Arena  
Rabbit Meat Pen Auction-Immediately following Swine Sale  
Dairy Heifer Sale immediately following sale in Mosaic Arena  
FNGLA Plant Show & Sale –Mosaic Arena at 6 PM or (Following Swine and Dairy Sale)  
Swine out at 10 PM  
Rabbits out at 9 PM  
Plants Out

### **Sunday, January 14**

Dairy out at 6 PM  
Purebred Poultry Check-in 9 AM-12 PM Powell Building



**Monday, January 15**

Goats into Stewart Building from 5-7 PM  
Dogs in 10 AM Entertainment Tent  
Dog Show 12 PM Entertainment Tent  
Purebred Poultry Showmanship 2 PM in Cook Arena

**Tuesday, January 16**

Steers check-in at Mosaic Arena from 2-6 PM  
Beef Breeding unload at the Fair from 2-6 PM in Mosaic Arena  
Goat Show at 6 PM in Cook Arena  
Purebred Poultry Judging 6 PM in Powell Building

**Wednesday, January 17**

Steer Showmanship at 6 PM in Mosaic Arena  
Purebred Poultry Out at 8 PM

**Thursday, January 18**

Steer show at 6 PM in Mosaic Arena  
Commercial Poultry Check-in 3-6 PM Powell Building

**Friday, January 19**

Beef Breeding Show and Showmanship at 6 PM in Mosaic Arena  
Commercial Poultry Judging at 6 PM in Powell Building

**Saturday, January 20**

Beef Breeding, Steer, Goat Judging: Registration at 7:30 AM in Mosaic Arena  
(Judging begins promptly at 8 AM)  
Steer Sale at 1 PM in Mosaic Arena  
Poultry Meat Pen Auction- Immediately following Steer Sale  
Beef Breeding Sale immediately following sale in Mosaic Arena  
Awards Ceremony at 7pm in Mosaic Arena  
Goats out at 9 PM  
Steers out 10 PM  
Beef Breeding out at 10PM

**Sunday, January 21**

Horses in 10:00 AM  
Horse Show 12 PM  
Horses out 6 PM  
Commercial Poultry out at 6PM

**2018 MANATEE COUNTY FAIR**  
**Premiums**

*Notice: If premium money is not picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair it is forfeited.*

**PLACE RIBBONS and PREMIUMS**

Beef Breeding	Blue \$35 Red \$25 White \$15
Dairy Cattle	Blue \$35 Red \$25 White \$15
Dog	Blue \$12 Red \$10 White \$8 Yellow \$6 Pink \$4 Green \$2
Goat	Blue \$20 Red \$15 White \$10
Poultry	Blue \$6 Red \$4 White \$2
Rabbit	Blue \$6 Red \$4 White \$2
Steer	Blue \$20 Red \$15 White \$10
Horse (All Classes)	Blue \$12 Red \$10 White \$8 Yellow \$6 Pink \$4 Green \$2
Swine	Blue \$20 Red \$15 White \$10

## Showmanship – All Age Divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior

Beef Breeding, Dairy, Steer, Swine	1 <sup>st</sup> \$100 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$ 75 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$ 50
Goat	1 <sup>st</sup> \$ 25 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$ 15 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$ 10
High Combined Score Dogs Jr. (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Sr. (14-18)	Jr. \$ 20 Intermediate \$20 Sr. \$20 “Best of Show” Award \$25
Poultry	1 <sup>st</sup> \$25 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$10
Rabbit	1 <sup>st</sup> \$25 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$10

## Judging: Beef Breeding, Dairy, Goat, Horse (includes Oral Reasons), Steer and Swine

### Junior and Senior

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$20

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$15

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$10

4<sup>th</sup> Place \$5

5<sup>th</sup> Place \$5

### General Livestock Rules

1. All exhibitors must be a *bona fide* member of a Manatee County 4-H Specialty Club or FFA Chapter. No one who has graduated from High School will be eligible to show. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must attend a Manatee County Public School or reside in Manatee County. Home Schooled Exhibitors must live in Manatee County.
2. No exhibition of livestock by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2017 will determine the class in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors are age 8-10, Intermediates are ages 11-13, and Senior's are ages 14 and up.)
3. Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee requires all livestock to be exhibited to have an initial mandatory check-in or weigh-in or Pre-registration date. The check-in/weigh-in or pre-registration date shall be held at least 60 days prior to the Fair at one central location to be established by the Area Superintendent. Exhibitor and animal must be together in order for animal to be checked in. (Some animal areas do not require animal to be present at initial check-in.) **A parent or legal guardian must complete all required documentation. The Manatee River Fair Board encourages parents to be involved in their child's 4-H and FFA Projects.**  
**\*\*Exhibitors are not allowed to change animal exhibits after the initial check-in\*\***
4. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their respective clubs to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair. All exhibitors will show in the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in which they registered their livestock at their respective check-in event.
5. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.
6. On-site inspections of any livestock may be made by authorized agents of the Manatee River Fair Association at any time, after first check-in or before Fair.

