



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2024

Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks/Danielle Carothers

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Vanessa Santos

Failure to complete the check-in and on-line registration, will result in disqualification.

SCHEDULE

On-Site registration Mandatory Saturday, Oct 21, 2023, (9am to 1pm) Cook/Powell Arena

Must bring birds.

Exhibitor, and a Parent or Legal Guardian must be present

FFA Advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the on-Site registration.

Turn in or complete the following at Mandatory Poultry check-in:

- Blood testing for all Poultry will be done at this time. (Unless NPIP certified flock)
- Inspection and class identification of animals.
- Sign up for Meat pens and sign sales contracts
- Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo release
- A sales contract if applicable will be completed & turned in. (Meat & Layer Hen Pens)

On-line registration **Mandatory October 21, 9am Oct 27, 2023, 12am midnight**
[Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) then click on Show Works
Entry fee \$5.00 for Poultry and \$10.00 for Meat sale pen entries.

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

FFA/4-H Clubs: **Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by December 1, 2023.**
on the Club/Chapter Declaration form and emailed to
vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com

Livestock Judging **Saturday** **January 13, Registration 7:30am Start 8am**
FNGLA Horticulture ID Challenge **Saturday January 13, 9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena**
Check-In Purebred/Commercial **Sunday January 14, 2024, 11am-2pm carry into Powell Bldg.**
Purebred/Commercial Poultry Judging **Monday January 15, 2024, 10:00AM Powell Bldg.**
Poultry Showmanship: **Monday** **January 15, 2024 @ 5:00 PM** **Cook Arena**
Check –In Meat pens: **Thursday** **January 18, 2024, between 3-6pm Powell Bldg.**
Layer Pen Silent Auction **Monday** **January 15 thru 20, 2024, 7pm in the Powell Bldg.**
Meat Pen Auction: **Saturday** **January 20, 2024, Mosaic Arena following swine sale**
Livestock Judging **Saturday** **January 20, 2024, Registration 7:30am Starts 8am**
Awards Ceremony **Saturday** **January 20, 2024, 7:30pm Mosaic Arena**
Poultry Check-out **Sunday** **January 21, 2024, 5:00 PM**

POULTRY 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. **All 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 animals.**
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 bird 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.) 4-H Clover Buds may register 1 Poultry animal it will be an exhibit only they can participate in showmanship class and receive a participation ribbon. Record book must be done thru 4-H.

- 5 At Final Fair 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, sale pens will need sales contract.** 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 animals after the initial check-in.****
- 7 There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for Poultry and \$10.00 for Poultry sale pen entries at the time of your **online registration.**
- 8 Chapter animals (4-H and FFA Clubs) must designate the Exhibitor by December 1, 2023, using the Club/Chapter Declaration form and email 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, In the case of sale pens it becomes the liability of the buyer once it leaves the Fairground property.
- 10 Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
- 11 FFA members must show in Official Dress. 4-H members are required to wear white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the shows and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale.
- 12 No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
- 13 All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that was registered under their name.
- 14 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, if you have a sale animal or pen, it **needs to include a copy of three (3) of the letters that were written to prospective buyers with their names and addresses, 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 record book, even if the animal is shared by several exhibitors.
- 15 All livestock must follow Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) State Health Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines.

- 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 poultry 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.**
- 18 Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to 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 Poultry Livestock Director and/or Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way. See rule #20
- 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 and forfeiture of all premiums, awards and including sale proceeds. See rule #20
- 20 Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 18 and 19 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums, awards, add-on's, and including sale premiums.
- 21 **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
- 22 All entries must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor or have been in foster care of the exhibitor for at least 90 days prior to day of showing, proven by certificate showing Proof of Ownership, or Proof of Foster Care by Exhibitor affidavit, with appropriate signatures releasing the care of the animal and continuing supervision for the duration of the project by both owner of animal and 4H/FFA Club leader.
- 23 Purebred and Commercial Entries: The exhibitor must own all animals on or before October 21, 2023, except for Meat pen birds.
Purebred birds must be 6 months or older by Oct. 21st.
Layer pens see Laying & Meat pen section.
Meat pens see Laying & Meat pen section.
- 24 Each exhibitor will be limited to 8 exhibits TOTAL with Meat and Layer pens counting a 1 each for the Purebred Poultry Exhibition for judging. Eligible exhibits include the following:

exhibition chickens, meat pens, layer pens, ducks, geese, and turkeys. However, if after registration, it is determined ****Due to limited space and coop availability, some adjustments may be made at the Area Superintendent or designee's discretion.****

25 ALL PUREBRED BIRDS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION STANDARD.

26 One entry is one cock, one cockerel, one hen, or one pullet of any purebred. The following description will apply for all classes:

****Cock - a male bird over 12 months of age.

****Cockerel - a male bird less than 12 months of age.

****Hen - a female bird over 12 months of age.

****Pullet - a female bird less than 12 months of age.

***Layer Pens, see **LAYING PENS & MEAT PENS SALE**

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The following classes will apply to the Commercial Poultry Show:

CLASS 1 - Hens

CLASS 2 - Laying Pullet

27 **ARRIVAL:** Poultry livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. to drop off and then proceed to parking area. You may also walk in through gate 9 with your carry pens. Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area. The show superintendent or designee at check-in will perform a health and parasite check. Please make sure your birds are clean and healthy or they will not be allowed in. At Final check-in, Exhibitor and poultry must be together in order for animals to be checked in.

