

96th Edition

LIVESTOCK RULES BOOK Check-in Schedules Mandatory Meeting Dates All Animal Division Rules as requested

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012 Channels of Communication

Revised Rules July 2011

FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Made up of Fair Board Directors, who each have a specific animal area and should communicate information down to Area Superintendents

Livestock Directors

Roger Hill	Livestock Committee Chairman
Hugh Taylor Mitchell John Danny Alfonso	Beef Steer Directors
Dave Carlson	Dairy Cattle Director

Jim Parks	Rabbits and Poultry & Dogs Director
Lynn Howell	Swine Director
Sondra Dakin	Horses & Goats
Jerry Wolfe	Beef Breeding Director & Youth Livestock Committee Chairman

YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Made up of Area Superintendents, who work with a specific animal area at the Fair and should communicate information down to Club Leaders and FFA Advisors

Area Superintendants: Stevie and Lindsey John Beef Heifers
Gene Glassburn Swine
Denise Carlson Dairy Cattle
Patty Martin Dogs
Richard King Goats
Nancy Morris Horses
Jean Semrinec Poultry, Rabbits
Kim Alfonso Steers

Youth Livestock Committee Chair – Jerry Wolfe
Barn Superintendent Fair 2012 – Gene Glassburn

FAIR 2012 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE
Registration Dates and Area Mandatory Meetings

BEEF BREEDING

Registrations for this area can be obtained from your 4-H or FFA Leader. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and turned in to your leader by October 14, 2011. 4-H and FFA Leaders will turn in their respective clubs registrations to the Fair Office. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

DAIRY CATTLE

Registrations for this area can be obtained from your 4-H or FFA Leader. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and turned in to your leader by November 4, 2011. 4-H and FFA Leaders will turn in their respective clubs registrations to the Fair Office. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Please Read!

Any Dairy animal purchased at the 1st ever Annual Bartow Fall Classic Calf Auction on November 13, 2011 will be eligible for the Manatee County Fair Dairy Show. These animals can be registered up to November 30, 2011

Swine

Registrations for this area will be given out by your 4-H and FFA Leader. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and turned in to your leader by October 14, 2011. 4-H and FFA Leaders will turn in their respective clubs registrations to the Fair Office. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Other Areas With Mandatory Check-Ins

Rabbits & Poultry-

Check-In: November 6, 2011
Mosaic Arena 2 PM

DOGS

Check-In: TBA **Mandatory Meeting:** January 7, 2012 Haley Room near 4-H Office
6:30 PM-8:15 PM

GOATS

Check-In & Mandatory Meeting: 2:00 PM – Saturday, November 5, 2011 –
Mosaic Arena Fairgrounds

HORSES

Registration: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Monday, October 10, 2011 – 4-H Office

STEERS

Weigh-In: 8:00AM-11:00AM – Saturday, August 20, 2011 Mosaic Arena, Manatee
Co. Fairgrounds

Registration for steers can be obtained by your 4-H or FFA leader and should be completed before August 20th. Your completed registration should be brought to the steer weigh-in to be turned in.

FAIR 2012 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

Fair Check-in/Out and Fair Show Schedule

Tuesday, January 10

Swine Load-in 2-6 pm at Mosaic Arena
Poultry/Rabbits Load-In from 2-7 PM in Powell Bldg.

Wednesday, January 11

Dairy Load-in from 4-7pm at Mosaic Arena
Swine Showmanship 6 PM at Mosaic Arena

Thursday, January 12

Swine Show at 6pm in Mosaic Arena

Friday, January 13

Dairy Showmanship Show at 6pm in Mosaic Arena
Dairy Show immediately following Showmanship in Mosaic Arena

Saturday, January 14

Dairy, Swine, Horse Judging: Registration at 7:30 AM in Mosaic Arena
(Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)
Dairy Costume Show 10 AM Mosaic Arena
Swine Sale at 2pm in Mosaic Arena
Dairy Heifer Sale at 4pm in Mosaic Arena
FNGA Plant Show & Sale – I. H. Stewart Building – 7pm
Swine out at 10 PM

Sunday, January 15

Dairy out at 6 PM
Dogs Load-in at 11am to Mosaic Arena
Dog Show at 1pm in Mosaic Arena

