



## **MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2018**

### **Youth Steer Show**

**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Hugh Taylor/Mitchell John**

**AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Stevie John and Susan Grainger**

### **SCHEDULE**

Ownership & Weigh-In	Saturday, August 19, 2017, 8-11:00am Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds
Fair Arrival	Tuesday, January 16, 2018 2-6pm
Steer Showmanship Show	Wednesday, January 17, 2018 6pm
Youth Steer Show	Thursday, January 18, 2018 6 pm
Youth Steer Sale	Saturday, January 20, 2018 1pm
Awards Presentation	Saturday, January 20, 2018 7pm

### **STEER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

***Eligibility:***

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. If the Steer Committee considers the physical condition of the steer to be a problem, it may result in the Steer Committee not accepting or allowing the steer to participate in the show and sale.

3. It is the intent of the Board of Directors, Fair Livestock Committee to allow only steers which fairly and accurately represent the Beef Industry. NO dairy cross steers will be accepted. If discovered after weigh-in, animal will be disqualified.

*Ownership:*

Steers must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before Saturday, August 19, 2017.

*Mandatory Weigh-Ins:*

1. All steers must comply with a mandatory weigh-in on August 19, 2017. This must occur on scales certified by the Florida Department of Agriculture in the presence of at least one fair board director.
2. All steers at final weigh-in must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds and a maximum of 1750 pounds and gained an average of 2 pounds per day. Also, all steers must have a minimum of .25 inches of back fat as determined by ultrasound or be a quality grade of select or better.
3. All steers must be unloaded and weighed on foot.
4. Weigh-in information is mandatory; entries will not be accepted unless weigh-in is properly authorized.

*Entries:*

1. All entry blanks must be filled out completely. All information and signatures must be completed or entry will not be accepted.
2. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) steer. The exhibitor shall also be the owner. Each individual 4-H exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H Beef Club Project. FFA or 4-H Clubs as a whole shall be co-owner and shall abide by these rules.
  2. (a) Each school Ag Education department, the 4-H Beef Clubs, shall be eligible to show and sell a steer yearly.

(b.) No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after registration at the first weigh-in.

(c.) All steers shown at the Manatee County Fair must be auctioned and sold on sale day.

3. At least 148 day, pre-Fair weigh-in and registration is required. All animals shall be weighed, marked, mouthed and registered on the date and time established by the Steer Committee, on or before 148 days prior to the Fair. It is the intent of the Fair Committee, for fairness of the exhibitors, for the animal to be between the ages of 14 months and a maximum cap of 24 months of age at final weigh-in.
4. Proof of purchase shall be furnished at initial weigh-in.
5. Steer exhibitors may not show swine. Anyone weighing in a steer at first weigh-in is not eligible to show a swine project.

***Health Regulations: (For Final Check-in)***

1. All animals must be checked in by a veterinarian. All exhibitors must comply with State of Florida Health Rules and all animals must meet minimum health standards as determined by the Fair Veterinarian.
2. All vehicles transporting steers to the Fair must meet State guidelines.

***General:***

1. **All steers must be neutered prior to first weigh-in. No steers will be castrated or dehorned at first weigh-in. No exceptions.** Steers with horns longer than two inches will be rejected by the Steer Committee at final weigh-in. Dehorned steers must be completely healed at final weigh-in. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed.
2. No steer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led at final check-in time. Steers that are unmanageable during the show will be pulled to the side of the ring and tied or sent home. Use of nose tongs or leads, ring or "Jim Bob" type halter is prohibited.
3. All steers shall be double-tied with at least 1/2 inch neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.

4. Curb chain show halters will be permitted provided that exhibitor demonstrates that he/she is capable of handling the steer with such a halter.
5. Steers found to have been on a nurse cow during the feeding period shall be considered an ineligible animal for show and sale. If it is discovered after the sale, the exhibitor must make restitution to the buyer and cover all expenses incurred to the Fair Association.
  5. (a) No steer shall have access to grass pastures with the exception of extreme weather conditions or while exhibitor is exercising the animal. It is the intent of the Fair Board Livestock Committee to supply ONLY grain fed beef to buyers.
6. The exhibitor will be allowed to be assisted by their 4-H leader, FFA advisor, parent or another exhibitor only for preparation to showing and selling, but not while in the ring
  6. (a) All exhibitors are required to wear boots, white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the show and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale. FFA must wear Official Dress.
7. No provision will be made to sell animals disqualified. Only animals that are shown are eligible for auction sale.
8. 4-H and FFA steer classes will be shown and judged together. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made from first place winners from each class. The second place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion.
9. Sifted steers deemed by the Fair Livestock Committee to be dwarfs, bullocks, or stags will not be eligible to show.
10. Steers may be mouthed and any steer with evidence of eruption of any permanent teeth other than two center incisors will not be eligible to show. Discrepancies between physiological age (dental structure) and chronological age (certified age certificate) will be resolved by relying on age as determined by dental structure. A steer must be no older than 24 months at Fair time.

11. All unqualified or sifted steers must be removed from the Fairgrounds on the day of disqualification.
12. No decorations on animals at anytime. (i.e. glitter, paint, signs or use of hair dyes)
13. Each exhibitor should have one buyer letter with three buyer addresses attached to buyer's letter inside of the record book at final weigh-in.

***Feeding and Bedding:***

1. All steers will be bedded on sand only. No bedding hay allowed.
2. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor. No water pails will be left unattended in front of steer.
3. All exhibitors of steers are required to keep the steer's space clean and removal of litter and filth twice daily.
4. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his or her steer may be disqualified from show and/or sale at any time during Fair week.

**SALE: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY & TIME**

1. The sale of steers will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1pm.
2. Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons will be deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.
3. All requirements must be met before the exhibitor may receive their premium checks.
4. All Youth Steer Show exhibitors 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 check. Add-on checks will be mailed when each exhibitor's add-on monies are received in the fair office.

5. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers. A list of these letters must be turned in with their record book at the final check-in.
6. There will be a \$ 10.00 charge at the first weigh-in on each animal. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost normally assessed each steer following the sale.
7. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more. Add-on's must be received by February 15, 2018.
8. Liability - Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her steer until removed from the Fairgrounds, at which time it becomes the liability of the buyer.
9. Any steer weighing over 1500 pounds will sell as 1500 pounds, regardless of weight.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have a question about your entry into the Manatee County Fair, please follow the chain-of-command as listed below:

1<sup>st</sup> – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2<sup>nd</sup> – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Steers, Stevie John and Susan Grainger at 941-722-1639. If they are unable to answer your question,

3<sup>rd</sup> – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Steers, Hugh Taylor, 941-722-1639.