



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2024

Dairy Cattle

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Chris Quattlebaum

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Valerie Quattlebaum

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

SCHEDULE

Online Registration October 1 -27, 2023, Midnight [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com)

then click ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase passes.

Entry fee \$25 per animal at time of online registration

Animals must have an official USDA ear tag.

It is Preferred to use scannable USDA official 840 RFID ear tag.

Exhibitor Passes Purchase by Oct 27th 12am midnight [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) then click ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase passes.

Dairy meeting **Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, 7:00PM** Manatee Fair Grounds
Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or legal guardian even if you the Exhibitor is 18.
FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.

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

FFA/4-H Clubs	December 1, 2023, Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned on the Club/Chapter Declaration form & emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com
Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 13, 2024, Registration 7:30AM Start 8 Mosaic Arena Breakfast afterwards for participants
FNGLA Horticulture ID Challenge	Saturday January 13, 9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena
Dairy Check-in & Eqpt load-in	Sunday, January 14, 2024, 9:00AM-12:00PM: Enter Gate One (1), out Gate Nine (9).
Fitting & Grooming Contest	Sunday, January 14, 2024, 6:00PM Mosaic Arena
Dairy Costume Contest	Monday, January 15, 2024, 10:00AM Mosaic Arena
Dairy Show	Monday, January 15, 2024, 6:00PM Mosaic Arena
Dairy Showmanship	Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:00PM Mosaic Arena
Dairy Load-out	Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 10:00PM
Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 20, 2024, registration 7:30AM, Start 8 Mosaic Arena Breakfast afterwards for participants
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, January 20, 2024, 7:30PM 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 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 Dairy by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1st) 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 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.
8. **Chapter animals** (4-H and FFA) must designate an exhibitor **by December 1, 2023**. 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. 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. FFA members must show in Official Dress and leather boots. 4-H members are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, white pants and leather boots 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, **after registration, until Fair check-in.**
17. **All Dairy 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. (Note Milkers are Exempt).**
18. **Mandatory Meeting** all Dairy Exhibitors and a Parent or Legal Guardian must attend. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 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 and 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.**
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 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be limited to a maximum of 3'x4' any larger will be removed.
23. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
24. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM without Parent or Guardian supervision.

25. Dairy barn will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
26. No equipment may leave the barn 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.**
27. 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, 2024.
28. 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.
29. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas including wash rack and grooming area.
30. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension, or loss of premium money.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. ***Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.***

DAIRY CATTLE **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **Dairy cattle must have an official USDA 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 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 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.**

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 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. **“unless with prior approval to participate in the Dairy Fitting and Grooming Contest”** 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. **No alteration of animals natural color or pattern will be allowed.**
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 the 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 4-H and FFA will be judged together. 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.**
14. Overall Supreme Champion will be selected from all Grand Champions. The Reserve to the overall Supreme winner, will qualify to compete for Supreme Reserve Champion.
15. Bedding will be on shavings only.
16. All cattle entered and shown will be released on Tuesday, January 17, 2024, after 10PM.
17. 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.
18. Cattle from quarantined herds cannot be shown.
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. Stall assignments will be made at check-in by the barn superintendent.
22. **One chute spot per Family or Club.** Each chute will be issued a Tag. Those remaining chute spots will be awarded by random draw. **Some families with multiple exhibitors may be limited by Barn Superintendent due to space** 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. **A \$200. fine for seniors removing equipment early and all other exhibitors will be fined \$100 and ineligible to show the following year.**
23. Dairy Show Classes
 - Class 1-Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2023-November 3, 2023 (animals must be weaned)
 - Class 2-Summer Heifer Calf born June 1, 2023-August 31, 2023

Class 3-Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2023-May 31, 2023
Class 4-Winter Yearling born December 1, 2022-February 28, 2023
Class 5-Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1, 2022 -November 30, 2022
Class 6-Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1, 2022-August 31, 2022
Class 7-Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1, 2022-May 31, 2022 (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, 2021-February 28, 2022
Class 11-Senior Two-year-old Cow born March 1, 2021-August 31, 2021
Class 12-Three-year-old Cow born March 1, 2020-February 28, 2021
Class 13-Four-year-old Cow born March 1, 2019-February 29, 2020
Class 14-Five-year-old Cow born March 1, 2018-February 28, 2019
Class 15-Aged Cow born before March 1, 2018
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.

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, the cost will be \$35 for Exhibitors and \$30 for an additional Family member, 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 14, 2024, 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 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 arena at any time!**
4. Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area.
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)

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** –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)

(Breed)

(tag/tattoo #)

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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)