



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2024

Goats

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Sondra Dakin/Christa Kirby

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Richard King

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

SCHEDULE

- On-line Registration** **October 1-27, 2023, 12am midnight .**
[Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes.
Entry fee \$10.00 per Goat at the time of online registration
- Exhibitor Passes** Purchase by Oct 27, 2023, 12am midnight
[Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) then click ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase passes.
- FFA/4-H Club** **December 1, 2023, Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by**
Club/Chapter Declaration form E-mailed to
vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com
- Meeting** **Saturday December 2, 2023, 1pm Mosaic Arena**
- The exhibitor, parent or legal guardian must be present. FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.
 - You can bring a Goat with a show collar to participate in the optional showmanship workshop. A current Health Certificate will be required.
 - Notarized MCF Exhibitor/Photo liability Release will be completed and handed in at the mandatory meeting.
 - Any forms not submitted by Dec. 2nd will result in disqualification.

Livestock Judging	Saturday,	January 13,	Registration 7:30 AM Start 8:00 AM
FNGLA Horticulture ID Challenge	Saturday	January 13,	9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena
Set up Pens	Sunday,	January 14,	12 noon set up Stewart Bldg.
Fair Check-in	Monday,	January 15,	12-2PM enter gate 1 & out gate 9
Goat Show	Wednesday,	January 17,	6pm Mosaic Arena
Livestock Judging	Saturday,	January 20,	Registration 7:30 AM Start 8:00 AM
Awards Ceremony	Saturday,	January 20,	7:30pm Mosaic Arena
Goat Load out/Release	Sunday,	January 21,	4-6pm enter gate 9 & out gate 1

GOAT 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 goat at their 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 a Goat 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 and up.)
5. At Final check-in, Exhibitor and Goat must be together for animal to be checked in. 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 animals that they initially checked in under their name
7. There will be a \$10.00 per Goat entry fee at the time of online registration.

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. **Liability:** Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her animal until removed from the Fairgrounds property.
10. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
11. Exhibitors must wear boots (boots should 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 a white long sleeve button down dress shirt, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) and leather boots 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 their registered animals.
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 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 registration, until Fair check-in.
18. **All Goats 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.**
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 and forfeiture of all premiums and awards. See rule #21
21. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums, awards and add-on's.
22. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be approved by the Goat barn superintendent.
23. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
24. **Mandatory Meeting** all Goat Exhibitors, Parent or Legal Guardian must attend. The meeting will be held on Saturday December 2, 2023, 1:00 PM Mosaic Arena. Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian must be present to complete paperwork that is required. A Notarized MCF Exhibitor/Photo liability Release needs to be turned in or completed at this meeting. Need to bring a Goat with a show collar to participate in the showmanship workshop. A current Health Certificate will be required. You must be at this Mandatory Meeting or Goat and Exhibitor will be ineligible to show. Last day for any forms to be at fair office is December 4, 2023, or Exhibitor will be disqualified and not allowed to show.
25. **Bedding: The initial shaving for bedding will be supplied by the Fair Association. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to keep the pen clean and replace shavings as needed. No Sand is allowed in the barn.**
26. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10 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 or belongings may leave the barn areas prior to the release time of your animal.

29. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
30. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
31. 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.
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 the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.
33. ***Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.***

Goat

1. A maximum of 4 animals per exhibitor. Exhibitor must have cared for animals 60 days prior to show or from birth. Limit 1 per class. ****Due to limited space and pen availability, some adjustments may be made at the Area Superintendent or designee's discretion.****
2. All animals must be de-horned. Animals that have been dehorned must be completely healed prior to the final check-in. "Completely healed" will be determined by either the FDACS Animal Inspector on site or Manatee County Fair Livestock Director assigned to that area.
3. Any behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.
4. All dairy goats entered and shown will be released on Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4-6pm. Early removal will result in forfeiture of all premiums.
5. All animals must be accompanied by an official HEALTH CERTIFICATES or OCVI and will be checked by an FDACS inspector prior to being removed from the trailer. Florida state guidelines will be followed.
6. Pens will be assigned by the Barn Superintendent.

Class for Youth Dairy Goat Show

Junior Showmanship - Ages 8-10
Intermediate Showmanship-Ages 11-13
Senior Showmanship - Ages 14-18

CLASS 1. Senior doe kids - 4 months and under 8 months, born May 1, 2023, through Aug. 31, 2023.

- CLASS 2. Junior doelings - 8 months and under 12 months, born January 1, 2023 through Apr. 30, 2023.
- CLASS 3. Senior doelings - 12 months and under 24 months, born January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
- CLASS 4. Milkers under 2 years of age, born after January 1, 2022.
- CLASS 5. Milkers 2 years and under 3, born after January 1, 2019, through 2022.
- CLASS 6. Milkers 3 to 5 years.
- CLASS 7. Milkers 5 years and older.

GRAND CHAMPION

RESERVED GRAND CHAMPION

BEST DOE IN SHOW

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 and Pick-up & Parking

Fair check-in: Goats will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave.

Areas around the arena and Stewart Bldg. are for drop-off and pick-up only.

Vehicles blocking Gate 1 will be towed at the owner's expense.

Exhibitors may use Gate 1 or 9 in the morning before 9AM when coming to feed and water animals.

There will be no parking along the west end of the Mosaic Arena or Stewart Bldg at any time!

Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the fair parking area.

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 or Stewart Bldg 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 can be printed from [Livestock Records \(manateecountyfair.com\)](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 **ADVISOR /CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd -Contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT –Goats, Judy Anderson** at 941-920-0076
Richard King at 941-915-1246

3rd -Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR –Goats, Sondra Dakin** at 941-737-5064
Christa Kirby at 941-720-0117