



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2023

Dairy Cattle

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Chris Quattlebaum

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Valerie Quattlebaum

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

MANDATORY Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian Meeting for Dairy Exhibitors – Wed, November 2, 2022, 7:00PM, Manatee County Fairgrounds

A complete registration includes the following:

- (1) Online registration completed by Friday October 28, 2022, 12:00 Midnight
<https://www.manateecountyfair.com/p/getconnected/youth-ag-exhibits> then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes.
- (2) Entry fee \$25 at time of online registration.
- (3) MANDATORY Dairy meeting attendance Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:00PM, at the Manatee Fair Grounds. Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to provide:
 - >Copy of Proof of ownership: a bill of sale, a lease agreement, or animal breed registration listing the exhibitor as the owner of the animal.
 - >Original Notarized MCF Exhibitor/Photo Liability Release handed in or completed at meeting. Exhibitor, along with a parent or legal guardian, must be present.

Failure to complete the registration, will result in disqualification.

SCHEDULE

- October 1, 2022, October 28, 2022, online fair registration, and purchase exhibitor passes at <https://www.manateecountyfair.com/p/getconnected/youth-ag-exhibits> then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes.
- Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:00PM: MANDATORY MEETING Exhibitor with a Parent or Legal Guardian at Manatee County Fairgrounds
- Friday, December 1, 2022: FFA and 4-H Club /Chapter Declaration form completed and emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com

- **Saturday, January 14, 2023, Livestock Judging, Registration at 7:30AM, Start 8:00AM**
- **Sunday, January 15, 2023, 9:00AM-12:00PM: Dairy animal check-in, equipment load in. Enter Gate One (1), out Gate Nine (9).**
- **Sunday, January 15, 2023, 6:00PM: Fitting and Grooming Contest, Mosaic Arena**
- **Monday, January 16, 2023, 10:00AM: Dairy Costume Contest, Mosaic Arena**
- **Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 5:00PM: Showmanship, Mosaic Arena**
- **Tuesday, January 17, 2022, 7:00PM: Dairy Show, Mosaic Arena**
- **Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 10:00PM (after completion of show): Dairy Load-out**
- **Saturday, January 21, 2023, Livestock Judging, Registration at 7:30AM, Start 8:00AM**
- **Saturday, January 21, 2023, 7:30PM: Awards Ceremony, Mosaic Arena**

DAIRY RULES

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 registration.**
3. All Exhibitors at the Manatee County Fair must have completed one class of ethics training to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair. **The exhibitor is responsible for keeping their Ethics number. If the Exhibitor loses their number, they will need to retake the class.** 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 Dairy by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1, 2021) 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 and older.
5. At Final Fair check-in, Exhibitor and animal must be together 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.
6. Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that was registered under their name.

7. There will be a **\$25.00 entry fee** per animal at the time of on-line registration for your Dairy animals.
8. Chapter animals (4-H and FFA) must designate an exhibitor by December 1, 2022. Using the Club/Chapter Declaration Form and emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com
9. Liability: Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to their dairy animal, until removed from the Fairground property.
10. All Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hooved animals or are in animal areas on Fairground property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
11. Exhibitors must be in their official Dress. FFA members must show in Official Dress and 4-H members are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, white pants 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 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, **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.
14. 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.
15. Animals that appear lame or injured must be able to walk naturally on their own around the arena or they will not be eligible to show.
16. On-site inspections of any livestock may be made by authorized agents of the Manatee River Fair Association at any time, before Fair or during Fair.
17. **Mandatory Meeting** all Dairy Exhibitors and a Parent or Legal Guardian must attend. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:00PM. Exhibitor and a Parent or Legal Guardian must be present to complete paperwork that is required. A Notarized MRFA Exhibitor/Photo liability Release is to be turned in or completed at this meeting. You must be at this Mandatory Meeting, or the Exhibitor and Dairy animal will be ineligible to participate. **FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.**

18. 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 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 Area Livestock Director and/or Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way. See Rule #21.
19. 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. See Rule #21.
20. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 19, or 20 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards.
21. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be limited to a maximum of 3'x4' any larger will be removed.
22. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
23. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM without Parent or Guardian supervision.
24. Dairy barn will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
25. No equipment may leave the barn prior to animal release time.
26. 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 manateecountyfair.com under Livestock Records. All proceeds will have Six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's add-ons deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses Add-on checks will be mailed after April 1, 2023.
27. Fair premium monies are usually available 48 hours upon completion of the show and can be obtained at the Fair financial office located next to the livestock barn. After the close of the Fair, premium monies must be picked up at the Fair office within 90 days or it will be forfeited.
28. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas including wash rack and grooming area.
29. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension, or loss of premium money.

30. 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.
31. 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 full meeting of the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.
32. *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 online at [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://Youth Ag Exhibits (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 DROP-OFF, PICK UP AND PARKING

Fair check-in: Sunday, January 15, 2023, 9:00AM-12:00PM. Enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. and line up for the check 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.

