



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2024 Market Swine Show

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Lynn Howell, Gene Glassburn, Gerry Wolfe
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Bob Brouwer

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

SCHEDULE

- Online Registration:** September 18- October 5, 2023, 12am midnight.
[Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes.
Entry fee \$25.00 at time of online registration.
- Exhibitor Passes** Purchase by Oct 27th 12am midnight
Go to [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks On-Line Registration/Purchase Passes.
- Check-in MANADTORY Saturday, Oct 7, 8-12 or Sunday Oct 8, 1-5pm** enter gate 8 exit gate 5 Mosaic Arena. Swine, Exhibitor & Parent or Legal Guardian must be present.
Must have or complete the following and turn in
Copy of Proof of Ownership turned in (bill of sale with USDA tag# on it)
Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo release.
Exhibitor and a parent or legal guardian must sign sales contracts, **parent must sign even if Exhibitor is 18.**
Must have an 840 RFID low frequency scannable ear tag. (See rule 32
The Fair will insert an official fair ear tag and apply a tattoo.
A side view picture of the swine with the fair tag and Exhibitor may be taken.
- FFA/4-H Clubs** December 1, 2023, Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by on the Club/Chapter Declaration form and email to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com
- Swine Set up** Saturday January 6, 2024, 1pm Mosaic Arena

Livestock Judging	Saturday, January 13, 2024, 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
Swine Set up	Wednesday January 17, 2024, 8am Mosaic Arena
Equipment Load-in	Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 8-11am, Mosaic Arena enter gate 1
Fair Swine check-in	Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 1-6pm, Mosaic Arena enter gate 1
MANDATORY Meeting	5:00pm before show and showmanship, and 12:00, noon on sale day in Mosaic Arena near the Swine Tack Area. Exhibitor and Parent must attend. FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.
Swine Show	Thursday January 18, 2024, 6pm Mosaic Arena
Swine Showmanship	Friday January 19, 2024, 6pm Mosaic Arena
Livestock Judging	Saturday January 20, 2024, Registration 7:30am Start 8am Breakfast afterwards for participants
Equipment Load Out	Saturday January 20, 2024, 10pm or after the Awards Ceremony
Swine Sale	Saturday January 20, 2024, 1pm Mosaic Arena
Awards Ceremony	Saturday January 20, 2024, 7:30pm Mosaic Arena
Swine Load Out	Sunday January 21, 2024, 7am
Swine Tear Down	Sunday January 21, 2024, 7am All Hands on Deck

SWINE RULES & 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 swine 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 Swine 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 up.)
5. At Final check-in, Exhibitor and Swine must be together for animal to be checked in. **A parent or legal guardian must be present to complete all required documentation that is needed.** The Manatee River Fair Association 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 entry fee at the time of online registration for your Swine.
8. Chapter animal's (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. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter one of the following, one steer or one swine, not both. Anyone weighing in a steer at first weigh-in is not eligible to register a swine project. **Once you have registered your Swine on-line you cannot change your animal.** Shared ownership of a swine entry is not permitted. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs will be permitted to exhibit one swine. However, no person can raise or exhibit more than one sale animal, so the swine as outlined above must be shown by a member other than an exhibitor who is showing a swine or a steer of their own in the fair.
10. Liability: Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her hog until removed from the Fairgrounds property, at which time it becomes the liability of buyer.
11. Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hoofed 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 shows or sales.
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 was registered under their name. The top five for showmanship will be selected.
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 **which 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 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 and until Fair check-in.**
18. **All Swine 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 #26
19. **Animal's that appear lame or injured will be disqualified.** If the Fair Livestock Committee considers the physical condition of the swine to be a problem, it may result in the Committee not accepting an entry or not allowing the swine to participate in the shows and sale. Example: Crippled, limping, herniated, skin disease, lame or injured (must be able to walk naturally on their own around the arena) etc., but not limited to these examples. If the disqualification occurs at any time following the final check-in, the swine will not be permitted to leave the barn until after the sale and must go directly to one of the Manatee County **Fair Livestock approved USDA-FSIS approved slaughterhouses at the exhibitor's expense.** See rule #26
20. **All animals are subject to DNA verification** if deemed appropriate by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee. At initial check in hair samples may be taken for DNA verification. If an individual wants to contest an Exhibitor's animal, there will be a \$250.00 fee for the inquiry. If the animal is found to be different, through DNA verification, the \$250 will be refunded to individual making the inquiry. In the event the animal is found to be the same, the \$250.00 will be forfeited. Any animal failing DNA verification will be disqualified and all proceeds forfeited. Any Exhibitor found in violation of this rule will be banned from participating for life in the Manatee County Fair. See rule #26
21. **Ractopamine HCI (ex. Paylean or Engain) is prohibited from being used in Swine being entered in the Manatee County Fair. Some feeds and supplements contain Ractopamine be sure to read labels. Any Swine at any time may be tested if you have entered to exhibit that animal in the Manatee County Fair. If Ractopamine HCI is found it will result in immediate disqualification. Testing may occur at the will of Livestock Directors.** See rule #26
22. 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 #26