Monday, January 16

Goats into Stewart Building from 5-7pm

Tuesday, January 17

Steers check-in at Mosaic Arena from 2-6:00pm

Heifers unload at the Fair from 2-5pm

Goat Show at 7pm in the Stewart Building

Wednesday, January 18

Steer Showmanship at 6pm in Mosaic Arena

Thursday, January 19

Steer show at 6pm in Mosaic Arena

Friday, January 20

Heifer Show and Showmanship at 6pm in Mosaic Arena

Saturday, January 21

Heifer, Steer, Goat Judging: Registration at 8:30 AM in Mosaic Arena

(Judging begins promptly at 9 AM)

Steer Sale at 2pm in Mosaic Arena

Heifer Sale at 4pm in Mosaic Arena

Heifer out at 10pm

Awards Ceremony at 7pm in Mosaic Arena

Goats out at 10pm

Steers Out 10 PM

Sunday, January 22

Horses In 10:00 AM

Horse Show 12 PM

Horses Out 6 PM

Poultry/Rabbit out at 6pm

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012
Premiums

Notice: If premium money is not picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair it is forfeited.

PLACE RIBBONS

Beef Breeding

Blue - \$35.00
Red - \$25.00
White - \$15.00

Dairy Cattle

Blue - \$35.00
Red - \$25.00
White - \$15.00

Dog

Blue - \$12.00
Red - \$10.00
White - \$8.00
Yellow - \$6.00
Pink - \$4.00
Green - \$2.00

Goat

Blue - \$20.00
Red - \$15.00
White - \$10.00

Poultry

Blue - \$6.00
Red - \$4.00
White - \$2.00

Rabbit

Blue - \$6.00
Red - \$4.00
White - \$2.00

Steer

Blue - \$20.00
Red - \$15.00
White - \$10.00

Horse (All Classes)

Blue - \$12.00
Red - \$10.00
White - \$8.00
Yellow - \$6.00
Pink - \$4.00
Green - \$2.00

Swine

Blue - \$20.00
Red - \$15.00
White - \$10.00

Judging – Beef Breeding, Dairy, Goat, Horse (includes Oral Reasons), Horticulture, Steer, Swine

Junior & Senior

- 1st - \$20.00
- 2nd - \$15.00
- 3rd - \$10.00
- 4th - \$5.00
- 5th - \$5.00

SHOWMANSHIP – Junior, Senior & Intermediate: Beef Breeding, Dairy, Goat, Steer & Swine

Beef Breeding, Dairy, Steer, Swine

- 1st - \$100.00
- 2nd - \$75.00
- 3rd - \$50.00

Goat

- 1st - \$25.00
- 2nd - \$15.00
- 3rd - \$10.00

FITTING & GROOMING – JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR: DAIRY

Dairy

- 1st - \$25.00
- 2nd - \$15.00
- 3rd - \$10.00

HIGH COMBINED SCORE – JUNIOR(8-10), INTERMEDIATE(11-13), SENIOR(14-18): DOG

Dog

- Jr. - \$20.00
- Inter.- \$20.00
- Sr. - \$20.00
- "Best of Show" Award- \$25.00

General Livestock Rules

1. All exhibitors must be a **bona fide** member of a Manatee County 4-H Specialty Club or FFA Chapter. No one who has graduated from High School will be eligible to show. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must attend a Manatee County Public School or reside in Manatee County. Home Schooled Exhibitors must live in Manatee County.
2. No exhibition of livestock by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1) will be allowed. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2011 will determine the class in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors are age 8-10, Intermediates are ages 11-13, and Senior's are ages 14 and up.)
3. Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee requires all livestock to be exhibited to have an initial mandatory check-in or weigh-in or Pre-registration date. The check-in/weigh-in or pre-registration date shall be held at least 60 days prior to the Fair at one central location to be established by the Area Superintendent. Exhibitor and animal must be together in order 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.**
4. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their respective clubs to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair.
5. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.
6. On-site inspections of any livestock may be made by authorized agents of the Manatee River Fair Association at any time, after first check-in or before Fair.
7. Individual exhibitors may sell only one animal. **(Shared ownership of livestock entries is not permitted).** Enrollment by an individual exhibitor in a steer or swine project makes any other animal exhibit, a show (not for sale) animal. Each school Ag education department will be eligible to show in each eligible category, but may only sell two (2) sale animals. The All-Stock Clubs will be classified same as FFA.

