

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2019

Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Sue McGonegal

SCHEDULE

Please remember to have every item of the registration packet complete. Each bird must be present at Registration, to ascertain whether all birds are purebred or commercial variety. (Exceptions: Meat Pens) Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Registration will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Mosaic Arena.

Purebreed & Commercial Poultry Check-In: Sunday, January 20, 2019 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Powell Bldg.

Poultry Showmanship: Monday, January 21, 2019 @ 5:00 PM - Cook Arena

Purebreed & Commercial Poultry Judging: Monday, January 21, 2019 @ 9:00 PM – Powell Bldg.

Meat Pens Auction: Saturday, January 26, 2019 - Following Steer Auction

Awards Presentation: Saturday, January 26, 2019 @ 7:00 PM – Mosaic Arena

All Poultry Out: Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM – Powell Bldg.

Layer Project Silent Auction: Starting January 20, 2019 to January 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM

POULTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. The Poultry Show is open to bona fide 4-H and FFA members as outlined in the general livestock rules.
3. Application Registration: All applications must be complete. No chicks under 3 months of age at the time of application. Exception: Meat Pen entry.
4. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, or have been in foster care of the exhibitor for at least 90 days prior to day of showing, proven by certificate showing Proof of Ownership, or Proof of Foster Care by Exhibitor affidavit, with appropriate signatures releasing the care of the animal and continuing supervision for the duration of project by both owner of animal and 4H/FFA Club leader.
5. Purebred and Commercial Entries: The exhibitor must own all animals on or before October 6, 2018. The Area Superintendent or designee may limit the number of entries due to barn space. If space is limited each exhibitor will be limited to 10 exhibits TOTAL for the Purebred Poultry Exhibition for judging. Eligible entries include the following: exhibition chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys. ALL PUREBRED BIRDS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION STANDARD.
6. If space is limited, each exhibitor will be limited to a maximum of ten (10) poultry entries per person, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. One entry is one cock, one cockerel, one hen, or one pullet of any purebreed. The following description will apply for all classes:
 - ****Cock - a male bird over 12 months of age.
 - ****Cockerel - a male bird less than 12 months of age.
 - ****Hen - a female bird over 12 months of age.
 - ****Pullet - a female bird less than 12 months of age.
 - ****Meat Pen (3 birds = 1 pen, consisting of Cornish/Rock commercial birds) however, if after registration, it is determined that there is not enough space, the maximum number of birds that each exhibitor can show may be reduced.

The following classes will apply to the Commercial Poultry Show:

CLASS 1 - Hens

CLASS 2 - Laying Pullet

7. Manatee County Fair 2019 will continue the sale of Meat Pens and Laying Hens in conjunction with exhibitors that also raise and sell steer or swine projects. If any exhibitor wishes to sell a steer or swine, they may also sell ONE meat pen of EITHER poultry, rabbits, or laying hen. If any exhibitor does not have a steer or swine to raise and sell, they may sell a maximum of ONE meat pen of poultry or rabbits and ONE laying hen. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers for each meat pen or laying hen intended for sale. Copies of these must be turned with your record book at the final check-in.

8. ARRIVAL: All Poultry for judging will check in Sunday January 20 between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. The show superintendent or designee at check-in will perform a health and parasite check. Please make sure your birds are clean and healthy or they will not be allowed in.

9. Any individual purebred poultry that is obviously a cross-breed which does not conform to a breed standard will not be accepted. **Any meat pens that are not Cornish/Rock crosses will not be accepted.**

10. Exhibitors are recommended to have their birds NPIP tested prior to Check-In at the Fair. Call Hope Freeman at (941) 345-6738 and make arrangements to have her visit your property and test your birds, as you must show evidence of a clean record from blood sampling at Check-In. Avoid a long line at the fair and have your birds pre-tested. An inspector will be present at Check-Ins for Purebred or Commercial birds. **All poultry must be NPIP tested or tested at the fair before being permitted to enter the barn.**

AT CHECK-IN, AND DURING FAIR, ANY ANIMAL FOUND TO BE ILL, DISEASED OR INSECT INFESTED WILL BE REMOVED AND SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY.

