



**MANATEE COUNTY FAIR  
Beef Breeding Stock**

**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Gerry Wolfe  
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Stevie John**

**On-line registration will be from October 1st – October 18, 2021**

**All Exhibitor registrations must be completed by Monday, October 18, 2021**

Mandatory Beef Breeding Parent and Exhibitor meeting - November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Mosaic  
Arena.

Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or legal guardian to the mandatory meeting.

FFA advisors and 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.

*Do not bring your animals to the Mandatory Beef Breeding meeting.*

**Beef Breeding Exhibitor must attend the Mandatory Meeting on Wednesday, November 3,  
@ 7:00 PM at the Manatee County Fairgrounds to be eligible to show.**

**A complete registration includes the following:**

**(1) On-line Registration found on [Manateecountyfair.com](http://Manateecountyfair.com), ShoWorks by Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**(2) ATTEND MANDATORY Meeting for Exhibitors and a Parent or Legal Guardian and  
turn in:**

Proof of ownership (Bill of Sale/Purebred Registration listing the exhibitor as the owner)

Must Bring Full body profile picture of animal

Notarized MRFA Exhibitor Liability/Photo release form will be done at meeting

**Failure to complete the registration, will result in disqualification.**

**January 9th check-in you must bring a current HEALTH CERTIFICATE to the Fair.**

## SCHEDULE

<b>On-line Registration</b>	<b>October 1–18, 2021</b> 12am midnight located at <a href="http://Manateecountyfair.com">Manateecountyfair.com</a>
<b>Exhibitor Passes</b>	Purchase when registering your Animal on line through ShoWorks
<b>MANDATORY Meeting</b>	<b>November 3, 2021 7:00 PM</b> Mosaic Arena Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian must be present <b>Documents needed</b> for meeting- Proof of Ownership, Full body profile photo, Notarized MRFA Exhibitor Liability/Photo release form
<b>FFA/4-H Club</b>	Animal's: Exhibitor Appointment form E-mailed to <a href="mailto:ManateeCountyBeefBreeding@manateecountyfair.com">ManateeCountyBeefBreeding@manateecountyfair.com</a> by December 17, 2021
<b>Beef Set Up</b>	<b>Saturday, January 8, 2022</b> 8am Mosaic Arena
<b>Equipment in</b>	<b>Sunday, January 9, 2022</b> 9am-12 noon Mosaic Arena
<b>Fair check-in</b>	<b>Sunday, January 9, 2022</b> 4-6pm Mosaic Arena in gate 1
<b>Beef Show</b>	<b>Monday, January 10, 2022</b> 6 pm Mosaic Arena
<b>Showmanship</b>	<b>Tuesday January 11, 2022</b> 6pm Mosaic Arena
<b>Beef Load out</b>	<b>Tuesday January 11, 2022</b> not before 10pm
<b>Livestock Judging</b>	<b>Saturday January 15 Registration 7:30am Start 8am Mosaic Arena</b>
<b>Livestock Judging</b>	<b>Saturday January 22 Registration 7:30am Start 8am Mosaic Arena</b>
<b>Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>Saturday January 22, 2022 7:30 PM</b> Mosaic Arena

## 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. . **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 30th in Manatee County. Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at the following site when it is available. <https://floridastatefair.com/ag/exhibitor-ethics/>**
2. No exhibition of Beef Breeding stock by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1, 2021) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2021 will determine the class of showmanship in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors age 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13, Seniors ages 14 & up.)
3. At final 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 any and all required documentation. The Manatee River Fair Board encourages parents to be involved in their child's 4-H and FFA Projects.**
4. **\*\*Exhibitors are not allowed to change animal exhibits after the initial check-in.**

5. There will be a \$15.00 charge at the time of on line registration on each animal
6. 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 animal at initial registration.
7. Chapter animal's (4-H and FFA Clubs) must designate exhibitor by December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.
8. Shared ownership of heifer is not permitted. School AG-ED departments and 4-H clubs will be permitted to exhibit.
9. Liability: Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her animal(s).
10. All Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hooped animals or are in animal areas on Fairgrounds property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
11. All exhibitors must be in their official Dress. FFA Official Dress and 4-H are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the shows. No hats allowed during the show.
12. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
13. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that they initially checked in under their name.
14. 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 for 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 E-mailed to [ManateeCountyBeefBreeding@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyBeefBreeding@manateecountyfair.com) by the end of the fair for the exhibitor to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.** A committee appointed by the Livestock Committee will check record books at final check in. EACH exhibitor showing a club or chapter animal must submit a care and feed guide, even if the animal is shared by several exhibitors.
15. All livestock must follow Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) State Health Guidelines and 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 FDACS Inspector on site or Manatee County Fair Livestock Director assigned to that area.