23. 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, including sale proceeds. See rule #26.
24. All entries must be market hogs. All will have teeth cut and **barrows will be castrated before the mandatory tagging check in**, and castration will be verified by fair officials. No open wounds will be allowed. See rule #26.
25. All breeds and crosses of domestic type hogs will be eligible. **Absolutely no wild woodhogs or crosses will be accepted. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification.** See rule #26
26. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 47 will result in immediate disqualification. Exhibitor may not be eligible for final weigh in or may not be eligible to show and/or sell their animal at the sale. If animal has made final weigh in and then disqualified, the **exhibitor will have to pay for slaughter and processing at one of the Manatee County Fair approved USDA FSIS slaughterhouses**, at the exhibitor's expense. **Swine in some cases will be sold at rail price. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of all premiums, awards, add-ons, and sale proceeds.**
27. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be limited to a maximum of 2'x2' any larger will be removed.
28. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
29. Barrows and gilts must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before October 7, 2023.
30. All Swine entries will be screened by a sifting committee.
31. **Mandatory Meeting** 5pm before show and showmanship classes, and 12 noon on sale day in Mosaic Arena FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.

32. **All Swine must have an official USDA 840 RFID low frequency scannable ear tag tied to the premise. The Fair will not tag and tattoo any animal with a fair tag unless it has an official USDA 840 RFID low frequency scannable ear tag.** If your animal does not have an official USDA 840 ear tag a FDACS inspector will be at initial weigh-in and provide an official USDA tag and be able to register you for a premise ID, to register the USDA official tag. The Fair will consider your animal to be ineligible without a USDA 840 RFID low frequency scannable ear tag and fair tag. If the USDA tag falls out it must be reinserted. **If the USDA ear tag lost, it is Exhibitor's responsibility to replaced 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 for fair records so it can be updated for fair check in**
33. **MANDATORY CHECK-IN AND TAGGING:** Exhibitors have either day to choose from, **Saturday, October 7, 8am-12 noon or Sunday, October 8, 1-5pm. At Check-in you must have present Swine, Exhibitor, and Parent or Guardian, even if the Exhibitor is 18. You Must bring a copy of proof of ownership** (Bill of sale with USDA Point of origin tag # on it) to be turned in at this check in. **The Exhibitor or a representative designated by the exhibitor shall handle the hog** for the committee to place a FAIR TAG and a TATTOO in the hog's ear and a picture will be taken of the Swine and Exhibitor with the fair flat tag showing at the mandatory check in. **A Notarized MRFA Exhibitor Liability/Photo Release must be completed and handed in along with the Sales contracts that will be completed. Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian must be present even if Exhibitor is 18. You must be at this mandatory check in or the animal & exhibitor will be ineligible.**
34. All Swine will have a Manatee County Fair provided ear tag inserted at the time of the initial Check-in. If the Manatee County Fair provided ear tag falls out at any time, the exhibitor and or parent should reinsert the fair tag or notify the exhibitor's respective 4-H leader or FFA Advisor to have it reinserted. If tag is lost or unable to be reinserted notify Swine Superintendent so arrangements may be made for tag to be reinserted or replaced.
35. All swine will be weighed-in on the certified scales at the Fairgrounds. **THAT WEIGHT WILL BE FINAL.**
36. *****All swine at the final weigh-in must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds and have a minimum of .50 inches of back fat and a maximum of 1.10 inches of back fat as determined by ultra-sound.**
37. All animals must be checked in by a FDACS inspector. All exhibitors must comply with FDACS Animal Industry guidelines, and all animals must meet minimum health standards as determined by the Fair veterinarian. **All Swine will be sold in the sale and must be transported to a Manatee County Fair Livestock committee approved USDA-FSIS facility for slaughter.**