8. All livestock transported to the Manatee County Fair must be transported under Florida State Guidelines.
9. A signed release of liability form prepared by the Fair Association must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.
10. All record books must be up to date and checked in to the designated committee at time of animal registration at the Fair. An up to date record book is required on ALL animals that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that animal made it to the fair or not. Record books will be checked in by a committee of fair representatives. Record Books are required to be turned in at the final check in for the exhibitor to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.
11. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal.
12. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on animals during the Fair or the possession of same by a 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.
13. All animals are subject to being examined and blood tested for any drug usage at any time. Refusal by the 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, including sale price.
14. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 12 and 13 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
15. No minors will be allowed in any barn after 10:00 PM without written parental permission submitted to and approved by the Fair Director in charge of the respective area.
16. Beef, Dairy and Swine barns will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
17. No equipment or belongings may leave barns and specific areas before release time on day of release.

18. Exhibitors of sale animals must present a thank you letter and picture-plaque to their buyer. Exhibitor must submit verification to the fair office by April 1st with a signature from the buyer to obtain their sale checks. Add-On checks will be mailed when each exhibitor's add-on monies are received by the fair office.
19. 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.
20. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by \$25.00. Monies to be refunded if protest is decided in petitioners favor. Only violations of rules by participants in the Fair will be considered as a protest. Protest to be decided upon by full meeting of the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee.
21. No Substitute exhibitors are allowed unless there are extreme reasons and granted permission by the Manatee County Fair Livestock Committee.
22. All Exhibitors participating in their respective showmanship areas must utilize their registered animals.
23. All Sale Animals must be shown and sold by the registered exhibitor.
24. Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion, suspension or loss of premium money.
25. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
26. ***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 \$10 Security Entrance Pass that will give unlimited access to the fair for the entire run of the fair. Families will be allowed to purchase (4) additional Security Entrance Passes at \$10 each which also gives unlimited access to the fair. Tickets are no longer given for fair entry.

Animal Pick-up and Drop-off

Beef Breeding, Beef Steers, Horses, Rabbits, Goats, Poultry and Dairy livestock will enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1 on the corner of 17th St. and 14th Ave.. Swine will enter at Gate 8 and line up for the weigh-in in the parking area. Areas around the arena 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 in the morning before 9AM when coming to feed and water animals. **There will be no parking along the west end of the arena at any time!** Essentials may be dropped off and then vehicles will proceed to the livestock parking area. Violators will have their vehicles towed at the owner's expense.

Add-On Cards

If you require additional slips please contact the fair office at 722-1639.

Fair Livestock Budget

The budget for the 2012 Manatee County Fair Youth Livestock Show has been set at \$45,000 The budget includes; fair premiums, awards, barn preparation, hauling insurance, equipment etc...

Manatee County Fair Web-Site

The Manatee County Fair has its own web page!! If you lose your rule book or need another copy of your fair record book please go to www.manateecountyfair.com and you can print these items right off the site. Please check the web page periodically to see if there are any updates that pertain to your livestock area.

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012 Youth Livestock Judging Rules

1. Participants must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA member.
2. Non-county participants are ineligible for awards, except in judging events and as money is available.
3. No parents, coaches or other adults will be allowed in designated area with judging contestants.
4. All judging awards will be presented on **Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 7 pm.**
5. An electronic grading machine will be used, if available, to tally scores.



**MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012
Beef Breeding Stock**

**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jerry Wolfe
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Stevie and Lindsey John**

BEEF BREEDING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. It is the intent of the Board of Directors and the Fair Livestock Committee to allow only those cattle which fairly and accurately represent the Beef industry. NO Dairy cross cattle will be allowed.
3. Any behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.
4. All exhibitors that are dismissed from the Manatee County Fair must have their cattle off the Fairgrounds by 10:00 PM on the day of dismissal and will forfeit all premiums and passes.
5. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.
6. Pee-Wees will not be allowed.