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. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to method of use, 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. If medical treatment is deemed necessary, the exhibitor or parent must notify the area Livestock Director and/or Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way. See rule #19.
18. Force filling/pumping of heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc... All heifers 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, etc. may be applied. See rule #19
19. All animals are subject to being examined and blood tested for any drug usage at any time. Refusal by the Exhibitor (4-H or FFA member) to submit their animal to such examination or test will result in immediate disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums, awards, add-on's and sale proceeds. See rule #19.
20. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
21. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM Parent or Guardian supervision.
22. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
23. No equipment may leave the barn areas prior to animal release time.
24. Exhibitors with saleable animals must have buyer sign the Buyers verification card, present buyer with a thank you card and plaque if applicable. It is strongly suggested as a thank you that you give a gift or a gift basket when you get your Buyers verification card signed. The signed verification must card be turned into the Fair office to pick up their sales check prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, in order to be

eligible to exhibit a project at the next Manatee County Fair. Sales proceeds will not be distributed until payment is received from Buyer(s).

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

Add-On forms can be printed from Manatee County Fair's website [Livestock Records \(manateecountyfair.com\)](#) under Livestock Records.

Add-On's must be received by February 15, 2022.

Add-On checks will be mailed after April 1, 2022 after each exhibitor's add-on monies are received by the fair office.

26. Saleable animals including Beef Breeding will have Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.

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

23. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas including wash rack and grooming area.

25. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.

26. All deviations from any livestock rule must 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.

27. 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.

28. ***Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.***

### **Beef Breeding 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. **MANDATORY Meeting** on November 3, 2021 7:00 PM Mosaic Arena  
Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian must be present. Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo liability release form will be turned in or executed at this meeting.
5. Proof of Ownership with a Full body profile photo 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. Must be turned in at the above Mandatory meeting
6. Heifers shall be weaned to 30 months of age and have not calved.
7. 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.
8. All Non-Registered heifers will be shown by weight. Non-Registered heifers will be weighed at time of unloading.
9. All heifers must be identified by some means of permanent identification, i.e. tattoo, brands to match registration papers, or a brucellosis tag (Orange metal tag) or USDA official tag that goes with your Premise ID. Heifers documented under 18 months of age and or calves should not need a USDA Premise tag. **If you do not have Premise ID or UDSA tag please contact Delaine Woods at FDACS 863-448-2322 to register your premise and get a tag.**
10. No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after registration on (October 18, 2021).
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.

14. Only halters approved by Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee will be allowed. Which include rope, cloth (cotton/Nylon) chain halters and leather show halters. Use of nose tongs, cable type halters and training halters are prohibited.
15. All animals shall be double-tied with at least 1/2" neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.
16. Each family or club will be issued a first come first serve one (1) chute spot for Beef Breeding. 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 Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> Equipment load in is from 9am to 12 noon and after check-in not during check in. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.
17. 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.
18. Overall Supreme Beef Breeding Champion will be selected from all Grand and Reserve Winners.
19. Bedding will be supplied by Fair Association.
20. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor.
21. All exhibitors of Heifers are required to keep the Heifer space clean and removal of litter and filth at least twice daily.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. If you sell your animal you must have buyer sign the Buyers verification card, present buyer with a thank you card and plaque if applicable. It is strongly suggested as a thank you that you give a gift or a gift basket when you get your Buyers verification card signed. The signed verification must card be turned into the Fair office to pick up their sales check prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, in order to be eligible to exhibit a project at the next Manatee County Fair. Sales proceeds will not be distributed until payment is received from Buyer(s).
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## Exhibitor and Parent Security Passes

Exhibitors can 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.

**Passes can be purchased when you register your animal on line through ShoWorks.  
Last day to purchase passes is October 23, 2021.**

If not purchased by October 23, 2021 the cost will be \$30 each with same limits as above.  
**\*\*THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON PASSES.\*\***

## Animal Pick-up/Drop-off & Parking

**Fair check-in:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 4-6pm, enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St. and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and line up for the weigh-in. Areas around the arena are for drop-off and pick-up only.

1. **Vehicles blocking Gate 1 or 9** will be towed at the owner's expense.
  2. Exhibitors may use Gate 9 in the morning before 9AM when coming to feed and water animals.
  3. **There will be no parking along the west end of the arena at any time!**
  4. 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.
- Areas around the arena are for drop-off and pick-up only.

## Manatee County Fair Web-Site

The Manatee County Fair has its own web page!! Rule books and Record Books are posted and may be printed from [www.manateecountyfair.com](http://www.manateecountyfair.com). 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-Beef Breeding, Stevie John 941-737-2823**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR -Beef Breeding, Gerry Wolfe 941-737-8820**

Email Questions for Beef Breeding [ManateeCountyBeefbreeding@manateecountyfair.com](mailto:ManateeCountyBeefbreeding@manateecountyfair.com)