



**MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2019**  
**Rabbits**

**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks**  
**AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Sue McGonegal**

**SCHEDULE**

**Rabbit Check-In: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 2-7 pm - Powell Bldg.**  
**Rabbit Judging: Thursday, January 17, 2019 @ 6 pm – Cook Arena**  
**Rabbit Showmanship: Friday, January 18, 2019 @ 5 pm in Cook Arena**  
**Rabbit Meat Pen Auction- Sat., Jan. 19, 2019 after Swine Sale- Mosaic Arena**  
**Rabbits Out: Saturday, January 19, 2019 @ 9 pm – Powell Bldg.**  
**Awards Presentation: Saturday, January 26, 2019 @ 7 pm – Mosaic Arena**

**RABBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. The Rabbit Show is open to bona fide 4-H and FFA members as outlined in the general livestock rules. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

3. **Application Registration: All applications must be complete.** No rabbits under 3 months of age at time of application. Exception: Meat Pen entry – Rabbit.

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 4-H/FFA Club leader. Any meat pen project must have exhibitor in possession of brood animal at least 100 days prior to day of showing. **It is up to each individual exhibitor to locate or breed their own meat pen rabbits. The Manatee County Fair does not provide rabbits for exhibitors or give refunds if you were unable to locate rabbits.**

5. Each exhibitor will be limited to a maximum of eight (8) rabbit entries per person, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. One entry is one buck, one doe, or one meat pen entry (3 rabbits of same breed and variety) of any breed. However, if after registration, it is determined there is not enough space, the maximum number of rabbits that each exhibitor can show may be reduced.

5A. Manatee County Fair 2019 will have the sale of Meat Pens in conjunction with exhibitors who 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 or rabbits. If any exhibitor does not have a steer or swine to raise and sell, they may sell ONE meat pen of BOTH poultry and rabbits. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers for each meat pen intended for sale. Copies of these must be turned in with your record book at the final check-in.

6. All rabbits (including Meat Pens) will be accepted at the Fair on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 between 2 – 7 pm and must not be removed before 9 pm on Sat., January 19, 2019. No does with litters, or pregnant does of more than (2) weeks will be accepted. Does showing signs of pregnancy will be palpated.

7. **Any individual rabbit or meat pen that is obviously a cross-breed which does not conform to a breed standard will not be accepted.**

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

9. Judging will be by the Danish System. Trophies will be presented for each of the following : Best in Show, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve. Trophies will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Showmanship for each age division of the Exhibitor – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. Rosettes will be presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for Showmanship

for each age division of the Exhibitors – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. A trophy will be presented for the Best Meat Pen.

10. The following classes will apply to the Rabbit Show:

CLASS 4 – Senior Buck ( age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6 months or older)  
CLASS 4 – Senior Doe (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6 months or older)  
CLASS 4 – Junior Buck (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6 months or younger)  
CLASS 4 – Junior Doe (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6 months or younger)

CLASS 6 – Senior Buck ( age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 8 months or older)  
CLASS 6 – Senior Doe (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 8 months or older)  
CLASS 6 – Intermediate Buck (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6-8 months)  
CLASS 6 – Intermediate Doe (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6-8 months)  
CLASS 6 – Junior Buck (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6 months or younger)  
CLASS 6 – Junior Doe (age of rabbit DAY OF SHOW – 6 months or younger)

11. Rabbits will be shown by each breed, then by varieties within each breed, in the following order: Senior Bucks, Senior Does, (when applicable) Intermediate Bucks, (when applicable) Intermediate Does, Junior Bucks, Junior Does. Meat Pen entries will be judged at judge's preference. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to move their rabbit to the judging table and back to its cage after judging. If you are not there, you must have a designated replacement arranged beforehand to move your rabbit(s).**

12. Rabbit Showmanship is not mandatory. At Rabbit Check-In, a sign-up sheet will be available to reserve your approximate time to make your Showmanship presentation.

13. Rabbit Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2018) Senior 14-18 yrs., Intermediate 11-13 yrs., and Junior 8-10 yrs. Trophies will be presented for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner of each class, with rosettes being presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for each age division of Exhibitors (Seniors, Intermediates & Juniors)

14. 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 Rabbit(s) to Registration. Exhibitors must have a valid Ethics Certification.

15. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to refuse entry for health or appearance reasons if the entry does not comply with the rules and regulations of the Rabbit Show. **All rabbits will be judged on soundness, evidence of care, freedom from dirt, disease or parasites.** .

16. Exhibitors shall provide daily care each day of Rabbit Show, including all feed, hay, bowls, sanitation, etc... The Fair will provide housing and shavings under cages. All due care of Fair Committee shall be given to ensure proper housing will be given to animals. Exhibitors shall be liable for feed, water and sanitation of their own animals. Evidence of negligence will result in the Exhibitor being contacted and made to remove rabbit(s) immediately.

17. 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.

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.

## **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** – Rabbits, Sue McGonegal; (941) 812-5425 and if she is unable to answer your question,

then

3<sup>rd</sup> – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Rabbits, Jim Parks at (941) 722-1639

2019 Manatee County Fair Rabbit Form

All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA meeting with your leader. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.