



## MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2021 Youth Steer Show

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Hugh Taylor/Mitchell John  
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Susan Grainger/Stevie John

On-line Registration will be August 11, 2020 - August 20, 2020 12am midnight  
All Exhibitor registrations must be completed by Thursday, 20, 2020 through

A complete registration includes the following:

- (1) ShoWorks online entry found on [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com), by Aug 20, 2020
  - (2) Proof of ownership turned in at Initial weigh in. (Bill of sale) Aug 22, 2020
  - (3) **Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo liability release form (1 document)**
- \* Must be emailed to [ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com) by October 6, 2020**  
(put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)

Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

In addition to the completed registration, the exhibitor must view Steer video on [ManateeCountyFair.com](http://ManateeCountyFair.com) which will be posted in November, watch by December 1, 2020.

January 13, 2021 check-in: **You Must bring a current HEALTH CERTIFICATE for your Steer. The Health Certificate will be shown to USDA inspector and initialed or signed and then shown or given to Fair representative.**

### SCHEDULE

**Weigh-In & Ownership** Saturday, August 22, 2020, 8-12 noon, In gate 8 out 5 Mosaic Arena  
**Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo liability release form** e-mailed to-  
[ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com) by **October 6, 2020** (put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)  
**Steer Video** watch by Dec. 1, 2020 on-line at [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com) will be posted in Nov.  
**FFA/4-H Club animal exhibitors need to be named/assigned by December 18, 2020 on**  
**Exhibitor Appointment** form and Email to [ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com)  
**Exhibitor Passes** Purchase on line through Showworks registration Oct 18 to Nov 6 2020

Equipment in Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9am-12 noon Mosaic Arena  
 Fair Arrival check-in Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2-6pm Mosaic Arena  
 Youth Steer Show Thursday, January 14, 2021 6pm in gate 1 Mosaic Arena  
 Steer Showmanship Friday, January 15, 2021 6pm Mosaic Arena  
 Awards will be given at conclusion of Shows  
**TBD Livestock Judging Saturday January 16, 2021 TBA**  
 Youth Steer Sale Saturday, January 16, 2021 1pm Mosaic Arena  
 Steer Load out Saturday, January 16, 2021 10 pm  
**TBD Livestock Judging Saturday January 23, 2021 TBA**

## STEER 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/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 a steer by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1, 2020) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2020 will determine the class of showmanship 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 check-in, Exhibitor and Steer must be together in order for animal to be checked in. **A parent or legal guardian must be present to complete all required documentation including sales contract. 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 Notarized Exhibitor/Photo liability release form prepared by the Fair Association **Must have been emailed to** [ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com) by October 6, 2020. (put Exhibitors name in subject line of email)
4. There will be a **\$15.00** charge at the first weigh-in on each animal. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost normally assessed each steer following the sale.
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 steer 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 steer entree is not permitted. School AG-ED departments and 4-H clubs will be permitted to exhibit one steer. However, no person can raise or exhibit more than one animal, so the steer as outlined above must be shown by a member other than the ones who have a steer of their own in the fair.
7. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her steer until removed from the Fairgrounds property, at which time it becomes the liability of the buyer.
8. All Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hoofed animals on Fairgrounds property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
9. All steer exhibitors must be in their official 4-H or FFA dress, during the shows and sale, as specified by their respective animal areas.
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 only the animal that was registered under their name.
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 steers that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that steer made it to the fair or not. If your steer did not make it beyond the final check-in, your record book is still required to be e-mailed to [ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com) by the end Fair, in order to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyer. Copies must be turned in with your record book at final check-in.
13. 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.
14. Steers will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St. and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave... Areas around the arena are for drop-off and pick-up only. Vehicles blocking Gate 1 or 9 will be towed at the owner's expense. Exhibitors may use Gate 9 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.
15. 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 steer, shall be forfeited. If medical treatment is deemed necessary, the exhibitor or parent must notify the Livestock Director and/Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way.

16. Force filling of Steers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc... All steers 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, or any other hair builder will be allowed.
17. All steers 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.
18. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 15 and 16 the affected steer shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
19. All steers must be shown and sold by the registered exhibitor. All Steer exhibits must be sold in the sale during the sale.
20. 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.
21. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
22. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
23. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **All exhibitors with saleable animals must turn in their signed "Buyer's Thank You" card and pick up their check prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible to exhibit a project at the next Manatee County Fair.**
24. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
25. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
26. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more. Fair add-on's must be received by February 15. Add-On checks will be mailed after April 1, 2021.

