



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2024 Beef Breeding Stock

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Gene Wingate
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Stevie John

**Failure to complete the on-line registration and Attend Mandatory meeting,
will result in disqualification**

**No late proof of ownership, or photos will be accepted after Nov. 1, 2023*

SCHEDULE

- On-line Registration** **October 1–27, 2023** 12am midnight go to [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](https://youthagexhibits.manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes
Entry Fee \$25.00 at time of online registration.
Heifers must have an official USDA ear tag preferred scannable USDA official 840 RFID ear tag. If your animal does not have a USDA tag, you can contact a FDACS inspector to obtain one. Registered animals may be exempt by bred registration specifications for identification accepted by FDACS.
- Exhibitor Passes** Purchase by Oct 27th 12am midnight
[Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](https://youthagexhibits.manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes
- MANDATORY Meeting Wednesday November 8, 2023, 7:00 PM** Mosaic Arena
Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or legal guardian even if you are 18.
FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.
Must turn in or complete the following:
- Proof of ownership (Bill of Sale/Lease agreement)

- Purebreds need Purebred Registration listing the exhibitor as the owner.
- Must Bring Full body profile picture of animal
- Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo Release

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

FFA/4-H Club	Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by December 1, 2023, Club/Chapter Declaration form E-mailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com	
Beef & Steer Set Up	Saturday, January 6, 2024,	9am Mosaic Arena
Equipment in	Sunday, January 7, 2024,	9am-12 noon Mosaic Arena
Fair check-in	Sunday, January 7, 2024,	4-6pm Mosaic Arena in gate 1 must bring a current HEALTH CERTIFICATE
Beef Show	Monday, January 8, 2024,	6 pm Mosaic Arena
Showmanship	Tuesday, January 9, 2024,	6pm Mosaic Arena
Beef Load out	Tuesday, January 9, 2024,	not before 10pm
Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 13, Registration 7:30am Start 8am Mosaic Arena Breakfast afterwards for participants	
FNGLA Horticulture ID Challenge	Saturday January 13, 9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena	
Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 20, Registration 7:30am Start 8am Mosaic Arena Breakfast afterwards for participants	
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, January 20, 2024,	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 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 28, 2023. 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://floridastatefairag.com/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) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2023, 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 for animal to be checked in. **A parent or legal guardian must be present to 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 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, 2023** 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. FFA members must show in Official Dress and leather boots. 4-H are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) and leather boots. 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. **All Beef Breeding animals must be housed in Manatee County from the time of registration until fair. Any exceptions must be approved by the MRFA Livestock Committee prior to registration by filling out an Animal Housing Appeal Form and submitted to the fair office for the Livestock Committee to review for an approval, once approved Exhibitor will be notified. Any animal found not to be housed in Manatee County will be disqualified. See rule#23.**
19. **Animal's that appear lame or injured will be disqualified.** Animals must be able to walk naturally on their own around the arena or the animal will not be eligible to show. See rule #23
20. 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 #23.
21. 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. **No alteration of animals natural color or pattern.** See rule #23.
22. 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 will result in forfeiture of premiums, awards, add-on's and sale proceeds. See rule #23.

23. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 **the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.** Disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums, awards and add-on's.
24. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be limited to a maximum of 3'x4' any larger will be removed.
25. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
26. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM without Parent or Guardian supervision.
27. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
28. No equipment may leave the barn areas prior to animal release time. **A \$200. fine for seniors removing equipment early and all other exhibitors will be fined \$100 and ineligible to show the following year.**
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, 2024.
Add-On checks will be mailed after April 1, 2024, after each exhibitor's add-on monies are received by the fair office.
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. **A Classifying committee will be in place to determine characteristics and place in classes accordingly. All cattle determined not to be considered of Braham influence will be moved to a commercial class.** 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 by the exhibitor 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. **All registered animals will be shown by age. All commercial animals will be weighed at time of unloading. The minimum weight for Beef Heifers is 500 lbs.**
5. **MANDATORY Meeting** on November 8, 2023, 7:00 PM Mosaic Arena
Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian must be present even if exhibitor is 18. 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. **Beef Breeding animals must have an official USDA ear tag tied to the premise.** Preferred scannable USDA official 840 RFID ear tag. If your animal does not have an official USDA 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 an official 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 Emma Stockton at FDACS 863-444-8881. **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. **Registered animals may be exempt by breed registration specifications for identification accepted by FDACS.**

10. No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after registration on (October 27, 2023).
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. 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.
13. 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 dismissed and 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. **One chute spot per Exhibitor will be issued, same families with multiple exhibitors may be limited by Barn Superintendent due to space.** No grooming chutes will be allowed in barn prior to 9am on Sunday, January 7th 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. **A \$200. fine for seniors removing equipment early and all other exhibitors will be fined \$100 and ineligible to show the following year.**
17. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will compete together in classes. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made **from first place blue ribbon winners from each class. The second-**

place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion. **ONLY BLUE-RIBBON CALVES WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

18. 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.
19. Bedding will be supplied by Fair Association.
20. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor.
21. All exhibitors of beef breeding animals are required to keep the Heifer/Cow space clean and removal of litter and filth at least twice daily.
22. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his/her animal may be disqualified from show at any time during Fair week.
23. ***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 \$30 Exhibitor Security Entrance Pass that will give unlimited access for the ten days 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.

Only one gate 8 parking pass per family will be issued for the time their animals are on exhibit, NO EXCEPTIONS. Parking is on a first come basis.

Passes can be purchased when you register your animal on-line through ShoWorks

If not purchased by October 27, 2023, cost will be \$30 for Exhibitors and will not receive a T-shirt. Additional Family member passes 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 7, 2024, 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 Mosaic Arena and Stewart Bldg. 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 Mosaic Arena at any time!**
4. Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area. **Areas around the Mosaic 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)
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 **ADVISOR/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, Gene Wingate** 941-915-8974