

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2025

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, 2024, 12am midnight**
- Go to [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://Youth Ag Exhibits (manateecountyfair.com)) then click ShoWorks to complete the on-line registration and purchase passes
 - **Entry Fee \$10.00** per goat due at time of online registration.
 - **Exhibitor Pass \$30** due at time of online registration. Extra family member passes (limit 4) may be purchased for \$25 each on or before October 27th, midnight.
- FFA/4-H Club** **Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by December 1, 2024**, on the Club/Chapter Declaration form and emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com.
- Mandatory Meeting** **Saturday, November 16, 2024, 1pm Mosaic Arena**
- Exhibitor & parent or legal guardian must be present even if the exhibitor is over 18.
 - FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must be present.
 - An optional goat workshop will be held after the meeting. A current Health Certificate will be required.
- All exhibitors MUST turn in or complete the following
- Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo
 - MCF Code of Conduct form
 - Any forms not submitted at the meeting will result in disqualification.
- Youth Steer Judging** **Saturday, January 18, 2025, Registration 7:30am, Start 8am, Mosaic Arena**
- FNGLA Horticulture Challenge** **Saturday January 18, 2025, 9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena**
- Pen/Barn Set Up** **Sunday, January 19, 2025, 12 noon, Stewart Building**


Fair Check-in	Monday, January 20, 2025, 12-2pm, Stewart Building, enter gate 1
Goat Show	Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6pm, Mosaic Arena
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
Goat Load Out	Sunday, January 26, 2025, 4:00pm, enter 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 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 December 1st 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 check-in, the exhibitor and the goat must be together for animal to be checked in. A parent or legal guardian must be present to complete all required documentation. The Manatee River Fair Board encourages parents to be involved in their child's 4-H and FFA Projects.
6. **Liability:** Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her animal until removed from the Fairgrounds property.
7. Food and Drink are not allowed in the animal areas.
8. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear boots when handling hoofed animals or are in animal areas on Fairground's property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
9. 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. 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 Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize the animal that was registered under their name.
12. 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.
13. 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. All animals must be accompanied by an official health certificate or OCVI.
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 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. Exhibitors must fill out an Animal Housing Appeal Form and submitted to the fair office for the Livestock Committee to review for approval. Once approved, the exhibitor will be notified. Any animal found not to be housed in Manatee County will be disqualified.
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 all premiums and awards. See rule #18
18. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs 16 and 17 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards.
19. **Any banners or displays** in your assigned area need to be approved by the Goat barn superintendent.
20. **Any graphics or wording** in the barn or displayed on the panels deemed inappropriate by the Livestock Committee will be removed.
21. **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. If the exhibitor  chooses to use different shavings than provided, they may do so **at owners expense**. No Sand is allowed in the barn.
22. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10 pm without Parent or Guardian supervision.

23. Barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
24. No equipment or belongings may leave the barn areas prior to the release time of your animal.
25. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
26. 4-H and FFA steer classes will be shown and judged together.
27. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
28. 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.
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.***

Goat Qualifications

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 or parent deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.
4. Early removal of animal exhibits will result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards.
5. 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, 2024, through Aug.

- 31, 2024.
- CLASS 2. Junior doelings - 8 months and under 12 months, born January 1, 2024 through Apr. 30, 2024.
- CLASS 3. Senior doelings - 12 months and under 24 months, born January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- CLASS 4. Milkers under 2 years of age, born after January 1, 2023.
- CLASS 5. Milkers 2 years and under 3, born after January 1, 2020, through 2023.
- 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, 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 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 Building 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 or Stewart Building at any time. Vehicles will be towed.
4. Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area. Areas around the barn 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 –Goats, 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