



## MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2021

### Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Karen Ciemniecki

On-line registration will be from October 5, - October 21, 2020.

Exhibitor registrations must be completed by Wednesday October 21, 2020.

A complete registration includes the following for all Exhibitors:

- (1) ShowWorks online entry found on [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com)
- (2) Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo release form (1 document)  
**\* Must be emailed to [ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com) by October 21, 2020**  
(put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)
- (4) New 2021 Exhibitors and
- (5) Anyone who is showing a New Poultry that was not registered in the 2020 Fair will need to contact the Barn Superintendent to assess breed and variety by October 5, 2020.

Please remember to have every item on the registration complete.

**Failure to complete the on-line registration will result in disqualification.**

### SCHEDULE

New Exhibitor	Contact Barn Superintendent by October 5, 2020
New Poultry	Contact Barn Superintendent by October 5, 2020
On-line registration	Monday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> and ends Oct. 21, 2020
Documents	Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo release form e-mailed to- <a href="mailto:ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com">ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com</a> by Oct 21, 2020 (put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)
Exhibitor Passes	Purchase on line through Showorks registration Oct 18 to Nov 6 2020
<b>TBD Livestock Judging</b>	<b>Saturday January 16, 2021 TBA</b>
Check-In	<u>Bantam &amp; Water Fowl</u> Sun, Jan 17, 2021 By appointment 11–3pm Powell Bldg.

**Judging** Bantam & Water Fowl Monday, Jan 18, 2021 Barn closed Judging until 2pm.  
**Showmanship written** Jr., Int. & Sr., Mon, Jan 18, 10am-3pm by apt only Cook Arena  
**Check-out** Bantam & Water Fowl, Monday, January 18 between 8-9pm  
**Check -In** Large Fowl, Turkeys, Meat & Layer pens Tues, Jan 19, 3-7pm Powell Bldg.  
**Judging** Large Fowl, Turkeys, Meat & Layer pens Wed Jan 20, 10-1pm Barn Closed til 2pm  
**Check-out** Large Fowl & Turkeys Wednesday, January 20 between 8-9pm.  
**Meat Pens Silent Auction** Starting Wed, Jan 20-23 8pm Powell Bldg.  
**Layer Hen Silent Auction** Starting Wed, Jan 20-23 8pm Powell Bldg.  
**TBD Livestock Judging** **Saturday January 23, 2021 TBA**  
**All Poultry Out** Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 8pm Powell Bldg.  
**Awards will be given at conclusion of Shows**

## 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...>~~

Due to Covid-19 Ethics classes will not be offered this year. With that said we are going suspend the Ethics Rule this year. All Exhibitors must still care for and treat all Animals ethically.

2. No exhibition of livestock by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2020 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 animal must be together in order for animal to be checked in. **A parent or legal guardian must be present to complete all required documentation that is needed, sale pens will need sales contract.** The Manatee River Fair Board encourages parents to be involved in their child's 4-H and FFA Projects. **A signed Exhibitor/Photo liability release form** prepared by the Fair Association must be emailed to [ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com) by October 21, 2020.

**\*The check-in for poultry breeds will be divided into two different dates this year\***

**\*\*Exhibitors are not allowed to change animal exhibits after the initial check-in\*\***

4. There will be a **\$2.00 for Poultry entries and \$5.00 for Sale pens entries** charged when you do your **on line registration** on each animal or sale pen. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost.
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 show 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 final check-in at the Fair. An up to date record book is required on all animals that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that animal made it to the fair or not. Record books will be checked in by a committee of fair representatives **If your animal did not make the final check-in, your record book is still required to be e-mailed to [ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com) before the end of the fair in order 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.
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. **Exhibitor and Parent Security Passes**

Exhibitors will be given a **one** day pass to enter the fair for their Show/Showmanship class.

Exhibitors may choose 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.

**Passes will be available for purchase on line at [www.manateecountyfair.com](http://www.manateecountyfair.com) Youth Ag through Showworks registration October 18 to November 6, 2020**

**\*\*There will be no refunds on passes.\*\***

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, 2020.

**Purebred** birds must be 6 months or older by Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Layer pens** must be a year old by the fair, and no more than two years old at time of sale.