ENTRIES

1. Registered bulls and heifers and crossbred Heifers will be accepted at check-in.
 - A. Each exhibitor may check-in 3 animals, however, the Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit the number per exhibitor providing space availability.
 - B. ***All heifers and bulls MUST weigh a minimum of 500 lbs.***at final check-in.
 - C. Proof of ownership must accompany pre-registration
 - D. Heifers shall be between the ages of 7 months to 30 months at show time.
 - E. Cow-calf pairs will be accepted provided that the calf at side is the natural calf, not over 205 days old and the cow is not to be over 48 months of age.
 - F. **Registered Bulls may be shown. Bulls must be between 7 months and 16 months of age. Senior and Intermediate 4-H and FFA Members only are allowed to show Bulls!**
 - G. If an exhibitor is showing a Registered Bull, they still may show up to 2 Heifers or 2 Bulls and 1 Heifer, but no more than 2 of one type.
2. Exhibitor must be present, accompanied by a parent or guardian at the initial check-in and at final check-in at the fair.
3. All animals must be identified by some means of permanent identification, i.e. tattoo or brands.
4. No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after Pre-registration is submitted.

HEALTH REGULATIONS: (For Final Check-in)

1. All cattle for exhibition in Florida must be covered by official health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian. All health certificates must show detailed records of tests for each animal, giving breed, date of test, name and registry number, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers and, if from a tuberculosis accredited herd or brucellosis certified herd, number.
2. All vehicles transporting livestock for exhibition in Florida must meet state guidelines. The veterinarian's statement to that effect must accompany shipment.
3. All health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.

GENERAL:

1. Heifers or Bulls with horns longer than 2 inches will be rejected by the Fair Livestock Committee at final check-in. Dehorned Heifers and Bulls must be completely healed at final check-in. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed.

2. No Heifer or Bull may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led at check-in time. Heifers that are unmanageable during the show will be pulled to the side of the ring and tied or sent home. Use of “Jim Bob” type halters is prohibited.

(B) **Use of leads and nose rings will be mandatory for management of bulls.**

3. All animals shall be double-tied with at least 1/2” neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.

4. The exhibitor will be allowed to be assisted by their 4-H leader, FFA advisor, parent or another exhibitor only for preparation to showing and selling, but not while in the ring.

5. 4-H and FFA Heifer and Bull classes will be shown and judged together. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made from first place winners from each class. The second place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion.

6. All exhibitors are required to wear boots, white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the show and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale. FFA must wear Official Dress.

FEEDING AND BEDDING:

1. Bedding will be on sand only.

2. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor. No water pails will be left unattended in front of Heifer or Bull.

3. All exhibitors of Heifers and Bulls are required to keep the Heifer or Bull's space clean and removal of litter and filth twice daily.
4. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his/her Heifer or Bull may be disqualified from show and / or sale at any time during Fair week.

SALE:

1. Heifers or a Bull are eligible for sale providing exhibitor has not sold or intend to sell any other market animal at this year's Fair, i.e. steer, swine or dairy heifer. The sale of eligible Heifers and Bulls will take **place Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 4 pm or directly following the steer sale.** If you sell your animal, it is mandatory that you deliver a thank you note and picture plaque to buyer and return receipt signed to fair office to get your check.
2. All youth exhibitors are required to write a thank you letter to the buyer of their Heifer. A copy of this letter must be turned in to your leader before issuance of final check.
3. There will be a \$10.00 charge at time of application on each animal.
4. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more.
5. Liability – Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his / her animal(s).

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** – **Beef Breeders, Stevie and Lindsey John: 941-722-1639** and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – **Beef Breeders, Jerry Wolfe at 941-737-8820.**



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012

Dairy Cattle

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Dave Carlson

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Denise Carlson

SCHEDULE

Registrations for this area can be obtained from your 4-H or FFA Leader. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and turned in to your leader by November 4, 2011. 4-H and FFA Leaders will turn in their respective clubs registrations to the Fair Office. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Please Read!

Any Dairy animal purchased at the 1st ever annual Bartow Fall Classic Calf Auction on November 13, 2011 will be eligible for the Manatee County Fair Dairy Show. These animals can be registered up to November 30, 2011

DAIRY CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. Application Registration- All applications must be complete. There will be a \$10.00 charge at time of application on each animal.
4. All animals are required to be double tied: one halter rope and one neck rope (rope must be 1/4" minimum diameter).

