



## **MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2019 Beef Breeding Stock**

**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Gerry Wolfe  
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Gene Wingate**

### **BEEF BREEDING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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 6, 2018 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 12 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 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 Beef Animals to the Check-In.***

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. It is the intent of the Board of Directors and the Fair Livestock Committee to allow only those cattle which fairly and accurately represent the Beef industry. NO Dairy cross cattle will be allowed.
3. Any behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.
4. All exhibitors that are dismissed from the Manatee County Fair must have their cattle off the Fairgrounds by 10:00 PM on the day of dismissal and will forfeit all premiums and passes.
5. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.
6. Pee-Wees will not be allowed.

## **ENTRIES**

1. Registered, Non-Registered and Brahman Influence heifers will be accepted at check-in and will compete in their respective classes. There will be a Grand and Reserve Champion in the following classes: Brahman Influence, Non-Registered heifers, Registered heifers, Registered Cow Calf pairs and Non-Registered Cow Calf pairs.
  - A. Each exhibitor may check-in 3 animals, however, the Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit the number per exhibitor providing space availability.
  - B. *There is no weight minimum for Beef Heifers.*
  - C. Proof of ownership must accompany pre-registration
  - D. Heifers shall be weaned to 30 months of age and have not calved.
  - E. Cow-calf pairs will be accepted provided that the calf at side is the natural calf, not over 205 days old and the cow is not to be over 48 months of age.
2. All Non-Registered heifers will be shown by weight. Non-Registered heifers will be weighed at the conclusion of the Steer Weigh-In.

3. Exhibitor must be present, accompanied by a parent or guardian at the initial check-in and at final check-in at the fair.
4. All animals must be identified by some means of permanent identification, i.e. tattoo or brands.
5. No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after Pre-registration is submitted.
6. A full body profile photo will be required for each animal at the time of check-in on October 6, 2018.

**HEALTH REGULATIONS:** (For Final Check-in)

1. All cattle for exhibition in Florida must be covered by official health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian. All health certificates must show detailed records of tests for each animal, giving breed, date of test, name and registry number, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers and, if from a tuberculosis accredited herd or brucellosis certified herd, number.
2. All vehicles transporting livestock for exhibition in Florida must meet state guidelines. The veterinarian's statement to that effect must accompany shipment.
3. All health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.

**GENERAL:**

1. Heifers with horns longer than 2 inches will be rejected by the Fair Livestock Committee at final check-in. Dehorned Heifers must be completely healed at final check-in. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed.
2. No Heifer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led at check-in time. Heifers that are unmanageable during the show will be pulled to the side of the ring and tied or sent home. Use of "Jim Bob" type halters is prohibited.
3. All animals shall be double-tied with at least 1/2" neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.

4. 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.

5. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will compete together in classes. 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.

6. Overall Supreme Beef Breeding Champion will be selected from all Grand and Reserve Winners.

7. 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.

### **FEEDING AND BEDDING:**

1. Bedding will be on sand only.

2. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor. No water pails will be left unattended in front of Heifers.

3. All exhibitors of Heifers are required to keep the Heifer space clean and removal of litter and filth twice daily.

4. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his/her Heifer may be disqualified from show and / or sale at any time during Fair week.

### **SALE:**

1. Heifers are eligible for sale providing exhibitor has not sold or intend to sell any other market animal at this year's Fair, i.e. steer, swine or dairy heifer. The sale of eligible Heifers will take **place Saturday, January 26, 2019 immediately following the steer sale.** If you sell your animal, it is mandatory that you deliver a thank you note and picture plaque to buyer and return receipt signed to fair office to get your check.

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 youth exhibitors are required to write a thank you letter to the buyer of their Heifer. A copy of this letter must be turned in to your leader before issuance of final check.
4. There will be a \$10.00 charge at time of application on each animal.
5. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more.
6. Liability – Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his / her animal(s).

## **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** – Beef Breeders, Gene Wingate: 941-722-1639 and if they are unable to answer your question

3<sup>rd</sup> – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Beef Breeders, Jerry Wolfe at 941-737-8820.