28 Any individual purebred poultry that is obviously a crossbreed which does not conform to a breed standard American Standard of Perfection will not be accepted. **Any meat pens that are not Cornish/Rock crosses will not be accepted.**

29 Exhibitors birds will be blood tested on October 21, 2023, which will be good for 90 days for exhibition, or through the fair Check-In. To have your flock NPIP Certified call the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs (1-800-HELP-FLA) to make arrangements to have someone visit your property and test your birds, as you must show evidence of a clean record from blood sampling at Check-In. An inspector will be present at Check-Ins for

Purebred or Commercial birds. **All poultry must be Blood tested or NPIP Certified before being permitted to enter the Fair.**

****AT CHECK-IN, AND DURING FAIR, ANY ANIMAL FOUND TO BE ILL, DISEASED OR INSECT INFESTED WILL BE REMOVED AND SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY.****

30 JUDGING: All poultry judging (except meat pens) will be held on Monday January 15, 2024, beginning at 10 am with an hour lunch break for the judges. Showmanship will be held at 5 pm. Any exhibitor wanting to participate in showmanship must use a bird checked in for judging. You must sign up for both showmanship and judging (in ShoWorks when you register). The show area will be closed during the time of judging. The decision of the judges will be final. Judging will be done by the Danish System. Exhibitors will be presented with Best in Show and Best Showmanship awards. Trophies will be presented for each of the following: Best in Show - Standard, Reserve in Show - Standard, Best in Show – Bantam and Reserve in Show – Bantam, Best Meat Pen and Best Layer Pen Project. Rosettes will be presented for Best of Breed (BB) and Certificates will be presented for Best of Variety (BV). Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2023) Senior – 14 yrs. +, Intermediate – 11-13 yrs. and Junior – 8-10 yrs. Trophies will be presented for the 1st Place winner of each class, with rosettes being presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age division of Exhibitors (Seniors, Intermediates & Juniors)

31 RESPONSIBILITY: The Manatee County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the loss or damage of any exhibit. All reasonable effort will be made to protect properties and exhibits. No sick, diseased, or parasite infected birds will be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. The Area Superintendent or designee has the authority to remove such bird and place in a quarantined area. The owner will be notified and allowed to pick up the animal.

32 CARE OF ANIMALS: Animals are to be fed and watered by exhibitor upon arrival. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding his or her own birds and cleaning out the birds' cages daily. **Failure to feed & water your bird(s) daily will result in the loss of premium monies and awards.**

33 HANDLING OF EXHIBITS: Only those persons authorized by show officials or the owner may handle birds without written permission from the owner unless the owner is present. All eggs are the property of the poultry committee and will be removed daily. Those exhibitors keeping track of egg production, please see barn superintendent for egg count.

34 RELEASE OF ANIMALS: All birds will be released on Sunday, January 21, 2024,. All birds must leave fair grounds by Sunday January 21, 2024, 6:00 PM or will be in the possession of the poultry Barn Superintendent. All birds will need to be signed out by the exhibitor with the

poultry Barn Superintendent prior to leaving the barn to ensure that clean-up has taken place and the correct exhibitor has possession.

- 35 **MANDATORY CLEAN-UP:** Any exhibitor failing to help with the clean-up will forfeit all prize and premium monies.
- 36 Poultry Showmanship is not mandatory. At Poultry Check-In, a sign-up sheet will be available to reserve your approximate time to make your Showmanship presentation. Showmanship questions will be based on the showmanship birds' class and type. Reference ***The American Standard of Perfection*** book as a study guide. Commercial breeds will be based on commercial breed specific information.
- 37 The Livestock Committee and Area Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry for health or appearance reasons if the entry does not comply with the rules and regulations of the Poultry Show. All birds must be free from disease and parasites. No game birds may be exhibited. All poultry will be judged on soundness, evidence of care, freedom from dirt, disease and parasites.
- 39 Failure to follow the above rules or the general rules of the Manatee River Fair Association Youth Livestock Show will result in disciplinary action up to expulsion from the barn, disqualification from the show, removal from the sale and possible loss of premiums or awards.
- 40 ***Final Interpretation of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.***

LAYING PENS & MEAT PENS RULES

At Final check-in, Exhibitor and Poultry pen must be together in order for animals to be checked in.