**Meat pens** see commercial poultry Meat pens.

**For this year only, exhibitors are limited to one (1) purebred entry and one (1) Meat pen/or Laying pen entry.**

**ALL PUREBRED BIRDS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION STANDARD.**

19. One entry is one cock, one cockerel, one hen, or one pullet of any purebred. 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)

The following classes will apply to the Commercial Poultry Show:

CLASS 1 - Hens

CLASS 2 - Laying Pullet

20. Manatee County Fair 2021 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.

21. ARRIVAL: Poultry livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. to drop off and then proceed to parking area. You may also walk in through gate 9 with your carry pens. Areas around the barns are for drop-off and pick-up only. Vehicles blocking Gate 1 or 9 will be towed at the owner's expense. 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.

Bantams and Waterfowl for judging will check-in Sunday, January 17 starting between 11am to 3pm at your appointed time. 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.

Large Fowl, turkeys, meat pens, and layer project will check in Tuesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> between 3 pm and 7 pm.

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: **Poultry judging will be held on two separate dates Monday, January 18 and Wednesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid 19, the barns will be closed while the judging occurs.**

**Any junior, intermediate, or senior member wanting to participate in showmanship will report to the Cook Arena on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at your appointed timeslot.**

**Showmanship will be a written test only this year based on your poultry knowledge.**

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. COMMERCIAL POULTRY PROGRAM AND SALE

### LAYING PENS & MEAT PENS

At Final check-in, Exhibitor Poultry pen must be together in order for animals to be checked in.

#### Laying Hens

- a. **Hens for Laying Pens must be at least 8 months to 1 year old at the time of County Fair and may not be over 2 years of age by sale time.** 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. Completed egg record is to be provided at fair check-in. **(copy of egg record form will be on fair website [www.manateecountyfair.com](http://www.manateecountyfair.com))**
- c. A \$5.00 entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration.

#### Meat Birds:

- a. After Registration Exhibitor will pay for 6 birds through the poultry committee
- b. Meat pens will be Cornish/Rock crosses
- c. All meat birds will be acquired by poultry committee and distributed.
- d. The date of distribution will be determined by the committee as well as the order/delivery dates.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

#### Meat Pens:

- a. A Meat Pen will consist of three (3) (this will be considered as One (1) Entry)
- b. \$5.00 entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration and non-refundable.
- c. This will not cover the cost of six (one-day old) chicks ordered and dispersed by the poultry committee.

- d. At fair time, the exhibitor must select 3 of their birds for show. No more than 3 will be accepted at fair check-in.
- e. Meat Pen entries will also be subject to a weigh-in at the fair and each individual bird must weigh at least 5 pounds.
- f. Meat Pen entries must be at least 30 days free of any antibiotics or other medications.
- g. 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.

### **SALE FOR LAYER & MEAT PENS**

- a. **A Silent Auction for Layer and Meat pens will be held from Jan. 20 to Jan. 23, 2021 8pm**
- b. **All Laying and Meat Pen Exhibitors must be present at the poultry barn at 8 pm when the winners of the silent auction are announced on Saturday, January 23, 2021.** A signed agreement provided by the Manatee River Fair Association, Inc. will be required or the entry will not be presented for auction.
- 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 at check-in. The letter will be given to the poultry barn supervisor to mail to the buyer.  
**Exhibitors must ensure meat is delivered to their buyer.**  
Layer and Meat pen Exhibitors must submit verification card signed by Buyer to the fair office by July 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain their sale checks in order to be eligible to exhibit a project at the next Manatee County Fair. Sale proceeds will not be disbursed until cards are submitted and payment is received from Buyer(s).
- e. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more. Add-on's must be received by February 15, 2021. Add-On checks will be mailed after April 1, 2021, after each exhibitor's add-on monies are received by the fair office.
- f. Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Beef Breeding, 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.

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



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

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. RELEASE OF ANIMALS: Bantam and waterfowl will be released by 8 PM on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Large fowl and turkeys will be released by 8 PM on Wednesday Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

31. 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.

32. Poultry Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2020) 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)

34. 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.

35. 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.

36. The show committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

37. 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.

## **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, Karen Ciemniecki 941-725-0603  
and if she is unable to answer your question, then

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