



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2023 Beef Breeding Stock

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

Mandatory On-line registration will be from October 1 – 28, 2022

Mandatory Beef Breeding Parent and Exhibitor meeting Nov 2, 2022, at 7 PM, Mosaic Arena.

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

Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo release form will be completed or turned in at the meeting

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

Must have an official USDA shield ear tag tied to a premise. Preferred, scannable USDA official 840 RFID tag

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

A complete registration includes the following

- (1) On-line Registration by October 28, 2022 at [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://Youth Ag Exhibits (manateecountyfair.com))**
then click on [ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes](#)
- (2) ATTEND MANDATORY Meeting for Exhibitors and a Parent or Legal Guardian and turn in:**
Proof of ownership (Bill of Sale/Lease agreement) and Purebreds need Purebred Registration listing the exhibitor as the owner.
Must Bring Full body profile picture of animal
Must have an official USDA shield ear tag tied to a premise
Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo release form will be completed or turned in at the meeting

Failure to complete the registration, will result in disqualification.

****No late proof of ownership, or photos will be accepted after Nov. 2, 2022***

January 8, 2023, check-in you must bring a current HEALTH CERTIFICATE to the Fair.

SCHEDULE

On-line Registration	October 1–28, 2022 12am midnight located at Youth Ag Exhibits (manateecountyfair.com) then click on <u>ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes</u>
Exhibitor Passes	Purchase by Oct 28 th 12am midnight Youth Ag Exhibits (manateecountyfair.com) then click on <u>ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes</u>
MANDATORY Meeting	November 2, 2022, 7:00 PM Mosaic Arena
FFA/4-H Club	December 1, 2022, Club/Chapter Declaration form E-mailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com
Beef Set Up	Saturday, January 7, 2023 8am Mosaic Arena
Equipment in	Sunday, January 8, 2023 9am-12 noon Mosaic Arena
Fair check-in	Sunday, January 8, 2023 4-6pm Mosaic Arena in gate 1
Beef Show	Monday, January 9, 2023 6 pm Mosaic Arena
Showmanship	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6pm Mosaic Arena
Beef Load out	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 not before 10pm
Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 14, Registration 7:30am Start 8am Mosaic Arena
Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 21, Registration 7:30am Start 8am Mosaic Arena
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, January 21, 2023 7:30 PM 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.
2. 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 the initial check-in.
3. All Exhibitors at the Manatee County Fair must have completed one class of ethics If the Exhibitor shows anywhere besides Manatee County Fair, they may need retake the class every 3 years. Manatee County will offer an Ethics Training Class on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Exhibitors are not required to take the class in Manatee County, as the training is sponsored by the Florida State Fair. Classes are offered throughout the state. Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at the following site when it is available. <https://floridastatefair.com/ag/exhibitor-ethics/> All ethics numbers must be turned in no later than December 1st to be eligible to show. All ethic numbers need be submitted to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com.

4. No exhibition of Beef Breeding stock by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1, 2022) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2022, will determine the class of showmanship in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors ages 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13, Seniors ages 14 & up.)
5. 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.**
6. **Exhibitors are not allowed to change animal exhibits after the initial check-in.
7. There will be a **\$25.00 charge** at the time of online registration on each animal
8. Chapter animal's (4-H and FFA Clubs) must designate exhibitor by December 1, 2022 using the Club/Chapter Declaration Form and emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com.
9. Shared ownership of heifer is not permitted. School AG-ED departments and 4-H clubs will be permitted to exhibit.
10. Liability: Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her animal(s).
11. Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hooved animals or are in animal areas on Fairground's property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
12. All exhibitors must be in their official Dress. FFA members must show in 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.
13. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
14. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that they initially checked in under their name.
15. 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 the exhibitor to be eligible to show 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.

16. 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.
17. 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.
18. **Animal's that appear lame or injured** must be able to walk naturally on their own around the arena or the animal will not be eligible to show.
19. 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 #22.
20. 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 #22
21. 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 #22.
22. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs 18, 19, 20 and 21 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
23. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be limited to a maximum of 3'x4' any larger will be removed.
24. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
25. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM Parent or Guardian supervision.

26. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
27. No equipment may leave the barn areas prior to animal release time.
28. 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 1st, 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).
29. 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 \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com)
Add-On's must be received by February 15, 2023.
Add-On checks will be mailed after April 1, 2023, after each exhibitor's add-on monies are received by the fair office.
30. 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.
31. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
32. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas including wash rack and grooming area.
33. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension, or loss of premium money.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. ***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. **No Class changes can be made after Mandatory Meeting.**
3. Each exhibitor may check-in 3 animals; however, the Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit the number per exhibitor providing space availability.
4. There is no weight minimum for Beef Heifers.
5. **MANDATORY Meeting** on November 2, 2022, 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. FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting
6. **Proof of Ownership for all animals including chapter and club animals, Bill of sale or lease agreement with the birth date of the animal.** Animals need to have 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. The above items must be turned in at the Mandatory meeting
7. Heifers shall be weaned to 30 months of age and have not calved.
8. **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. **Exhibitor walking the calf of cow-calf pair must be exhibiting in the Beef Breeding show.**
9. All animals will be shown by weight. All animals will be weighed at time of unloading.
10. **Beef Breeding animals must have an official USDA Shield ear tag tied to the premise.** Preferred scannable USDA official 840 RFID ear tag. If your animal does not have an official USDA Shield ear tag you need to contact FDACS to set up a premise ID and order tags or get one from FDACS. The state inspector will not allow the animals to be checked in at the fair. The Fair will consider your animal to be ineligible without a USDA Shield ear tag. If the USDA tag falls out it must be reinserted. **If the USDA ear tag lost, it is Exhibitor's responsibility to replace it.** Contact your breeder or use one of your Premise ID tags to replace it. If you do not have one, please contact Delaine Woods at FDACS 863-448-2322. **If a New USDA ear tag is**

inserted that Number must be emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com so it can be updated for fair check in.

Cow calf pairs Calf by the mother side under 4 months of age is exempt unless showing separate from mother.

11. No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after registration on (October 28, 2022).
12. 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.
13. Beef Breeding animals with horns longer than 2 inches will be rejected by the Fair Livestock Committee at final check-in. 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. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed. No open wounds will be allowed.
14. No Beef Breeding animals 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.
15. 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.
16. All animals shall be double-tied with at least 1/2" neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.
17. Each family or club will be issued a first come first serve one (1) chute spot for Beef Breeding. No grooming chutes will be allowed in barn prior to 9am on Sunday, January 8th Equipment load in is from 9am to 12 noon and after beef breeding check-in. No equipment may be unloaded during 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 Champions. The Reserve to the overall Supreme winner, will qualify to compete for Supreme Reserve Champion.

20. Bedding will be supplied by Fair Association.
21. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor.
22. All exhibitors of beef breeding animals are required to keep the Heifer space clean and removal of litter and filth at least twice daily.
23. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his/her animal may be disqualified from show and / or sale at any time during Fair week.
24. 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.
25. 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 1st, 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 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 online at [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](https://www.manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes.

Last day to purchase passes is October 28, 2022.

If not purchased by October 28, 2022, 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 8, 2023, from 4-6pm, enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. and line up for the weigh-in. Areas around the arena are for drop-off and pick-up only.

Any Vehicle without proper parking pass or in an unauthorized area will be towed at owners expense

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 Website

Rule books and record books are posted and may be printed from [\(\[manateecountyfair.com\]\(http://manateecountyfair.com\)\)](http://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 website.

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 Breeding, Stevie John** 941-737-2823
- 3rd - Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR -Beef Breeding, Gerry Wolfe** 941-737-8820