



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2022

Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Karen Ciemniecki

On-line registration will be from 9:00 AM, October 9 - October 18, 2021.

Exhibitor mandatory registration must be completed by Monday, October 18, 2021 midnight

MANDATORY: Exhibitor & Parent or Legal Guardian Meeting/Check in for Poultry & Exhibitors - Saturday October 9, 2021 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Cook/Powell Arena.

All poultry with the exception of meat pens bird(s) must be brought to the meeting.

Inspection and class identification of animals

Sign up for Meat pens and sign sales contracts

Notarized MCRF Exhibitor Liability/Photo release will be completed and turned in.

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

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

Exhibitor registrations must be completed by Monday, October 18, 2021.

A complete registration includes the following for all Exhibitors:

(1) Online registration at Manateecountyfair.com (ShoWorks) completed by October 18, 2021

(2) Mandatory Animal Check in October 9, 2021 any time between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Animal, Exhibitor and Parent or legal Guardian, a Notarized MRFA Exhibitor Liability/Photo release form completed and turned in. Sales contract if applicable will be completed and turned in.

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

SCHEDULE

- Mandatory Meeting/Check in** Saturday, October. 9, 2021 (9am to 1pm) Cook/Powell Arena
- On-line registration** Saturday, 9:00 AM October 9, to October 18, 2021
- Exhibitor Passes** Purchase when registering your Animal on line through ShoWorks
- Livestock Judging** Saturday January 15 Registration 7:30am Start 8am
- Check-In Purebreed/Commercial:** Sunday January 16, 2022 9am-12pm carry in to Powell Bldg.
- Purebreed/Commercial Poultry Judging:** Monday January 17, 2022 10:00AM Powell Bldg.
- Poultry Showmanship:** Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 5:00 PM Cook Arena
- Check –In Meat pens:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 between 3-6pm Powell Bldg.
- Layer Pen Silent Auction:** Starting Monday, January 17, & ending Saturday, January 22, 2022 Powell Bldg.
- Meat Pen Auction:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 Mosaic Arena following swine sale
- Poultry Check-out:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 after Awards program
- Livestock Judging** Saturday January 22, 2022 Registration 7:30am Starts 8am
- Awards Ceremony** Saturday January 22, 2022 7:30pm Mosaic Arena
- Display Poultry out** Sunday, January 23, 2022 4-6:00 PM

POULTRY 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 a bird 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 and up.)
3. At Final Fair 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 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.

4. ** Exhibitors are not allowed to change animal exhibits after the initial check-in.**
5. There will be a \$2.00 entry fee for Poultry and \$5.00 for Poultry sale pen entries at the time of your **on line registration**. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost.
6. 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 their respective check-in event.
7. Chapter animals (4-H and FFA Clubs) must have a designated exhibitor by December 17, 2021.
8. Liability: Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her animal until removed from the Fairgrounds property, In the case of sale pens it becomes the liability of the buyer once it leaves the Fairground property.
9. Exhibitors must be in their official Dress. FFA Official Dress must wear white shirt, FFA jacket, black pants, and FFA scarf/tie. 4-H are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the shows and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale.
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.
1. 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 poultry projects. If you have a sale animal or pen, it **needs to include a copy of three (3) of the letters that were written to prospective buyers with their names and addresses. If your Poultry didn't make the final check-in, your record book is still required to be e-mailed to ManateeCountyPoultry@manateecountyfair.com by the end fair, in order 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.
12. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines.

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. 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 agent on animals during the Fair or the possession of same by an Exhibitor (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 Poultry Livestock Director and/or Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way. See rule #16
15. All animals are subject to being examined and urine or 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 and forfeiture of all premiums, awards and including sale proceeds. See rule #16
16. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 14 and 15 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
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 the project by both owner of animal and 4H/FFA Club leader.
18. Purebred and Commercial Entries: The exhibitor must own all animals on or before October 9, 2021.
Purebred birds must be 6 months or older by Oct. 9th.
Layer pens see Laying & Meat pen section.
Meat pens see Laying & Meat pen section.
19. The Area Superintendent or designee may limit the number of entries due to barn space. If space is limited, each exhibitor will be limited to 10 exhibits TOTAL for the Purebred Poultry Exhibition for judging. Eligible entries include the following: exhibition chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.
20. ALL PUREBRED BIRDS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION STANDARD.
21. One entry is one cock, one cockerel, one hen, or one pullet of any purebred. The following description will apply for all classes:
****Cock - a male bird over 12 months of age.