26. Steers will have Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.
27. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. All entry blanks must be filled out completely. All information and signatures must be completed or entry will not be accepted.
31. Each family or club will be issued a first come first serve one (1) chute spot for a steer. Each chute will be issued a Tag. Those remaining chute spots will be awarded by random draw. No grooming chutes will be allowed in barn prior to 9am on Wednesday before check in. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
32. No provision will be made to sell animals disqualified. Only animals that are shown are eligible for auction sale.
33. 4-H and FFA steer classes will be shown and judged together. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made from first place winners from each class. The second place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion.
33. Sifted steers deemed by the Fair Livestock Committee to be dwarfs, bullocks, or stags will not be eligible to show.
34. No decorations on animals at any time. (i.e. glitter, paint, signs or use of unnatural hair dyes) This does not pertain to grooming.
35. Each exhibitor should have one buyer letter with three buyer addresses attached to buyer's letter inside of the record book at final weigh-in.
36. View Steer video by December 1, 2020 on-line at [manateecountyfair.com](http://manateecountyfair.com) will be posted in November.
37. ***Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.***

38. 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 Showworks registration October 18 to November 6, 2020**  
**\*\*There will be no refunds on passes.\*\***

### **Steer qualifications**

1. If the Steer Committee considers the physical condition of the steer to be a problem, it may result in the Steer Committee not accepting or allowing the steer to participate in the show and sale.
2. Steers must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before Thursday, August 20, 2020. Proof of purchase shall be furnished at initial weigh-in.
3. At least 144 day, pre-Fair weigh-in and registration is required. (August 20<sup>nd</sup> 2020) All animals shall be weighed, marked, mouthed and registered on the date and time established by the Steer Committee, on or before 144 days prior to the Fair. This must occur on scales certified by the Florida Department of Agriculture in the presence of at **least one fair board director**. It is the intent of the Fair Committee, for fairness of the exhibitors, for the animal to be between the ages of 14 months and a maximum cap of 24 months of age at final weigh-in.
4. It is the intent of the Board of Directors, Fair Livestock Committee to allow only steers which fairly and accurately represent the Beef Industry. NO dairy cross steers will be accepted. If discovered after weigh-in, animal will be disqualified.
5. All steers will have a Manatee County Fair provided ear tag inserted at the time of the initial 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.
7. All steers must be neutered prior to first weigh-in. No steers will be castrated or dehorned at first weigh-in. No exceptions. Steers with horns longer than two inches will be rejected by the Steer Committee at final weigh-in. Dehorned steers must be completely healed at final weigh-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. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed. No open wounds will be allowed.

8. No steer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led at final check-in time. Steers that are unmanageable during the show will be pulled to the side of the ring and tied or sent home. Use of nose tongs or leads, ring or "Jim Bob" type halter is prohibited.
9. All animals must have a Current Health Certificate with only that steer listed on certificate. Original Certificate must be given to fair at the check in on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. All exhibitors must comply with State of Florida Health Rules and all animals must meet minimum health standards as determined by the Fair Veterinarian. (At final weigh-in.)
10. All steers shall be double-tied with at least ½" inch neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.
11. **All steers at final weigh-in must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds and a maximum of 1750 pounds and gained an average of 2 pounds per day. Also, all steers must have a minimum of .25 inches of back fat as determined by ultra-sound or be a quality grade of select or better.**
12. Any steer weighing over 1500 pounds will sell as 1500 pounds, regardless of weight.
13. Curb chain show halters will be permitted provided that exhibitor demonstrates that he/she is capable of handling the steer with such a halter.
14. Steers found to have been on a nurse cow during the feeding period shall be considered an ineligible animal for show and sale. If it is discovered after the sale, the exhibitor must make restitution to the buyer and cover all expenses incurred to the Fair Association.
15. No steer shall have access to grass pastures with the exception of extreme weather conditions or while exhibitor is exercising the animal. It is the intent of the Fair Board Livestock Committee to supply ONLY grain fed beef to buyers.
16. Steers may be mouthed and any steer with evidence of eruption of any permanent teeth other than two center incisors will not be eligible to show. Discrepancies between physiological age (dental structure) and chronological age (certified age certificate) will be resolved by relying on age as determined by dental structure. A steer must be no older than 24 months at Fair time.
17. Bedding will be supplied by the Fair Association. No bedding hay allowed.
18. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor.
19. All exhibitors of steers are required to keep the steer's space clean and removal of litter and filth twice daily.
20. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his or her steer may be disqualified from show and/or sale at any time during Fair week.



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE  
HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT  
CHECK-IN DAY, SALE DAY, TIMES&**

1. January 13th final check-in: **You Must bring a current HEALTH CERTIFICATE for your Steer.** The Health Certificate will be shown to USDA inspector and initialed or signed and then shown or given to fair representative.
2. Fair Load-in/Arrival check-in Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2-6pm Mosaic Arena  
The sale of steers will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1pm Mosaic Arena
3. All requirements must be met before the exhibitor may receive their premium checks.
4. All Youth Steer Show exhibitors must present a thank you letter and picture-plaque to their buyer. Exhibitor must submit verification to the fair office by July 1<sup>st</sup> with a signature from the buyer to obtain their sale check. Add-on checks will be mailed when each exhibitor's add-on monies are received in the fair office.
5. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers. A list of these letters must be turned in with their record book at the final check-in.

**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.

2<sup>nd</sup> -Contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENTS**-Steers, Susan Grainger Txt 386-853-0956  
E-mail address for steers [ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountySteer@manateecountyfair.com) Stevie John 941-737-2823

3<sup>rd</sup> – Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Steers, Hugh Taylor 941-737-0745  
Mitchell John 941-737-0705