



**MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2021  
Rabbits**

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

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

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

**A complete registration includes the following for all Exhibitors:**

- (1) ShoWorks online entry found on [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com)**
- (2) New 2021 Exhibitors and**
- (3) Anyone who is showing a New Rabbit that was not registered in the 2020 Fair will need to contact the Barn Superintendent to assess rabbit's breed and variety by October 5, 2020.**
- (4) Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo liability release form (1 document)**  
**\* Must be emailed to [ManateeCountyRabbit@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyRabbit@manateecountyfair.com) by October 21, 2020**

(put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)

Please remember to have every item on the registration complete.

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

**SCHEDULE**

<b>New Exhibitor</b>	<b>Contact Barn Superintendent by October 5, 2020</b>
<b>New Rabbit</b>	<b>Contact Barn Superintendent by October 5, 2020</b>
<b>On-line registration</b>	<b>Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and ends Oct. 21, 2020</b>

**Documents** Proof of Ownership and Side view picture of Swine with Fair tag and Exhibitor,

Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo release form must be emailed to

[ManateeCountyRabbit@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyRabbit@manateecountyfair.com) by **October 21, 2020** (put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)

**Exhibitor Passes** Purchase on line through Showworks registration Oct 18 to Nov 6 2020

**THE SHOWS ARE CARRYING CASE SHOWS ONLY**

**Check-In:** Meat pens-Wednesday, January 13, 2021@ 4-5:30pm Powell Bldg.  
Juniors- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 4-5:30pm Powell Bldg.  
Intermediate-Thursday, January 14, 2021@ 4-5:30pm Powell Bldg.  
Seniors- Friday, January 15, 2021@ 4-5:30pm Powell Bldg.

**Showmanship:** Juniors- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 6pm Cook Arena  
Intermediate-Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 6pm Cook Arena  
Seniors- Friday, January 15, 2021@ 6pm Cook Arena

**Awards Presentation** After the completion of each showmanship event

**Layer & Meat Pen Auction** Silent auction - All bids must be made by 8pm on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup> in the rabbit barn Powell Bldg.

Winners will be announced Sat. January 16, 2021 at the Steer Sale.

**TBD Livestock Judging** Saturday January 16 & 23, 2021 TBA

**Rabbits Out:** The shows are carrying case shows only. Tables will be available for each exhibitor to set up their rabbit on the day of showmanship after check-in. Rabbits will go home after their showmanship event.

Only meat pen rabbits and exhibition/educational rabbits will be housed in the barn this year for display.

### **RABBIT 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/pdf/files/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. **Initial check in will be on-line all livestock to be exhibited will have to be registered. Showmanship will be Carrying Case Show, Check-in will occur the day of showmanship.** 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 Notarized Exhibitor/Photo release form prepared by the Fair Association Must have been emailed to [ManateeCountyRabbit@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyRabbit@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 Rabbit 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 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 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. Record books will be checked in by a committee of fair representatives **If your swine did not make the**

**final check-in, your record book is still required to be e-mailed to [ManateeCountyRabbit@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyRabbit@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. **Application Registration: All applications must be complete.** No rabbits under 3 months of age at time of application. Exception: Meat Pen entry – Rabbit.
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 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.**
18. **Each exhibitor will be limited to a maximum of one (1) showmanship rabbit entry per person,** 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. One entry is either one buck or one doe. Exhibitors may also enter one meat pen entry (3 rabbits of same breed and variety) of any breed.

19. Manatee County Fair 2021 will have the Silent Auction held in the Powell Building for the sale of Meat Pens. 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.

### **Meat Pen Rabbit Sale Rules**

The Rabbit pen sale will take place in the Stuart Rabbit barn this year. Bids will be taken from Wed., Jan. 13 through 8pm on Friday, Jan. 15. The exhibitor must be present at the rabbit barn Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in order to sell their meat pen. The exhibitor will present a thank you letter 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.

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

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.

Exhibitor must submit verification to the fair office by July 1st with a signature from the buyer to obtain their sale checks.

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.

20. Meat Pens will be accepted at the Fair on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:00-5:30 pm. Auction bids will close at 8pm on Friday January 15, 2021. No does with litters, or pregnant does of more than (2) weeks will be accepted. Does showing signs of pregnancy will be palpated. All other showmanship check-in will occur between 4-5:30 pm on the respective day of showmanship.

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

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

23. 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.

24. 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)

25. **Due to restrictions and social distancing requirements, we will not be able to have a rabbit show event this year.**

26. Showmanship: At Rabbit Check-In, a sign-up sheet will be available to reserve your approximate time to make your Showmanship presentation.

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

28. 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. On-line registration of animals will begin on Mon., October 5, 2020 through Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

29. 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.** .

30. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the rabbit barn will house only exhibition/educational information and meat pen rabbits this year. Showmanship events for this year only will be a carry show. This means that exhibitors would only bring their rabbit to the fair on the day of showmanship. Check-in and showmanship will occur on the same day.

31. Rabbits will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave or walk in through gate 9. 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! Violators will have their vehicles towed at the owner's expense.

32. 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.

### 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.

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

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

### 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](http://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:

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,

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