



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2020

Youth Steer Show

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Hugh Taylor/Mitchell John

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Susan Grainger/Stevie John

SCHEDULE

Ownership & Weigh-In	Saturday, August 24, 2019, 8-11:00am Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds
Fair Arrival	Monday, January 20, 2020 2-6pm
Steer Showmanship Show	Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6pm
Youth Steer Show	Thursday, January 23, 2020 6 pm
Youth Steer Sale	Saturday, January 25, 2020 1pm
Awards Presentation	Saturday, January 25, 2020 7pm
Mandatory meeting	Wednesday, November 6 th 6pm Fairgrounds

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.
2. No exhibition of a steer by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2018 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. 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 entry 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 and 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 final check-in your record book is still required to be turned in before the end of the fair. For the exhibitor 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 8 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.
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.
16. 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.
17. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 15 and 16 the affected steer shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
18. All steers must be shown and sold by the registered exhibitor. All Steer exhibits must be sold in the sale ring during the sale.
19. 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.
20. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.

21. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
22. 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. **All exhibitors with saleable animals must turn in their signed "Buyer's Thank You" card and pick up their check prior to July 1st in order to be eligible to exhibit a project at the next Manatee County Fair.**
23. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
24. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
25. 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.
26. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. All entry blanks must be filled out completely. All information and signatures must be completed or entry will not be accepted.
30. Each exhibitor family will be issued one grooming chute spot. A lotto system will be utilized. (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
31. No provision will be made to sell animals disqualified. Only animals that are shown are eligible for auction sale.

32. 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 hair dyes)

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. A mandatory exhibitor meeting will be required. Exhibitor and one parent must be present. November 6th at 6pm, Fairgrounds.

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.

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 Saturday, August 24, 2019. Proof of purchase shall be furnished at initial weigh-in.
3. At least 148 day, pre-Fair weigh-in and registration is required. (August 24th 2019) All animals shall be weighed, marked, mouthed and registered on the date and time established by the Steer Committee, on or before 148 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. "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. Dehorned steers must be completely healed at final weigh-in. 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 be checked in by a 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.(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 ultrasound 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 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.

SALE: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY & TIME

1. The sale of steers will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 1pm.
2. Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons will be deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.
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 1st 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.
6. 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, 2020.

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.

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Steers, Susan Grainger and Stevie John

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Steers, Hugh Taylor and Mitchell John