11. JUDGING: All Poultry judging will be held on Monday January 21, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. Showmanship will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Any junior, intermediate, or senior member wanting to participate in showmanship must use a bird that has been checked in for judging (Sunday January 14, 2018). Make sure that you sign in for showmanship and judging. The show area will be closed during the time of judging. The decision of the judge will be final. Judging will be done by the Danish System. Belt Buckles will be presented to the Best in Show and the Best Showmanship. Trophies will be presented for each of the following: Best in Show - Standard, Reserve in Show - Standard, Best of Show – Bantam and Reserve in Show – Bantam, Best Meat Pen and Best Layer Project. Rosettes will be presented for Best of Breed

(BB) and Certificates will be presented for Best of Variety (BV). Trophies will be presented for 1st Place in Showmanship for each age division of the Exhibitor – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. Rosettes will be presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for Showmanship for each age division of the Exhibitors – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors.

12. RESPONSIBILITY: The Manatee County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the loss of damage of any exhibit. All reasonable effort will be made to protect properties and exhibits. No sick, diseased, or parasite infected birds will be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. The Area Superintendent or designee has the authority to remove such bird and place in a quarantined area. The owner will be notified and allowed to pick up the animal.

13. COMMERCIAL POULTRY PROGRAM:

Laying Hens:

A. Hens for Laying Pens must be at least 8 months to 1 year old at the time of County fair. The following laying breeds are encouraged: Females only of White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, Sex Link, and California Whites.

B. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for caring for their hens, both at home and at the fair.

C. Exhibitors must complete a Record Book and two (2) sets of buyer's letters.

Laying Pens:

A. A Laying Pen will consist of three (3) laying pullets/hens of the same breed and variety (this will be considered as One (1) Exhibit);

B. A silent auction will be held from January 20, 2019 – January 26, 2019

C. All Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting their own buyers. D. All Exhibitors must prepare a "Thank You Letter" to the buyer of his or her Laying Pen and present the letter with an addressed, stamped envelope ready for mailing but not sealed, to your FFA or 4-H Leader. Your leader will be responsible for mailing the letters. Sale proceeds will not be disbursed until letters are submitted and payment is received from Buyer(s). **Six (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons will be deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.**

D. Each exhibitor must sign the fair sale contract.

E. Completed egg record is to be provided at fair check in. (copies of the egg record form will be provided at super check in).

Due to limited space and coop availability, some adjustments may be made at the Area Superintendent's or designee's discretion.

14. CARE OF ANIMALS: Animals are to be fed and watered by exhibitor upon arrival. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding his or her own birds and cleaning out the birds' cages daily. Morning feeding times will be between 6:30 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. and afternoon feeding times will be between 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. This includes Saturdays & Sundays. There will

be a Sign-in Sheet in a binder on the table in the poultry storage area to sign in for morning and afternoon feedings. Please make sure you sign-in to acknowledge that your animal has been attended to. There will also be a sheet for you to sign in for the Judging / Show and clean-up day. You must sign-in every day during fair week for record keeping purposes. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to sign-in daily.

15. HANDLING OF EXHIBITS: Only those persons authorized by show officials or the owner may handle birds without written permission from the owner unless the owner is present. All eggs are the property of the poultry committee and will be removed daily. Those exhibitors keeping track of egg production please see barn Superintendent for egg count.

16. RELEASE OF ANIMALS: All birds will be released on Saturday, January 26, 2019 between 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Any bird removed prior to the specified times without the permission of the poultry chairman, will forfeit all prize and premium monies. Any bird left after 8:00 P.M. will be in the possession of the poultry chairman. Any exhibitor (commercial laying and/or exhibition) failing to help with clean-up will forfeit all prize and premium monies.