7. Individual exhibitors may sell only one animal. (**Shared ownership of livestock entries is not permitted**). Enrollment by an individual exhibitor in a steer or swine project makes any other animal exhibit, a show (not for sale) animal. Each school Ag education department will be eligible to show in each eligible category, but may only sell two (2) sale animals. The All-Stock Clubs will be classified same as FFA.
8. All livestock transported to the Manatee County Fair must be transported under Florida State Guidelines.
9. A signed release of liability form prepared by the Fair Association must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.
10. All record books must be up to date and checked in to the designated committee at time of animal registration at the Fair. An up to date record book is required on ALL animals that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that animal made it to the fair or not. Record books will be checked in by a committee of fair representatives. Record Books are required to be turned in at the final check in for the exhibitor to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.
11. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal.
12. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on animals during the Fair or the possession of same by a 4-H or FFA member or anyone assisting said member with his or her animal is prohibited. Violation of this provision shall disqualify the animal from competition and any awards or premiums, including sale price of animal, shall be forfeited.
13. All animals are subject to being examined and blood tested for any drug usage at any time. Refusal by the 4-H or FFA member to submit their animal to such examination or test will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums and awards, including sale price.

14. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 12 and 13 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
15. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM without written parental permission submitted to and approved by the Fair Director in charge of the respective area.
16. Beef, Dairy and Swine barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
17. No equipment or belongings may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
18. Exhibitors of sale animals must present a thank you letter and picture-plaque to their buyer. Exhibitor must submit verification to the fair office by July 1<sup>st</sup> with a signature from the buyer to obtain their sale checks. Add-On checks will be mailed when each exhibitor's add-on monies are received by the fair office. **All exhibitors with saleable animals must turn in their signed "Buyer's Thank You" card and pick up their check prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible to exhibit a project at the next Manatee County Fair.**
19. All deviations from any livestock rule will be requested in writing to the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee as soon as possible, but at least two weeks before first check-in. Each request will be handled on an individual basis.
20. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by \$25.00. Monies to be refunded if protest is decided in petitioner's favor. Only violations of rules by participants in the Fair will be considered as a protest. Protest to be decided upon by full meeting of the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.
21. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
22. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize their registered animals.

23. All Sale Animals must be shown and sold by the registered exhibitor. All Steer and Swine exhibits must be sold in the sale ring during the sale.
24. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
25. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
26. All Exhibitors must wear boots when handling hooved animals. All exhibitors must be in their official 4-H and FFA dress as specified by their respective animal areas.
27. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
28. **Mandatory Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop:** The Manatee River Fair Association believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet mandatory certification requirements. Certification is valid for a three (3) year period. This program has been endorsed by the Florida Dept. of Agriculture and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. It is important that the exhibitors understand: The purpose of youth livestock projects; the importance of ethics in youth livestock projects; Proper animal handling and management; the difference between animal welfare and animal rights; and be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture. The requirements are as follows: **The Manatee County Fair requires that all exhibitors must complete the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop one time before they are allowed to show at the Manatee County Fair.**
  - a. An Ethics Workshop will take place at the fairgrounds in October 21, 2017. Dates will be posted when they are announced. To register go to the Florida State Fair web-site. Other workshops will take place around the state.

29. Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Beef Breeding, Dairy and Rabbit and Poultry Meat Pens will have Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.

30. *Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.*

*Exhibitor and Parent Security Passes*

**Exhibitors will be required to make a one-time purchase of a \$15 Security Entrance Pass that will give unlimited access to the fair for the entire run of the fair. Families will be allowed to purchase (4) additional Security Entrance Passes at \$15 each which also gives unlimited access to the fair. Tickets are no longer given for fair entry. Each exhibitor showing an animal exhibit at the 2018 Manatee County Fair is required to purchase a Security Entrance Pass. The Security Entrance Pass cost is \$15.00 per exhibitor and is to be paid at registration. Make checks payable to Manatee River Fair Association. \*\*There will be no refunds on passes.\*\* Passes will be available for pick-up January 6<sup>th</sup>- 9AM-4PM; January 7<sup>th</sup>- 9 AM-4PM; January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - 8AM-5PM in the Livestock Office.**

**Download Registration Packet to see “Security Entrance Pass” order form.**

**Animal Pick-up and Drop-off**

Beef Breeding, Beef Steers, Horses, Rabbits, Goats, Poultry and Dairy livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St. and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.. Swine will enter at Gate 8 and line up for the weigh-in in the parking area. Areas around the arena are for drop-off and pick-up only. Vehicles blocking Gate 1 will be towed at the owner's expense. Exhibitors may use Gate 1 in the morning before 9AM when coming to feed and water animals. **There will be no parking along the west end of the arena at any time!** Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area. Violators will have their vehicles towed at the owner's expense.



## **Add-On Cards**

If you require additional slips please contact the fair office at 722-1639.

## **Fair Livestock Budget**

The budget for the 2018 Manatee County Fair Youth Livestock Show has been set at \$45,000. The budget includes; fair premiums, awards, barn preparation, hauling insurance, equipment etc...

## **Manatee County Fair Web-Site**

The Manatee County Fair has its own web page!! If you lose your rule book please go to [www.manateecountyfair.com](http://www.manateecountyfair.com) and you can print these items right off the site. Please check the web page periodically to see if there are any updates that pertain to your livestock area. Registration paperwork for all animal areas is located on the Fair web-site.

## **MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2018 Youth Livestock Judging Rules**

1. Participants must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA member.
2. Non-county participants are ineligible for awards and premium monies.
3. No parents, coaches or other adults will be allowed in designated area with judging contestants.
4. All judging awards will be presented on **Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7 pm.**
5. An electronic grading machine will be used, if available, to tally scores.