5. All animals will be screened and sifted by the Dairy Committee at time of check-in.
6. All animals must be taken off of trailer, led, brought into barn and tied by the exhibitor alone.
7. 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.
8. All animals must be completely clipped (including heads and top lines) for the show prior to entering the Manatee County Fairgrounds.
9. All cattle must be dehorned. All cattle with horns will be disqualified.
10. 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.
11. Any behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.
12. 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 and passes.
13. Each exhibitor may only enter one (1) animal per class. No more than 4 animals total unless 2 animals are bred by the exhibitor allowing 6 animals to be exhibited.
14. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.
15. Pee-Wees will not be allowed.
16. Bedding will be on sand only.
17. All cattle entered and shown will be released on Sunday, Jan. 15th at 6:00 P.M.
Exception: Production animals from dairies will be released Friday, January 13th if the exhibitor has another Dairy Show animal in the barn.
18. 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.

19. Cattle from quarantined herds cannot be shown.
20. All exhibitors will show their animal in the traditional white clothing or proper FFA dress.
21. Leather boots will be worn to exhibit all animals.
22. All animals 24 months of age must show evidence of reproduction.
23. All 3 year old animals and older must have freshened at least one time.
24. Dairy Heifers are eligible for sale providing exhibitor has not sold any other market animal at Fair, i.e. steer, swine or beef heifer. If you sell your Dairy Heifer, it is mandatory that you deliver a thank you note and picture plaque to buyer and return receipt signed to fair office to get your check.
25. Dairy Show Classes

Class 1-Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2011-October 31, 2011 (animals must be weaned)

Class 2-Summer Heifer Calf born June 1, 2011-August 31, 2011

Class 3-Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2011-May 31, 2011

Class 4-Winter Yearling born December 1, 2009-February 28, 2011

Class 5-Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1-November 30, 2010

Class 6-Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1-August 31, 2010

Class 7-Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1-May 30, 2010 (Any yearling in milk will be shown in the two-year-old class)

Class 8-Junior Champion

Class 9-Reserve Junior Champion

Class 10-Junior Two-year-old Cow born September 1, 2009-February 28, 2010

Class 11-Senior Two-year-old Cow born March 1, 2009-August 31, 2009

Class 12-Three-year-old Cow born March 1, 2008-February 28, 2009

Class 13-Four-year-old Cow born March 1, 2007-February 28, 2008

Class 14-Five-year-old Cow born March 1, 2006-February 29, 2007

Class 15-Aged Cow born before March 1, 2006

Class 16-Senior Champion

Class 17-Reserve Senior Champion

Class 18-Grand Champion

Class 19-Reserve Grand Champion

Health regulations:

A. All cattle for exhibition in Florida must be covered by official health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian. All health certificates must show detailed record of tests for each animal, giving breed, date of test, name and registry number, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers, and from a tuberculosis accredited herd or brucellosis certified herd number.

B. All vehicles transporting livestock for exhibition in Florida must meet state guidelines.

C. Negative T.B. tests are required unless cattle originate in an accredited herd or a herd from a modified accredited area. Negative bangs tests are required except for cattle that:

1. Originate in certified free herds or areas: OR
2. Are calf hood vaccinated, under 12 months old and have not freshened: OR
3. Are under six (6) months of age.

D. All health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.

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** – Dairy Cattle, Denise Carlson at 780-4806; and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Dairy Cattle Dave Carlson at 238-8064.

Dogs

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Jim Parks
AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Patty Martin

SCHEDULE

Ownership Check-In TBA

Mandatory Meeting January 7, 2012 6:30 PM Haley Room at the
Fairgrounds

PRE-REGISTRATION: Due by Fair Mandatory Meeting on: TBA

DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each handler must have worked with the dog he/she is showing for a minimum of 60 days.
2. All dogs must have current inoculations, proof of which must be submitted to show on or before the mandatory check-in.
3. Dogs may be pure-bred or mixed-bred and dogs must be at least 6 months of age by January 1, 2012.
4. Handlers may enter in only one showmanship class.
5. Basic and Sub-Novice Obedience dogs must be shown on 6 foot leads. Dogs may show in obedience only on metal or nylon training collars, martingale collars or flat collars. Dogs may show in agility only on martingale or flat collars.
6. Any female dog in season or any dog that is injured will not be permitted to compete.
7. If a pre-registered dog is unable to compete, a replacement may be used providing that the dog has also been worked with by the handler. This replacement must be entered in a class appropriate to its training, regardless of the class the pre-registered dog was entered.
8. Dogs must be kept on leash, except during classes that require otherwise.