MANDATORY CLEAN-UP: All Poultry Exhibitors must attend Mandatory Clean-Up, Saturday, January 26, 2019, before being birds will be released. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

17. Poultry Showmanship is not mandatory. At Poultry Check-In, a sign-up sheet will be available to reserve your approximate time to make your Showmanship presentation. Showmanship questions will be based on the showmanship bird's class and type.

18. Poultry Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2017) Senior – 14 yrs. +, Intermediate – 11-13 yrs. and Junior – 8-10 yrs. Trophies will be presented for the 1st Place winner of each class, with rosettes being presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age division of Exhibitors (Seniors, Intermediates & Juniors)

19. All 4-H and FFA member's Project Books must be up-to-date and presented at the time entries are checked-in at the Fair in order to qualify and any time upon request. Each exhibitor must attend the mandatory Registration with their completed registration forms on Saturday, October 6, 2018 to be eligible to show at the Fair. It is mandatory to bring all Purebred and Commercial Poultry to Registration for fair exhibition. (Exception: Meat Pens)

20. The Livestock Committee and Area Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry for health or appearance reasons if the entry does not comply with the rules and regulations of the Poultry Show. All birds must be free from disease and parasites. No game birds may be exhibited. All poultry will be judged on soundness, evidence of care, freedom from dirt, disease and parasites.

21. The Manatee County Fair will not be responsible for loss by accidents, fire, theft, escape or providential destruction. All possible care will be taken in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring for and returning animals.

22. The show committee reserves the right to reject any entry. A signed release of liability form, prepared by the Fair Association, must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.

Poultry Meat Pen Rules

1. An entry fee of \$13.20 will be required on the day of registration at the Super Check-In October 6, 2018. This will cover the cost of six (one-day old) chicks ordered and dispersed by the poultry committee. The entry fee is non-refundable. The date of distribution will be determined by the committee as well as the order/delivery dates. All of the exhibitors must provide reliable contact information with the super check-in paperwork and on meat pen registration in order to receive notice of chick availability. Exhibitors must take possession of their chicks within 3 days of the delivery day or their meat pen entry will be eliminated and registration fee forfeited. 2. At fair time, the exhibitor must select 3 of their birds for show. No more than 3 will be accepted at fair check-in. No sick, diseased or parasite infested birds will be allowed into the barn. All birds will be inspected for general health, condition and signs of parasites. Meat Pen entries will also be subject to a weigh-in at the fair and each individual bird must weigh at least 5 pounds. 3. An up-to-date feed and care book (separate from other poultry entries) must be presented at fair check-in with the exhibitor, parent (or legal guardian), and leader or teacher initials. If a book is not presented and approved, the exhibitor will not be allowed to check-in. Copies of at least two dated buyer's invitations must be presented with the record book. 4. Meat Pen entries must be at least 30 days free of any antibiotics or other medications. 5. All exhibitors must be present for the Meat Pen auction on Saturday, January 20, 2018. A sale order will be determined prior to the sale. Any who are late for their entry's sale will be moved to the rear of the order. Failure to show up will result in a no sale and the participant will be required to take the birds back. A signed agreement provided by the Manatee River Fair Association, Inc. will be required or the entry will not be presented for auction. 6. The exhibitor will be required to write and mail a thank you letter to their buyer or they will be unable to show the next year. 7. Failure to follow the above rules or the general rules of the Manatee River Fair Association Youth Livestock Show will result in disciplinary action up to expulsion from the barn, disqualification from the show, removal from the sale and possible loss of premiums or awards. 8. Six (6%) of each Poultry Meat pen exhibitor's sale price and any additions will be deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.

QUESTIONS

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

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

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Poultry, Sue McGonegal at (941) 812-5425; and if she is unable to answer your question, then

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Poultry, Jim Parks at (941) 722-1639