

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2020

Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Sue McGonegal

New on-line registration this year for all exhibitors! Your paperwork must be completed between Sunday, Oct. 6 and Monday, Oct. 21, 2019 by Midnight.

Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the on-line registration will result in disqualification from the fair.

A mandatory exhibitor meeting will be required. Exhibitor must bring their bird(s), (exceptions: Meat Pens) to this mandatory meeting, to ascertain whether birds are purebred or commercial variety. A parent or guardian must accompany the exhibitor to the meeting which takes place on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 between 9 AM to 12 PM at the Mosaic Arena

SCHEDULE

Mandatory meeting- Saturday October 5, 2019 9am-12PM

On-line registration- October 6th- October 21, 2019

Dairy, Swine and Horse Judging- Saturday January 18, 2020

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

Pure breed & Commercial Poultry Check-In: Sunday, January 19, 2020 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Powell Bldg.

Pure breed & Commercial Poultry Judging: Monday, January 20, 2020 @ 10 AM – Powell Bldg.

Poultry Showmanship: Monday, January 20, 2020 @ 5:00 PM - Cook Arena

Beef Breeding, Steer, and Goat Judging- Saturday January 25, 2020

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

Meat Pens Auction: Saturday, January 25, 2020 - Following Steer Auction

Awards Presentation: Saturday, January 25, 2020 @ 7:00 PM Mosaic Arena

All Poultry Out: Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8 PM – Powell Bldg.

Layer Project Silent Auction: Starting January 20 to January 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM

POULTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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/pdffiles/live-et...>**

2. No exhibition of Poultry 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 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 Poultry must be together in order for the animal to be checked in. (Some animal areas do not require the animal to be present at initial check-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

4. A signed release of liability form prepared by the Fair Association must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.

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 be in their official 4-H and FFA dress, during the show as specified by their respective animal area.
8. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
9. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that they initially checked in under their name.
10. All record 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 record book is required on ALL Poultry that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that Poultry made it to the fair or not. A committee of fair representatives will check-in record books. Record 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.
11. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines.
12. 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.
13. 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.

14. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 12 and 13 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.

15. 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.

16. Exhibitors will be required to make a one-time purchase of a \$25 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 each which provide unlimited access to the fair. Tickets are no longer given for fair entry.

17. 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 the project by both owner of animal and 4H/FFA Club leader.

18. Purebred and Commercial Entries: The exhibitor must own all animals on or before October 5, 2019. 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.

19. 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 pure breed. 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

20. Manatee County Fair 2020 will continue the sale of Meat Pens and Laying Pens 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 pen. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers for each meat pen or laying pen intended for sale. Copies of these must be turned with your record book at the final check-in.

New Meat Pen Sale Rules- Exhibitors of sale animals must be present at the sale and move their own meat pen to Mosaic Arena. **Pictures of buyers and sellers will be taken at the auction at time of sale.** The exhibitor will present a thank you letter and picture-plaque to their buyer. **Exhibitors must ensure meat is delivered to their buyer.** 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. 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.

Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.

Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Beef Breeding, Dairy, 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.

21. ARRIVAL: Poultry will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. Areas around the barns are for drop-off and pick-up only. 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.

All Poultry for judging will check-in Sunday January 19 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.

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

23. Exhibitors are recommended to have their birds NPIP tested prior to Check-In at the Fair. Call the Florida Department of Agriculture (1-800-HELP-FLA) to make arrangements to have someone 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 by having 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.****

24. JUDGING: All Poultry judging will be held on Monday January 20, 2020 at 10 AM with an hour lunch break for the judges and then Showmanship will be held

immediately after (approximately 5 PM depending on the amount of birds to be judged). Any junior, intermediate, or senior member wanting to participate in showmanship must use a bird that has been checked in for judging (Sunday, January 19, 2020). 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 judges will be final. Judging will be done by the Danish System. Exhibitors will be presented with Best in Show and Best Showmanship awards. Trophies will be presented for each of the following: Best in Show - Standard, Reserve in Show - Standard, Best in 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.

25. RESPONSIBILITY: The Manatee County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the loss or 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. **RELEASE OF ANIMALS:** All birds will be released on Saturday, January 25, 2020 beginning at 8:00 P.M. Any bird removed prior to the specified time without the permission of the poultry chairman, will forfeit all prize and premium monies. Any bird left after 11:00 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 25, 2020, before birds will be released. All birds will need to be signed-out by the exhibitor and a poultry show coordinator prior to leaving the barn to ensure that clean-up has taken place and the correct exhibitor has possession. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

29. 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 birds' class and type. Reference *The American Standard of Perfection* book as a study guide.

30. Poultry Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2019) 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)

31. 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 completed online forms due by October 21, 2019 by midnight 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). Exhibitors must have a valid Ethics Certification.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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.

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, 2020 – January 24, 2020

C. All Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting their own buyers. Exhibitors must complete a Record Book and three (3) buyer's letters.

D. All Exhibitors must prepare a “Thank You Letter” to the buyer of his or her Laying Pen. The letter will be given to the poultry barn supervisor to mail to the buyer. Sale proceeds will not be disbursed until letters are submitted and payment is received from Buyer(s). **Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor’s sale price and any add-ons will be deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.**

E. **Each exhibitor must sign the fair sale contract in order to sell your laying pen.**

F. Completed egg record is to be provided at fair check-in. (copies of the egg record form will be provided at mandatory meeting.)

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

Poultry Meat Pen Rules

1. An entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration. This will not 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 their 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 three 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 25, 2020. The meat pen auction will follow the steer sale. All exhibitors must move their own birds to Mosaic Arena for the sale. 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. **Exhibitors must ensure meat is delivered to their buyer.**
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.

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** – Poultry, Sue McGonegal

(941) 812-5425; and if she is unable to answer your question, then

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Poultry, Jim Parks

(941) 722-1639