



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2019
Dairy Cattle

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Chris Quattlebaum
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Valerie Quattlebaum

On-line registration will be from September 15- November 5th.
All registrations must be thoroughly completed prior to the Mandatory Dairy meeting which will be held on November 6TH at 6:00 PM on the Manatee County Fairgrounds.

Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.
A completed registration includes the following: completed ShoWorks on-line entry, proof of ownership (bill of sale or breed registration in the exhibitors name) or lease agreement, the notarized MRFA exhibitor release form and MRFA photo release form. Copies of these items should be brought to the Mandatory meeting.

Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or Guardian to the mandatory meeting

Your bill of sale, lease agreement or animal breed registration should be brought to the Mandatory Dairy meeting.

Do not bring your animals to the Mandatory Dairy meeting.

SCHEDULE:

Each Dairy exhibitor must have on-line registration completed by November 5th

Mandatory Meeting- Wednesday November 6, 2019 6 PM

FFA/4-H Club animals exhibitors need to be named/assigned by December 13,2019

Fair check-in Mosaic Arena- Monday January 13th from 7-9PM.

Dairy Showmanship- Tuesday January 14th at 6pm Mosaic Arena

Dairy Production Cows Load-in- Tuesday January 14 7-9pm

Dairy Fitting and Grooming Contest- Wednesday January 15th 7-8pm

Dairy Show- Friday January 17th at 6pm

Dairy, Swine and Horse Judging- Saturday January 18th

(registration 7:30 am-Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)

Dairy Costume Contest- Saturday January 18th immediately after Judging

Dairy Heifer Sale- immediately following the Swine Sale

Dairy Release- Sunday January 19th 8-10 AM

Beef Breeding, Steer, and Goat Judging-Saturday January 25th

(registration 7:30am- Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)

Awards Ceremony- Saturday January 25, 2020 7pm in Mosaic Arena

DAIRY 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. **All Exhibitors at the Manatee County Fair must have completed one class of ethics training before being allowed to show. There will be an Ethics Training Class administered on October 19th at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at the following site when it is available. <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/pdf/files/live-et...>**
2. No exhibition of Dairy cows/heifers by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2019 will determine the showmanship class in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors are age 8-10, Intermediates are ages 11-13, and seniors are ages 14 and up.)
3. At Final Fair check-in, Exhibitor and animal must be together in order for animal to be checked 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. A signed release of liability form prepared by the Fair Association must be presented at the initial check-in.
4. 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 awards and set-up for the Dairy show.
5. 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.
6. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal.
7. All Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hoofed animals on Fairgrounds property.
8. All exhibitors must be in their official 4-H and FFA dress, during the shows and sale, as specified by their respective animal areas.
9. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
10. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that was registered under their name.

11. All care and feed 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 care and feed book is required on ALL animals that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that animal made it to the fair or not. A committee of fair representatives will check in care and feed books. Care and feed 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. EACH exhibitor showing a club or chapter animal must submit a care and feed guide, even if the animal is shared by several exhibitors.
12. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines. Animals that have been dehorned must be completely healed prior to the final check-in. "Completely healed" will be determined by the either the State of Florida Health Inspector on site or Manatee County Fair Livestock Director assigned to that area)
13. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of any calming agents 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. If medical treatment is deemed necessary, the exhibitor or parent must notify the Livestock Director and/or Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way.
14. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 12 and 13 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Dairy barn will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
19. No equipment may leave the barn prior to animal release time.
20. 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 1st 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.

21. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
22. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
23. 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.
24. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. *Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.*

28. Exhibitors will be required to make a one-time purchase of a \$25.00 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 \$25.00 each which also gives unlimited access to the fair. Tickets are no longer given for fair entry. **There will be no refunds on passes.******

Animal Pick-up and Drop-off

Dairy livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. 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.

DAIRY CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All animals are required to be double tied: one rope halter and one neck rope (rope must be 1/2" minimum diameter).
2. All animals will be screened and sifted by the Dairy Committee at time of check-in.
3. All animals must be taken off of the trailer, led, brought into barn and tied by the exhibitor alone.
4. All animals deemed unmanageable or substandard by the Dairy Committee will be disqualified. Example: Insufficient flesh; stunted; diseased (pink eye, warts, etc.): any milking cow not producing milk in all quarters; crossbred cattle; a lack of breed characteristics.
5. All animals must be completely clipped (including heads and top lines) for the show prior to entering the Manatee County Fairgrounds, except heifers registered for the fitting and grooming contest. Force filling of Dairy cows/heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc... All Dairy cows/heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and the trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
6. Dairy Cows/heifers with horns longer than two inches will be rejected by the Dairy Committee at final weigh-in. Dehorned animals must be completely healed at final weigh-in. "Completely healed" will be determined by either the State of Florida Health Inspector on site or Manatee County Fair Livestock Director assigned to that area. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed. No open wounds will be allowed.
7. It is the intent of the Board of Directors, Livestock Committee and Dairy Committee to allow only those cattle which fairly and accurately represent the dairy industry.
8. Any dress or behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated and premium monies will be forfeited.
9. All exhibitors that are dismissed from the Manatee County Fair must have their cattle off the Fairgrounds by 10:00 P.M. on the day of dismissal and will forfeit all premiums and passes.
10. Each exhibitor may only register one (1) animal per class. No more than 4 animals total if owned by the exhibitor, however, the Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit the number per exhibitor providing space availability. Exhibitors that lease animals may show no more than two animals and only one may be a production animal.

11. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.
12. Pee-Wees will not be allowed.
13. Bedding will be on shavings only.
14. All cattle entered and shown will be released on Sunday, Jan. 19th at 8AM-10AM.
Exception: Production animals from dairies will be released Friday, January 18th if the exhibitor has another Dairy Show animal in the barn.
15. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure that his/her production animal is milked. The milking machine will be available at specified times.
16. Cattle from quarantined herds cannot be shown.
17. All exhibitors will show their animal in the traditional 4-H white clothing or Official FFA dress.
18. All animals 24 months of age must show evidence of reproduction.
19. All 3 year old animals and older must have freshened at least one time.
20. Dairy Heifers are eligible for sale providing exhibitor has not sold any other market animal at Fair, i.e. steer, swine or beef heifer. If you sell your Dairy Heifer, it is mandatory that you deliver a thank you note and picture plaque to your buyer and return the signed receipt to fair office by July 1st to get your check.
21. Identification: All animals must be permanently identified by: tattoo in the ear, freeze branding or ear tag.
22. Stall assignments will be made at check-in by the barn superintendent.
23. Each family or club will be allowed to purchase one (1) chute spot at a cost of \$25.00 for the week of Dairy. If there are vacant chute spots remaining, each family or club will be allowed to purchase one (1) additional chute spot at cost of \$25.00 for a 2nd exhibitor in the same family or club. Those remaining chute spots will be awarded by random draw. No grooming chutes will be allowed in barn prior to 3PM on Sunday before check in. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
24. Dairy Show Classes
 - Class 1-Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2019 November 5, 2019 (animals must be weaned)
 - Class 2-Summer Heifer Calf born June 1, 2019-August 31, 2019
 - Class 3-Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2019-May 31, 2019
 - Class 4-Winter Yearling born December 1, 2018-February 28, 2019
 - Class 5-Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1, 2018-November 30, 2018
 - Class 6-Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1, 2018-August 31, 2018

Class 7-Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1, 2018-May 31, 2018 (Any yearling in milk will be shown in the two-year-old class)

Class 8-Junior Champion

Class 9-Reserve Junior Champion

Class 10-Junior Two-year-old Cow born September 1, 2017-February 28, 2018

Class 11-Senior Two-year-old Cow born March 1, 2017-August 31, 2017

Class 12-Three-year-old Cow born March 1, 2016-February 28, 2017

Class 13-Four-year-old Cow born March 1, 2015-February 29, 2016

Class 14-Five-year-old Cow born March 1, 2014-February 28, 2015

Class 15-Aged Cow born before March 1, 2014

Class 16-Senior Champion

Class 17-Reserve Senior Champion

Class 18-Grand Champion

Class 19-Reserve Grand Champion

Health regulations:

A. All cattle for exhibition in Florida must be covered by official health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian. All health certificates must show detailed record of tests for each animal, giving breed, date of test, name and registry number, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers, and from a tuberculosis accredited herd or brucellosis certified herd number.

B. All vehicles transporting livestock for exhibition in Florida must meet state guidelines.

C. Negative T.B. tests are required unless cattle originate in an accredited herd or a herd from a modified accredited area. Negative bangs tests are required except for cattle that:

1. Originate in certified free herds or areas: OR
2. Are calf hood vaccinated, under 12 months old and have not freshened: OR
3. Are under six (6) months of age.

D. All health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.

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 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.

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** –Valerie Quattlebaum can be contacted at 941-915-2096 or valerieqb@msn.com and if she is unable to answer your question;

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Chris Quattlebaum can be contacted at 941-915-9757 or cquattlebaum@manasotaonline.com

Manatee County 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement

Lease Agreement Information may be obtained by Sponsor/Owner

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** is entered into

on _____ 20____

Between the owner (Sponsor)

(Address)

(Telephone #)

And 4-H/FFA member (Lessee)

(Address)

(Telephone #)

And the members parent or
guardian _____

(Address)

(Telephone #)

The Sponsor hereby agrees to lease to the 4-H/FFA member listed above the following anima(s):
(Maximum of four animals) Please attach copies of the appropriate registration or grade identity
papers to the lease **if available**.

(Breed) (tag/tattoo #) (Date of birth)

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I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Manatee County 4-H/FFA Dairy
Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

(Owner/Sponsor)

(Date)

(4-H/FFA Member/Lessee)

(Date)

I have read and understand the agreement entered into by the lessee and the sponsor and agree to do my part to enable the lessee to fulfill the requirements of this lease. I also agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury or financial liability that may incur to the lessee during this contractual agreement.

(Parent/ Legal Guardian)

(Date)

The lessee is a member in good standing of the 4-H/FFA Program.

(Name of 4-H club or FFA Chapter)

(4-H Leader or FFA Advisor)

(Date)