If any exhibitor wishes to sell a steer or swine, they may also sell ONE meat pen of EITHER poultry, rabbits, or laying hen. If any exhibitor does not have a steer or swine to raise and sell, they may sell a maximum of Two (2) pens but not the same group one (1) Poultry meat pen, one (1) Poultry laying pen or one (1) Rabbit meat pen. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers for each pen intended for sale. Copies of these must be turned with your record book at the final check-in.

Laying Hens

- a. Hens for Laying Pens must be **8 months** old at the time of County Fair and may not be

over 2 years of age by sale time.

- b. The following laying breeds are encouraged: White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rock, Sex Link, and California Whites.
- c. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for caring for their hens, both at home and at the fair.

Laying Pens:

- a. A Laying Pen will consist of three (3) laying pullets/hens of the same breed and variety (this will be considered as One (1) Exhibit);
- b. Completed egg record is to be provided at fair check-in. **(copy of egg record form will be on fair website www.manateecountyfair.com)**
- c. A \$10.00 entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration.

Meat Birds is a Terminal project: THIS A 7 WEEK PROJECT

- a. After Registration Exhibitor will pay for 6 birds through the poultry committee
- b. Meat pens will be Cornish/Rock crosses
- c. All meat birds will be acquired by poultry committee and distributed.
- d. The date of distribution will be determined by the committee as well as the order/delivery dates.
- e. All the exhibitors must provide reliable contact information with their paperwork and on meat pen registration in order to receive notice of chick availability.
- f. Exhibitors must take possession of their chicks on the delivery day, or their meat pen entry will be eliminated, and registration fee forfeited.

Meat Pens:

- a. A Meat Pen will consist of three (3) (this will be considered as One (1) Entry)
- b. \$10.00 entry fee will be required on the day of on-line registration and non-refundable.
- c. This will not cover the cost of six (one-day old) chicks ordered and dispersed by the poultry committee.
- d. At fair time, the exhibitor must select 3 of their birds for show. No more than 3 will be accepted at fair check-in.
- e. Meat Pen entries will also be subject to a weigh-in at the fair and each individual bird must weigh at least 5 pounds. (Any birds deemed unhealthy by the poultry sifting committee will not be accepted.)
- f. Completed weight gain record is to be provided at fair check-in. **(a copy of the weight gain form will be on fair website www.manateecountyfair.com)**
- g. Meat Pen entries must be at least 30 days free of any antibiotics or other medications.
- h. No sick, diseased or parasite infested birds will be allowed into the barn. All birds will be inspected for general health, condition, and signs of parasites.

SALE FOR LAYER & MEAT PENS

- a. The Auction for Meat pens will be held on January 20, 2024, after the swine sale.
- b. A Silent Auction for Layer pens will be held in the Powell Bldg. Bids will be taken starting Monday, January 15, 2024, through Saturday, January 20, 2024, 7:00 PM.
- c. All Meat Pen Exhibitors must be present at the poultry barn to move your animal to Mosaic Arena for the auction and to be present during the sale. A sale order will be determined prior to the sale. Anyone who is late for their entry's sale will be moved to the end of the sale. Failure to show up will result in a no sale and the participant will be required to take the birds back. A signed sales agreement provided by the Manatee River Fair Association, Inc. will be required, or the entry will not be presented for auction. Pictures of buyers and sellers will be taken at the auction.
- d. All Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting their own buyers. Exhibitors must complete a Record Book and three (3) buyer's letters.
- e. Exhibitors must ensure meat is delivered to their buyer.
- f. Exhibitors with saleable animals must 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 **Buyer's verification card signed by the Buyer or Buyers representative. The signed verification card must 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). **If a Buyers card is found to be forged the Exhibitor will be banned from participating in the Manatee County Fair Livestock programs. If you are unable to contact the buyer, please contact the fair office.**
- g. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-ons totaling \$25.00 or more. Add-On forms can be printed from Manatee County Fair's website (manateecountyfair.com) under Livestock Records. Add-ons 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.
- h. Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Beef Breeding, Rabbit exhibit, Meat pens and Poultry Meat pens and Layer pens will have six percent (6%) of each exhibitor's sale price and any add-ons deducted by the Fair Association to help defray expenses.
- i. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.

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 Pick-up/Drop-off & Parking

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 Powell and Cook Arena at any time!**
4. Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area.

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 – Poultry, **Vanessa Santos** 941-536-3760

3rd – contact the FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Poultry, **Jim Parks** (941) 713-2858

Danielle Carothers (941) 592-5525