****Cockerel - a male bird less than 12 months of age.

****Hen - a female bird over 12 months of age.

****Pullet - a female bird less than 12 months of age.

***Layer pen see **LAYING PENS & MEAT PENS SALE**

***Meat Pen see **LAYING PENS & MEAT PENS SALE**

The following classes will apply to the Commercial Poultry Show:

CLASS 1 - Hens

CLASS 2 - Laying Pullet

22. **ARRIVAL:** Poultry livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. to drop off and then proceed to parking area. You may also walk in through gate 9 with your carry pens. Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area. The show superintendent or designee at check-in will perform a health and parasite check. Please make sure your birds are clean and healthy or they will not be allowed in.
23. Any individual purebred poultry that is obviously a cross-breed which does not conform to a breed standard American Standard of Perfection will not be accepted. **Any meat pens that are not Cornish/Rock crosses will not be accepted.**
24. Exhibitors are recommended to have their birds NPIP tested prior to Check-In at the Fair. Call the Florida Department of Agriculture (1-800-HELP-FLA) to make arrangements to have someone visit your property and test your birds, as you must show evidence of a clean record from blood sampling at Check-In. Avoid a long line at the fair by having your birds pre-tested. An inspector will be present at Check-Ins for Purebred or Commercial birds. **All poultry must be NPIP tested or tested at the fair before being permitted to enter the barn.**
- **AT CHECK-IN, AND DURING FAIR, ANY ANIMAL FOUND TO BE ILL, DISEASED OR INSECT INFESTED WILL BE REMOVED AND SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY.****
25. **JUDGING:** All poultry judging (except meat pens) will be held on Monday January 17, 2022 beginning at 10 am with an hour lunch break for the judges. Showmanship will be held at 5 pm. Any exhibitor wanting to participate in showmanship must use a bird checked in for

judging. You must sign up for both showmanship and judging (in ShoWorks when you register). The show area will be closed during the time of judging. The decision of the judges will be final. Judging will be done by the Danish System. Exhibitors will be presented with Best in Show and Best Showmanship awards. Trophies will be presented for each of the following: Best in Show - Standard, Reserve in Show - Standard, Best in Show – Bantam and Reserve in Show – Bantam, Best Meat Pen and Best Layer Pen Project. Rosettes will be presented for Best of Breed (BB) and Certificates will be presented for Best of Variety (BV). Trophies will be presented for 1st Place in Showmanship for each age division of the Exhibitor – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. Rosettes will be presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for Poultry Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2021) Senior – 14 yrs. +, Intermediate – 11-13 yrs. and Junior – 8-10 yrs. Trophies will be presented for the 1st Place winner of each class, with rosettes being presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age division of Exhibitors (Seniors, Intermediates & Juniors)

26. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Manatee County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the loss or damage of any exhibit. All reasonable effort will be made to protect properties and exhibits. No sick, diseased, or parasite infected birds will be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. The Area Superintendent or designee has the authority to remove such bird and place in a quarantined area. The owner will be notified and allowed to pick up the animal.

LAYING PENS & MEAT PENS RULES

At Final check-in, Exhibitor and Poultry pen must be together in order for animals to be checked in.

Meat Pens and Laying Pens in conjunction with exhibitors who also raise and sell steer or swine projects. If any exhibitor wishes to sell a steer or swine, they may also sell ONE meat pen of EITHER poultry, rabbits, or laying hen. If any exhibitor does not have a steer or swine to raise and sell, they may sell a maximum of Two (2) pens but not the same group one (1) Poultry meat pen, one (1) Poultry laying pen or one (1) Rabbit meat pen. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers for each pen intended for sale. Copies of these must be turned with your record book at the final check-in.

Laying Hens

a. **Hens for Laying Pens must be 1 year old at the time of County Fair and may not**

be over 2 years of age by sale time.

- b. The following laying breeds are encouraged: White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, Sex Link, and California Whites.
- c. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for caring for their hens, both at home and at the fair.

Laying Pens:

- a. A Laying Pen will consist of three (3) laying pullets/hens of the same breed and variety (this will be considered as One (1) Exhibit);
- b. Completed egg record is to be provided at fair check-in. **(copy of egg record form will be on fair website www.manateecountyfair.com)**
- c. A \$5.00 entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration.

Meat Birds: THIS IS A 7 WEEK PROJECT

- a. After Registration Exhibitor will pay for 6 birds through the poultry committee
- b. Meat pens will be Cornish/Rock crosses
- c. All meat birds will be acquired by poultry committee and distributed.
- d. The date of distribution will be determined by the committee as well as the order/delivery dates.
- e. All of the exhibitors must provide reliable contact information with their paperwork and on meat pen registration in order to receive notice of chick availability.
- f. Exhibitors must take possession of their chicks on the delivery day or their meat pen entry will be eliminated and registration fee forfeited.