9. Owners are responsible for their dogs behavior at all times. A misbehaving dog may be excluded from participation. Any dog that bites anyone at any time while at the show will be excluded from participation.
10. Dogs must remain at the livestock arena at all times. At no time will dogs be permitted on midway.
11. Obedience Classes will be held according to AKC Obedience Regulations as modified by the 4-H.
12. Showmanship will be scored according to the break-down of points listed under the class description.
13. Agility classes will be scored similar to AKC /USDAA Junior Handler Agility Rules. Dogs may be entered in only one agility class.
14. All entries must be made through pre-registration. Registration form will be available from a designated Fair representative.
15. Classes may be divided if entries warrant. (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)
16. **Mandatory Meeting: January 7, 2012 Haley Room at the Fairgrounds**
17. Trophies, ribbons and premiums will be awarded for each class.
18. A high combined score trophy will be awarded for highest combined scores from Agility, Showmanship and Obedience for both Junior (8-12), Intermediate(11-13) Senior (13-up) age divisions.
19. No dogs are to be left unattended in cars. Any dog found unattended will be removed at its owner's expense.
20. Owners are responsible for picking up after their dog. There will be a designated exercise area available for use.
21. Practice will not be allowed in the show rings before, during or after show.

CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP:

Handlers will be judged on their preparation and presentation of their dog - grooming, posing and gaiting. Mixed-bred dogs will be judged according to grooming specifications of the breed they closest resemble.

- 1. **BASIC** - Beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing.
- 2. **INTERMEDIATE** - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Handlers who have shown for one or more years.
- 3. **ADVANCED** - Handlers who have shown in Showmanship at AKC dog shows for more than one year, or who have won first place in any intermediate class at any previous 4-H Dog Shows.

Scoring for Showmanship will be as follows:

<u>SCORED ON</u>	<u>MAX POINTS</u>
General appearance of Dog & Handler	50
Set Up and Presentation	50
Gaiting and Presentation	50
Attitude of Handler	40
Anatomy and Breed Knowledge	10
Total	200

OBEDIENCE:

Handlers and dogs will be judged according to AKC Obedience Regulations as modified by the 4-H.

- 4. **BASIC** - Beginning handlers and beginning dog in their first year of showing. Dogs to be shown on a six foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.
- 5. **SUBNOVICE A** - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Handlers who have shown for one or more years. Dogs to be on a six foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.
- 6. **SUBNOVICE B** - Handlers showing dogs who have competed at AKC trials for more than one year or who have won first place in any Subnovice A class at any previous 4-H show. Dogs to be shown on a six foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.

Exercises for Basic and Subnovice

INDIVIDUAL: Heeling and Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Recall (all on lead).

GROUP: Long Sit for 1 minute, Long Down for 3 minutes (both on lead).
DOG RULES – continued

7. **NOVICE A** - Handlers and dogs ready to compete in voice exercises, except dogs with obedience titles OR handlers who have won first place in NOVICE A at any previous 4-H or Open Youth Dog Show.

8. **NOVICE B** - Handlers showing dogs who have earned AKC Companion Dog titles. Handlers who have won first place in NOVICE A at any previous 4-H or Open Youth Dog Show.

EXERCISES FOR NOVICE A and NOVICE B

INDIVIDUAL: Heeling On Lead and Figure 8, Off Lead Stand for Examination, Heeling Off Lead, Off Lead Recall.

GROUP: Long Sit Off Lead for 1 minute, Long Down Off Lead 3 minutes.

9. **GRADUATE - NOVICE** - For handlers and dogs who are ready to compete in graduate novice exercises and have not yet qualified in Open.

EXERCISES FOR GRADUATE - NOVICE:

INDIVIDUAL: Open Heel Free and Figure-8, Novice Moving Stand and Examination, Moving Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Recall Over Broad Jump.

GROUP: Long Down for 3 minutes with handler out of sight.

