

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2025

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, 2024, midnight

- Go to Youth Ag Exhibits (manateecountyfair.com) then click on ShoWorks to complete on-line registration/purchase passes
- Entry Fee \$25.00 per animal due at time of online registration.
- Exhibitor Pass \$30.00 due at time of initial registration. Extra family member passes (limit 4) may be purchased for \$25 each on or before October 27th, midnight.
- Animals must have an official USDA ear tag or Official Registered Breed Identification. As of April 26, 2024, it is required for all exhibition animals to use a scannable USDA 840 RFID ear tag. If your animal does not have a USDA tag, you can contact a FDACS inspector to obtain one. Any animals that have previously (before 4/26/24) been tagged with a form of USDA official ID, such as a bright/metal tag or 840 flap tag, will be accepted. If the USDA tag falls out it must be reinserted. If the USDA ear tag is lost, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to replace it. If a New USDA ear tag is inserted the replacement number must be emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com for fair records to be updated prior to fair check in.

Mandatory Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 7:00pm, Manatee Fairgrounds

- Exhibitor and parent or legal guardian must be present even if the exhibitor is 18
- FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must attend the mandatory meeting.

All exhibitors must turn in or complete the following:

- Proof of ownership (Bill of Sale/Lease agreement/Breed Registration Papers)
- Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo Release
- MCF Code of Conduct form

FFA/4-H Clubs	Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by December 1, 2024, Club/Chapter Declaration form emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com
Youth Steer Judging	Saturday, January 18, 2025, Registration 7:30am, Start 8am, Mosaic Arena Breakfast afterwards for participants
FNGLA Horticulture Challenge	Saturday January 18, 2025, 9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena
Dairy Check-in & Eqpt load-in	Sunday, January 19, 2025, 9:00am-12 noon, Mosaic Arena, enter gate 1
Fitting & Grooming Contest	Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4:00pm, Mosaic Arena
Dairy Costume Contest	Monday, January 20, 2025, 10:00am, Mosaic Arena
Dairy Show	Monday, January 20, 2025, 6:00pm, Mosaic Arena
Dairy Showmanship	Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:00pm, Mosaic Arena
Dairy Load-out	Tuesday, January 21, 2025, not before 10:00pm
Youth Goat & Swine Judging	Saturday, January 25, 2025, Registration 7:30AM, Start 8am, Mosaic Arena Breakfast afterwards for participants
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, January 25, 2025, 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. 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. **Manatee County will offer an Ethics Training on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 8:00am.** Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/> **All ethics numbers must be submitted to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com no later than November 16th to be eligible to show.**
4. All exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2024. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2024 will determine the showmanship class in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors ages 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13, Seniors ages 14 and up.)
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. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize only the animal that they initially registered under their name. The top five will be selected for showmanship.
7. **Liability:** Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to their dairy animal.
8. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear boots when handling hooved animals or are in animal areas on Fairground property.


9. 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. No hats allowed during the show.
10. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
11. All record books must be up-to-date and checked in to the designated committee at time of final check-in to be eligible to show in the Manatee County Fair. 4-H club and FFA chapters must also submit an up-to-date record book.
12. 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. Dairy animals will need a current health certificate (OCVI).
13. Animals 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 #18
14. 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.
15. 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, the exhibitor will be notified. Any animal found not to be housed in Manatee County will be disqualified. (Note Milkers are Exempt).
16. 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 #18.
17. 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 premiums, awards, and add-on's. See rule #18.
18. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 13, 16, or 17 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums, add-on's and awards.
19. Any banners or displays in your assigned area need to be limited to a maximum of 3'x4' any larger will be removed.
20. Any graphics or wording in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
21. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM without Parent or Guardian supervision.
22. Barns will be closed to the public during feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.

23. Equipment may not 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.**
24. 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. Add-on's must be received by February 15, 2025. 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, 2025.
25. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
26. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas including wash rack and grooming area.
27. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension, or loss of premium money.
28. 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.
29. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by \$100.00. 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.
30. ***Final Interpretation and intent of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee. This includes, but is not limited to, violating the code of conduct and all previous rules. The Manatee River Fair Association has the right to "No Trespass" and disqualify any individual or exhibitor.***

DAIRY CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All animals are required to be double tied: one rope for the halter and one neck rope (rope must be 1/2" minimum diameter).
2. 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.
3. All animals will be screened and sifted by the Dairy Committee at time of check-in.
4. All animals must be taken off the trailer, led, brought into barn and tied by the exhibitor alone.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 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, add-on's and awards.
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 four animals and only one may be a production animal.
13. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will compete together in classes. Selection of champion animals 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.
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. No bedding hay allowed.
16. 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.
17. Cattle from quarantined herds cannot be shown.
18. All animals 24 months of age must show evidence of reproduction.
19. All 3-year-old animals and older must have freshened at least one time.
20. Stall assignments will be made at check-in by the barn superintendent.
21. 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 19th Equipment load in is from 9am to 12 noon.

22. Final Interpretation and intent of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee. This includes, but is not limited to, violating the code of conduct and all previous rules. The Manatee River Fair Association has the right to “No Trespass” and disqualify any individual or exhibitor.

Dairy Show Classes

- Class 1-Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2024-November 30, 2024 (animals must be weaned)
- Class 2-Summer Heifer Calf born June 1, 2024-August 31, 2024
- Class 3-Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2024-May 31, 2024
- Class 4-Winter Yearling born December 1, 2023-February 29, 2024
- Class 5-Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1, 2023 -November 30, 2023
- Class 6-Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1, 2023-August 31, 2023
- Class 7-Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1, 2023-May 31, 2023 (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, 2022-February 28, 2023
- Class 11-Senior Two-year-old Cow born March 1, 2022-August 31, 2022
- Class 12-Three-year-old Cow born March 1, 2021-February 28, 2022
- Class 13-Four-year-old Cow born March 1, 2020-February 29, 2021
- Class 14-Five-year-old Cow born March 1, 2019-February 29, 2020
- Class 15-Aged Cow born before March 1, 2019
- Class 16-Senior Breed Champion
- Class 17-Reserve Senior Breed Champion
- Class 18-Breed Champion
- Class 19-Supreme Champion

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, 2024, additional family member passes will be \$30 each with same limits as above at the Livestock Office starting on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 9:00am.

****THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON PASSES****

Animal Drop-off/Pick-up & Parking

Fair check-in: Sunday, January 19, 2025, 9:00am-12 noon. 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 owner's 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 [\(\[manateecountyfair.com\]\(http://manateecountyfair.com\)\)](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 –Dairy, Valerie Quattlebaum, 941-915-2096** or valerieqb@msn.com

3rd – Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Dairy, Chris Quattlebaum, 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)
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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)