Swine exhibited at the Manatee County Fair are not allowed to return home as **this is a Terminal Swine Show.**

38. All animals will be trained and under control during the check-in, show and sale, a Crop/Whip may be used.
39. **All Swine Must remain within the paneled off swine area under the Mosaic Arena.**
40. A designated person may be in the pen with the Exhibitor during pre-show and post show times. and can follow up to the ring and back to the pen.
41. Only the exhibitor will be allowed to care for the show animal and will be required to help clean the barn.
42. **Waterers and Feeders to be supplied by the Exhibitors.** The fair does have a limited number of waterers and feeders available. Exhibitors are responsible for watering and feeding their own animal. **WATERERS MUST remain in pens until 7am Sunday.** Only clip on feeders may remain in pens for shows if they are clipped to back of the pens. Feeders must be removed by 9am on sale day until sale is completed. Exhibitors not properly feeding, caring for and/or managing hogs will be charged a fee and forfeit the right to all premiums won.
43. **ON THE DAY OF THE SALE, SWINE MUST BE FED BEFORE 9AM. NO FEEDERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PENS AFTER 9AM ON SALE DAY.** Feeding may resume after the close of the sale. **After 9am all remaining feeders will be removed.**
44. No Substitute exhibitors allowed, unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee. A stand-in is not eligible for Showmanship. Violation of this rule will result in animal being sold at rail price.
45. 4-H and FFA Swine classes will be shown and judged together. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made from the first-place blue ribbon winners in each Division. The second-place blue ribbon to the Champion in that Division will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion. This pattern will remain to select the next 3 winning animals to recognize the top 5 swine in the barn. **ONLY BLUE-RIBBON SWINE WILL BE CONSIDERED.**
46. All grooming of hogs will be done in their pens. Wash rack area will be available at designated times determined by the Swine Director.
47. All Swine must have a minimum of 1/2 inch of hair.

48. The use of any cosmetics on a show animal may result in that animal being disqualified. Example: oil, powder, creams or altering agents. Exhibitors may use professional swine grooming products only. Force filling/pumping of swine with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc... All swine 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. See rule #26.
49. **Only Initial bedding** will be supplied by Fair association. Extra bedding is at the exhibitor's expense. No bedding hay allowed.
50. The sale of hogs will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 1pm.
51. All Swine must be shown and sold by the registered exhibitor. All qualified Swine exhibits must be sold in the sale ring during the sale. **All Swine will be sent to common Slaughter.**
52. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10 pm without Parent or Guardian supervision.
53. Swine barn will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Swine Barn Superintendent.
54. Equipment may leave the barn on sale day after the end of the Awards Ceremony or 10pm whichever is later or after animal loadout. Waterers must remain in the pens until 7am Sunday morning. **A \$200 fine for seniors removing equipment early and all other exhibitors will be fined \$100 and ineligible to show the following year.**
55. 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.**
56. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
57. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas including wash rack and grooming area.

58. 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

[\(\[manateecountyfair.com\]\(http://manateecountyfair.com\)\)](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.

59. Saleable animals including Steers, Swine, Rabbit and Poultry Meat 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.

60. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension, or loss of premium and or sale proceeds.

61. All deviations from any livestock rules 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.

62. **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.

63. No provision will be made to sell animals that are disqualified. Only animals that are shown are eligible for auction sale.

64. ***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 Drop-Off/Pick-Up Mosaic & Parking

MANADATORY Check-in Saturday, Oct 7, 8-12 or Sunday Oct 8, 1-5pm enter gate 8.

Fair check-in: Wednesday, January 17th 1-6pm, enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave. Line up for the weigh-in: will start at the corner of 14th Ave and 17th St and extended South down 14th Ave along the canal. Areas around the Mosaic Arena are for drop-off and pick-up only. No equipment may be dropped during fair check-in. Equipment will be unloaded after all animals have been checked in 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 Mosaic Arena are for drop-off and pick-up only.

Manatee County Fair Web-Site

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 **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd – Contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Swine, **Bob Brouwer at 941-345-3748**

3rd – Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Swine, **Lynn Howell at 941-322-1311**
Gene Glassburn 863-838-3502
Gerry Wolfe 941-737-8820