10. OPEN - For handlers and dogs who are ready to compete in open exercises and who have not yet qualified in UTILITY.

EXERCISES FOR OPEN:

INDIVIDUAL: Heel Free and Figure 8, Off Lead Stand for Examination, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump.

GROUP: Long Sit for 3 minutes and Long Down for 5 minutes with handler out of sight.

11. UTILITY - For handlers and dogs ready to Compete in Utility work.

EXERCISES FOR UTILITY:

Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Examination, Directed Jumping.

12. BRACE - Dogs do not have to be of the same breed, but should be similar in size. Dogs may have different owners. Class will be judged using graduate - beginners exercise as outlined in the 4-H Obedience Manual.

13. TEAM - Four handlers and dogs working simultaneously. Exercises same as for Brace.

AGILITY

Open to handlers and dogs with agility training. Judging will be according to AKC/USDAA Junior Handler regulations as modified by the 4-H and will be out of 200 points. Obstacles will include the following: A-Frame, dog walk, open and closed tunnels, pause table, bar jumps. **DOGS MUST WEAR FLAT COLLARS** (Buckle/Snap or Martingale). Handlers may NOT jump with their dogs. A contact obstacle familiarization with dogs will be permitted before competition begins for the On-Lead class. A handler walk-through will be allowed for both the On-Lead and Off-Lead classes.

Agility classes will be divided into the following jump height divisions:

<u>Dogs Measuring</u>	<u>Jump Height</u>
10" and under	8"
over 10" & up to 14"	12"
over 14" & up to 18"	16"
over 18" & up to 22"	20"
over 22"	24"

A dog's height is measured from the ground to its withers. Each dog's height will be verified at check-in. Dogs may enter a lower height for exhibition only.

14. **ON-LEAD AGILITY** – Dogs compete on-lead over the obstacle course.

15. **OFF-LEAD AGILITY** – Dogs compete off-lead over the obstacle course.

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1st – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Dogs, Patty Martin

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Dogs, Jim Parks at 722-1639.

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2011

Goats

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Sondra Dakin

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Richard King

SCHEDULE

Ownership/Check-in & Fair Mandatory Meeting	Saturday, November 5, 2011 – 2 p.m. Mosaic Arena – Fairgrounds
Fair Arrival	Monday, January 16, 2012 5-7 pm Cook Arena
Goat Show	Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7 pm
Awards Presentation	Saturday, January 21, 2012 7 pm

GOAT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. All wishing to enter the 4-H and FFA Youth Dairy Goat Show must be a member of a 4-H Goat Club or respective FFA Chapter as of November 5, 2011. FFA members must have the proper forms signed by their advisor before said date.
3. A maximum of 4 animals per exhibitor. Exhibitor must have cared for animals 60 days prior to show or from birth. Limit 2 per class.
4. Any exhibitor showing a junior doe kid that was born after mandatory check-in will have to prove to be the owner or lessee and person caring for the dam for at least 60 days prior to the Fair.
5. All animals must be de-horned.
6. Any behavior displayed by any exhibitor deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.
7. Bedding and water will be supplied by the Fair Association.
8. All dairy goats entered and shown will be released on Saturday, January 21, 2012 after 10 PM. Early removal will result in forfeiture of all premiums.

9. All animals must be tested for tuberculosis and brucellosis within 30 days prior to the show or originate from a certified herd. Animals must be covered by official health papers, state guidelines will be followed.

10. Pens will be assigned by the Barn Superintendent.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For showing animals, show whites are preferred or alternatively, official 4-H or FFA colors should be worn.

Class for Youth Dairy Goat Show

Junior Showmanship - Ages 8-13

Senior Showmanship - Ages 14-18

CLASS 1. Junior doe kids - under 4 months, born Sept.1, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2011.

CLASS 2. Senior doe kids - 4 months and under 8 months, born May 1, 2011 through Aug. 31, 2011.

CLASS 3. Junior doelings - 8 months and under 12 months, born January 1, 2011 through Apr. 30, 2011.

CLASS 4. Senior doelings - 12 months and under 24 months, born January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

CLASS 5. Milkers under 2 years of age, born after January 1, 2010.

CLASS 6. Milkers 2 years and under 3, born after January 1, 2008 through 2010.

CLASS 7. Milkers 3 to 5 years.

CLASS 8. Milkers 5 years and older.