Meat Pens:

- a. A Meat Pen will consist of three (3) (this will be considered as One (1) Entry)
- b. \$5.00 entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration and non-refundable.
- c. This will not cover the cost of six (one-day old) chicks ordered and dispersed by the poultry committee.
- d. At fair time, the exhibitor must select 3 of their birds for show. No more than 3 will be accepted at fair check-in.
- e. Meat Pen entries will also be subject to a weigh-in at the fair and each individual bird must weigh at least 5 pounds. (Any birds deemed unhealthy by the poultry sifting committee will not be accepted.)
- f. Completed weight gain record is to be provided at fair check-in. **(a copy of the weight gain form will be on fair website www.manateecountyfair.com)**
- g. Meat Pen entries must be at least 30 days free of any antibiotics or other medications.
- h. No sick, diseased or parasite infested birds will be allowed into the barn. All birds will be inspected for general health, condition and signs of parasites.

SALE FOR LAYER & MEAT PENS

- a. The Auction for Meat pens will be held on January 22, 2022 after the swine sale.
- b. A Silent Auction for Layer pens will be held in the Powell Bldg. Bids will be taken starting Monday, January 17 2022 through Saturday, January 22, 2022. The silent auction will close on the January 22nd at 7:00 PM.
- c. All Meat Pen Exhibitors must be present at the poultry barn to move your animal to Mosaic Arena for the auction and to be present during the sale. A sale order will be determined prior to the sale. Anyone who is late for their entry's sale will be moved to the end of the sale. Failure to show up will result in a no sale and the participant will be required to take the birds back. A signed sales agreement provided by the Manatee River Fair Association, Inc. will be required or the entry will not be presented for auction. Pictures of buyers and sellers will be taken at the auction.
- d. All Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting their own buyers. Exhibitors must complete a Record Book and three (3) buyer's letters.
- e. Exhibitors must ensure meat is delivered to their buyer.
- f. 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 card must be turned into the Fair office to pick up your sales check prior to July 1st, 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).
- g. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-ons totaling \$25.00 or more. Add-On forms can be printed from Manatee County Fair's website [Livestock Records \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) under Livestock Records. Add-ons 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.
- h. Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Beef Breeding, Rabbit and Poultry Meat pens and Layer 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.

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

****Due to limited space and coop availability, some adjustments may be made at the Area Superintendent or designee's discretion.****

31. CARE OF ANIMALS: Animals are to be fed and watered by exhibitor upon arrival. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding his or her own birds and cleaning out the birds' cages daily. **Failure to feed & water your bird(s) daily will result in the loss of premium monies and awards.**
32. HANDLING OF EXHIBITS: Only those persons authorized by show officials or the owner may handle birds without written permission from the owner unless the owner is present. All eggs are the property of the poultry committee and will be removed daily. Those exhibitors keeping track of egg production, please see barn superintendent for egg count.
33. RELEASE OF ANIMALS: All birds will be released on Saturday, January 23, 2022 after the award's ceremony. All birds must leave fair grounds by Sunday January 23rd 6:00 PM or will be in the possession of the poultry chairman. All birds will need to be signed out by the exhibitor with the poultry barn coordinator prior to leaving the barn to ensure that clean-up has taken place and the correct exhibitor has possession.
34. **MANDATORY CLEAN-UP:** Any exhibitor failing to help with the clean-up will forfeit all prize and premium monies.
35. Poultry Showmanship is not mandatory. At Poultry Check-In, a sign-up sheet will be available to reserve your approximate time to make your Showmanship presentation. Showmanship questions will be based on the showmanship birds' class and type. Reference *The American Standard of Perfection* book as a study guide. Commercial breeds will be based on commercial breed specific information.
37. The Livestock Committee and Area Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry for health or appearance reasons if the entry does not comply with the rules and regulations of the Poultry Show. All birds must be free from disease and parasites. No game birds may be exhibited. All poultry will be judged on soundness, evidence of care, freedom from dirt, disease and parasites.

38. 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.
40. 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.
41. *Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.*

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.

Passes need to 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

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 south end of the arena or around Cook 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. 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, then

2nd – contact your AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Poultry, **Karen Ciemniecki 941-725-0603**

3rd – contact the FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Poultry, Jim Parks, Danielle Carothers