DAIRY CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Dairy cattle must have an official USDA shield ear tag tied to a premise.** Preferred scannable USDA official 840 RFID tag. **If your animal does not have a USDA tag you need to contact FDACS inspector Delaine Woods at FDACS 863-448-2322. She can provide an official USDA tag and register the tag to your premise ID.**
2. All animals are required to be double tied: one rope for the halter and one neck rope (rope must be 1/2" minimum diameter).
3. 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
4. All animals will be screened and sifted by the Dairy Committee at time of check-in.
5. All animals must be taken off of the trailer, led, brought into barn and tied by the exhibitor alone.
6. All animals deemed unmanageable or substandard by the Dairy Committee will be disqualified. Example: Insufficient flesh; stunted; diseased (pink eye, warts, etc.): any milking cow not producing milk in all quarters; crossbred cattle; a lack of breed characteristics.
7. All animals must be completely clipped (including heads and top lines) for the show prior to entering the Manatee County Fairgrounds. Force filling of Dairy cows/heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc... All Dairy cows/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.
8. Dairy Cows/heifers with horns longer than two inches will be rejected by the Dairy 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.
9. It is the intent of the Board of Directors, Livestock Committee and Dairy Committee to allow only those cattle which fairly and accurately represent the dairy industry.
10. Any dress or behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated and premium monies will be forfeited.

All exhibitors that are dismissed from the Manatee County Fair must have their cattle off the Fairgrounds by 10:00 P.M. on the day of dismissal and will forfeit all premiums and passes.

11. Each exhibitor may only register one (1) animal per class. No more than 4 animals total if owned by the exhibitor, however, the Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit the number per exhibitor providing space availability. Exhibitors that lease animals may show no more than two animals and only one may be a production animal.
12. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.
13. Pee-Wees will not be allowed.
14. Bedding will be on shavings only.
15. All cattle entered and shown will be released on Tuesday, January 18, 2023, after show.
16. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure that his/her production animal is milked. The milking machine will be available at specified times.
17. Cattle from quarantined herds cannot be shown.
18. All exhibitors will show their animal in the traditional 4-H white clothing or Official FFA dress.
19. All animals 24 months of age must show evidence of reproduction.
20. All 3 year old animals and older must have freshened at least one time.
21. Identification: All animals must be permanently identified by: tattoo in the ear, freeze branding or ear tag.
22. Stall assignments will be made at check-in by the barn superintendent.
23. No grooming chutes will be allowed in barn prior to 9:00AM, on the Sunday before animal check-in. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release. Each family or club will be issued, on a first come first serve basis, one (1) chute spot for dairy. 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 check in. No equipment may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release
24. Dairy Show Classes
 - Class 1-Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2022-November 3, 2022 (animals must be weaned)
 - Class 2-Summer Heifer Calf born June 1, 2022-August 31, 2022
 - Class 3-Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2022-May 31, 2022
 - Class 4-Winter Yearling born December 1, 2021-February 29, 2022
 - Class 5-Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1, 2021 -November 30, 2021

Class 6-Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1, 2021-August 31, 2021
Class 7-Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1, 2021-May 31, 2021 (Any yearling in milk will be shown in the two-year-old class)
Class 8-Junior Breed Champion
Class 9-Reserve Junior Breed Champion
Class 10-Junior Two-year-old Cow born September 1, 2020-February 28, 2021
Class 11-Senior Two-year-old Cow born March 1, 2020-August 31, 2020
Class 12-Three-year-old Cow born March 1, 2019-February 28, 2020
Class 13-Four-year-old Cow born March 1, 2018-February 28, 2019
Class 14-Five-year-old Cow born March 1, 2017-February 29, 2018
Class 15-Aged Cow born before March 1, 2017
Class 16-Senior Breed Champion
Class 17-Reserve Senior Breed Champion
Class 18-Breed Champion
Class 19-Supreme Champion

Health regulations:

- A. All cattle for exhibition in Florida must be covered by official health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian. All health certificates must show detailed record of tests for each animal, giving breed, date of test, name and registry number, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers, and from a tuberculosis accredited herd or brucellosis certified herd number.
- B. All vehicles transporting livestock for exhibition in Florida must meet state guidelines.
- C. All health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.

Manatee County Fair Website

Rule books and record books are posted and may be printed from 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** –Valerie Quattlebaum at 941-915-2096 or valerieqb@msn.com

3rd – Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Chris Quattlebaum** at 941-915-9757 or cquattlebaum@manasotaonline.com

Manatee County 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement

Lease Agreement Information may be obtained by Sponsor/Owner

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** is entered into on _____ 20____
Between the owner (Sponsor)

(Address)
And 4-H/FFA member (Lessee)

(Telephone #)

(Address)
And the members parent or
guardian _____

(Telephone #)

(Address)

(Telephone #)

The Sponsor hereby agrees to lease to the 4-H/FFA member listed above the following anima(s):
(Maximum of four animals) Please attach copies of the appropriate registration or grade identity
papers to the lease **if available**.

_____ (Breed)	_____ (tag/tattoo #)	_____ (Date of birth)
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I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Manatee County 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

(Owner/Sponsor)

(Date)

(4-H/FFA Member/Lessee)

(Date)

I have read and understand the agreement entered into by the lessee and the sponsor and agree to do my part to enable the lessee to fulfill the requirements of this lease. I also agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury or financial liability that may incur to the lessee during this contractual agreement.

(Parent/ Legal Guardian)

(Date)

The lessee is a member in good standing of the 4-H/FFA Program.

(Name of 4-H club or FFA Chapter)

(4-H Leader or FFA Advisor)

(Date)