



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2020 Beef Breeding Stock

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jerry Wolfe
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Gene Wingate

Beef breeding check-in at Mosaic Arena on Monday January 20th from 2-6 PM.
Mandatory exhibitor meeting in November 6th at 6 pm fairgrounds.

BEEF BREEDING 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.
2. No exhibition of beef breeding stock 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 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. Exhibitor and animal 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 \$10.00 charge at the first weigh-in on each animal.
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. Shared ownership of heifer entry is not permitted. School AG-ED departments and 4-H clubs will be permitted to exhibit .
7. 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.
8. All exhibitors must be in their official 4-H and FFA dress, during the show as specified by their respective animal area.
9. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
10. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that they initially checked in under their name.
11. 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 beef breeding stock that were registered at the initial check-in, whether they made it to the fair or not. If your animal did not make final check-in your record book is still required to be turned in before the end of the fair to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.
12. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines. Animals that have been dehorned must be completely healed prior to the final check-in. "Completely healed" will be determined by either the State of Florida Health Inspector on site or Manatee County Fair Livestock Director assigned to that area.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 13 and 14 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
19. No equipment may leave the barn prior to animal release time.
20. 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.
21. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
22. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
23. Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Beef Breeding, Dairy and 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.

24. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. *Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.*
28. **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.**

29. Beef Breeding, Beef Steers, Horses, Rabbits, Goats, Poultry and Dairy livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave.. 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.

Qualifications

1. Registered, Non-Registered and Brahman Influence heifers will be accepted at check-in and will compete in their respective classes. There will be a Grand and Reserve Champion in the following classes: Brahman Influence, Non-Registered heifers, registered heifers, Registered Cow Calf pairs and Non-Registered Cow Calf pairs.
2. Each exhibitor may check-in 3 animals; however, the Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit the number per exhibitor providing space availability.
3. There is no weight minimum for Beef Heifers.
4. Proof of ownership must accompany pre-registration. Registered cows and or heifers that will be shown in a registered class must have the exhibitors name registered as the owner with the affiliated association.
5. Heifers shall be weaned to 30 months of age and have not calved.
6. Cow-calf pairs will be accepted provided that the calf at side is the natural calf, not over 205 days old and the cow is not to be over 48 months of age.
7. All Non-Registered heifers will be shown by weight. Non-Registered heifers will be weighed at the conclusion of the Steer Weigh-In.
- 8. A mandatory exhibitor meeting will be required. Exhibitor and one parent must be present. November 6th at 6pm at the fairgrounds.**
10. All animals must be identified by some means of permanent identification, i.e. tattoo or brands.
11. No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after check-in.
12. A full body profile photo will be required for each animal at the time of initial check-in.
13. All cattle for exhibition in Florida must be covered by official health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian. All health certificates must show detailed records of tests for each animal, giving breed, date of test, name and registry number, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers and, if from a tuberculosis accredited herd or brucellosis certified herd, number.

14. Heifers with horns longer than 2 inches will be rejected by the Fair Livestock Committee at final check-in. Dehorned Heifers must be completely healed at final check-in. "Completely healed" will be determined by 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.
15. No Heifer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led at check-in time. Heifers that are unmanageable during the show will be pulled to the side of the ring and tied or sent home. Use of "Jim Bob" type halters is prohibited.
16. All animals shall be double-tied with at least 1/2" neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.
17. Each exhibitor family will be issued one grooming chute spot. A lotto system will be utilized to make chute assignments. (There are only 71 spots available) No grooming chutes will be allowed in barn prior to 3PM on Sunday before check in. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
18. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will compete together in classes. 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.
19. Overall Supreme Beef Breeding Champion will be selected from all Grand and Reserve Winners.
20. All exhibitors are required to wear boots (boots must be over the ankle height), white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the show and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale. FFA must wear Official Dress.
21. Bedding will be supplied by Fair Association.
22. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor.
23. All exhibitors of Heifers are required to keep the Heifer space clean and free of litter and filth twice daily.
24. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his/her Heifer may be disqualified from show and / or sale at any time during Fair week.

25. Heifers are eligible for sale providing exhibitor has not sold or intend to sell any other market animal at this year's Fair, i.e. steer, swine or dairy heifer. The sale of eligible Heifers will take place immediately following the steer sale. If you sell your animal, it is mandatory that you deliver a thank you note and picture plaque to buyer and return receipt signed to fair office to get your check.

26. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more.

27. Liability – Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his / her animal(s).

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** – Beef Breeders, Gene Wingate: 941-722-1639 and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Beef Breeders, Jerry Wolfe at 941-737-8820.