



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2020

Swine

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Lynn Howell/Gene Glassburn
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Bob Brouwer

On-line Registration will be from September 15th - October 5th 2019 on the fair web-site at Manateecountyfair.com.

All registrations must be thoroughly completed prior to the Mandatory Swine meeting which will be held at 6 PM on Tuesday October 8, 2019 on the Manatee County Fairgrounds. (Bill of Sale, Picture of Swine and Ethics number must be brought to the mandatory meeting)

Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or guardian to the mandatory Swine meeting.

Do not bring your animals to the Mandatory Meeting.

SCHEDULE

Each Swine exhibitor must have on-line registration completed by October 5, 2019

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| Mandatory Meeting- | Tuesday October 8, 2019 6 PM |
| Swine Fair check- | Monday January 13, 2020 from 1 PM-6:00pm |
| Swine Showmanship- | Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 6pm Mosaic Arena |
| Swine Show- | Thursday January 16, 2020 at 6pm |
| Dairy, <u>Swine</u> and Horse Judging- | Saturday January 18, 2020
(registration 7:30 Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM) |
| Swine Sale- | Saturday January 18, 2020 1 PM |
| Swine Load out- | Saturday January 18, 2020 10:00 PM |
| Beef Breeding, Steer, and Goat Judging- | Saturday January 25, 2020
(registration 7:30 Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM) |
| Awards Ceremony- | Saturday January 25, 2020 7pm in Mosaic Arena |

SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must be a *bona fide* member of a Manatee County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, which is related to your project. 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 swine 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 swine 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 \$15.00 charge required at the time of application on each swine. These funds will be used to cover a portion of awards and set up for the Swine 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 swine at their respective check-in event.
6. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter one of the following, one steer or one swine, not both. Anyone weighing in a steer at first weigh-in is not eligible to show a swine project. Shared ownership of swine entree is not permitted. School AG-ED departments and 4-h clubs will be permitted to exhibit one swine. However, no person can raise or exhibit more than one animal, so the swine as outlined above must be shown by a member other than the ones who have a swine of their own in the fair.

7. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her hog until removed from the Fairgrounds, at which time it becomes the liability of buyer.
8. All Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hoofed animals or are in animal areas on Fairgrounds property, including from the initial check-in forward.
9. All swine exhibitors are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the shows and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale. FFA must wear Official Dress.
10. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
11. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize their registered animals.
12. All record books must be up to date and checked in to the designated committee at time of final check-in at the Fair. An up to date record book is required on ALL swine that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that swine made it to the fair or not. If your swine did not make the final check-in, your record book is still required to be turned in before the end of the fair in order to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.
13. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers. Copies of these must be turned with your record book at the final check-in.
14. All entries must be market hogs. All will have teeth cut and barrows will be castrated before entry date and castration will be verified by fair officials. No open wounds will be allowed.
15. All breeds and crosses of domestic type hogs will be eligible. **Absolutely no wild wood hogs or crosses will be accepted. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification.**
16. Barrows and gilts must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before October 6, 2019.
17. All swine entries will be screened by a sifting committee.

18. All swine must have a Manatee County Fair provided ear tag inserted, and be tattooed, at the time of Registration/Check-In.
If the Manatee County Fair provided ear tag falls out at any time, the exhibitor and or parent must notify the exhibitor's respective 4-H leader or FFA Advisor and the Manatee County Fair office within 72 hours to set up a time for the tag to be reinserted or replaced
19. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines.
20. All swine will be weighed in on the certified scales at the Fairgrounds. THAT WEIGHT WILL BE FINAL.
21. *****All swine at the final weigh-in must weigh between 230 pounds and 310 pounds and have a minimum of .50 inches of back fat and a maximum of 1.10 inches of back fat as determined by ultra-sound. Any swine weighing over 290 pounds will sell at 290 pounds, regardless of weight.**
22. Exhibitor and parent or guardian must be present at weigh-in.
23. If the Fair Livestock Committee considers the physical condition of the swine to be a problem, it may result in the Committee not accepting an entry or allowing the swine to participate in the show and sale. Example: Crippled, limping, herniated, skin disease, etc., but not limited to these examples.
If the disqualification occurs at any time following the final check-in, the swine will not be permitted to leave the barn until after the sale and must go directly to one of the Fair Livestock approved slaughter houses at the exhibitor's expense.
24. All animals must be checked in by a state veterinarian. All exhibitors must comply with State of Florida Health Rules and all animals must meet minimum health standards as determined by the Fair veterinarian. **All swine will be sold in the sale ring and must be transported to an inspected facility for slaughter. Swine exhibited at the Manatee County Fair are not allowed to return home as this is a terminal swine show.**
25. 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 agent 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.

26. 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.
27. All animals will be trained and under control during the show and sale, a Crop/Whip for controlling their entry may be used.
28. Only the exhibitor and others approved by the Area Superintendent will be allowed to care for and groom the show animal and will be required to help clean the barn.
29. Exhibitors not properly feeding, caring for and/or managing hogs will be charged a fee and forfeit the right to all premiums won.
30. No Swine shall be fed after 9 AM on the day of the sale.
31. Swine must be shown and sold by exhibitor unless sickness or death occurs in the immediate family, in which case permission for a stand-in must be granted by the Fair Directors. A stand-in is not eligible for Showmanship or grooming competition. Violation of this rule will result in animal being sold at rail price.
32. 4-H and FFA swine classes will be shown and judged together. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made from the first place winners in each class. The second place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion.
33. All grooming of hogs will be done in a designated area. No washing at Fair.
34. The use of any cosmetics on a show animal may result in that animal being disqualified. Example: oil, powder, creams or altering agents. Exhibitors may use professional swine grooming products only. Force filling of swine with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc... All swine 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.

35. All bedding will be supplied by Fair association. No bedding hay allowed.
36. The sale of hogs will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 1pm.
37. All Sale Animals must be shown and sold by the registered exhibitor. All qualified Swine exhibits must be sold in the sale ring during the sale.
38. 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.
39. Swine barn will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
40. No equipment may leave the barn prior to animal release time.
41. 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.
42. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
43. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
44. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more.
45. Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons will be deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.
46. All requirements must be met before the exhibitor may receive their premium checks.
47. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
48. 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.

49. 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 the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.

50. Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.

Exhibitor and Parent Security Passes

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 also gives unlimited access to the fair. Tickets are no longer given for fair entry.

Animal Pick-up and Drop-off

Swine will enter at Gate 8 and line up for the weigh-in in the parking area. Areas around the arena 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.

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** – Swine
Bob Brouwer at 941-722-1639.

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Swine,
Lynn Howell at 322-1311. Gene Glassburn 863 838-3502