GRAND CHAMPION

RESERVED GRAND CHAMPION

BEST DOE IN SHOW

QUESTIONS

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2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Goats, Richard King at 747-5919; and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Goats, Jim Parks at 722-1639.

Horses

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Sondra Dakin
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Nancy Morris

SCHEDULE

Check-in	Monday, October 10, 2011 – 9am – 8pm - 4-H Office
Fair Arrival	Sunday, January 22, 2012 10:00 am
Horse Show	Sunday, January 22, 2012 11am – 6pm

HORSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All General Livestock Rules apply to this specific area.

CLASSES:

1. Jr. Grooming and Conditioning
2. Sr. Grooming and Conditioning
3. Registered Pony and Grade Mares 13.2 hands and under
4. Registered Pony and Grade Geldings 13.2 hands and under
5. Grade Mares over 13.2 hands
6. Grade Geldings over 13.2 hands
7. Registered Mares
8. Registered Geldings
Grand Champion Mare and Reserve (Rosette Only)
Grand Champion Gelding and Reserve (Rosette Only)
(Place - 1st through 6th):
9. Jr. Western Showmanship/English Showmanship
10. Sr. Western Showmanship/English Showmanship

11. Walk/Trot Western or English

12. Walk/Trot Equitation

Break

13. Jr. Hunter under saddle

14. Sr. Hunter under saddle

15. Jr. English Equitation

16. Sr. English Equitation

Break

17. Hunter Hack

18. Jr. Western pleasure

19. Sr. western Pleasure

20. Jr. Western Horsemanship

21. **Senior Western Horsemanship**

22. Poles

23. Barrels

- Juniors are 12 years or under as of Jan. 1, 2012. Seniors are 13 or over as of Jan. 1, 2012.
- Must be a member of Manatee County 4-H or FFA, within the ages of 8-18, and show a current record book at time of check-in.
- Current Coggin's will be checked at gate before horse will be allowed on grounds.
- Pre-registration will be due Monday, October 10, 2011. You must be pre-registered to compete in Horse Show.

- **MUST HAVE ATTENDED PRIOR MANDATORY MEETING**

HORSE JUDGING

- Youth Livestock Judging begins Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8 am.
- Registration for teams of 4 or individuals will be held at a table in front of the Livestock Arena
- 1. Senior Judging Bubble Card Only- This is open whereby the judge does not determine your placing. Placement is awarded on merit to place the class correctly with no oral justifications.
- 2. Junior Judging Bubble Card Only
Same as above but under 13 years of age.
- There is NO Team bubble card competition to allow for maximum premiums to be awarded in the above classes.
- Participants must be between the ages of 8 and 18.
- There is no talking allowed in the arena once the competition starts. No hand signals, flash cards or other signs construed as assistance will be allowed. Judge or ring steward may ask for immediate disqualification if any of the above restrictions are violated.
- The Judge will choose and place each class, inclusive of cuts and scoring. A minimum of two, maximum of five, classes will be judged.
- All classes will be judged prior to delivering speaking results.
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- In the event of a tie in the Judging classes, the Questions at the end of the judging will break the tie. Results are final and may not be contested.

CONFORMATION CLASSES #1-8

1. Personal appearance of club member: neat, clean, courteous and in appropriate attire.
2. Horses judged on conformation, condition, soundness, and way of going.
3. Horses will be judged individually while standing, at a walk and a trot.
4. Horse may be shown in halters made of leather, rope, or other suitable material. English may be shown in bridle.
5. Whips or bats are not permitted in halter classes.
6. Horse's will be handled and shown by one club member only.
7. Horses enter ring as instructed by Judge or ring steward.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES #9&10

1. Showmanship classes are not conformation, model or grooming classes. This is a performance class with emphasis to be placed on the exhibitor's ability to show their animal.
2. Club member personal appearance: neat, clean, well groomed, courteous, and in appropriate attire.
3. Hunter Equipment: Clean, adjusted and acceptable bridle or leather halter.
4. Western Equipment: Clean, adjusted halter to fit horse. Fancy halters shall not be given preference over good working halters.
5. Horse shall be clean, well groomed and fitted for its type. The feet should be clean or properly shod.
6. Method of showing: Walk, trot, turn, stop, back and pose your horse as directed by Judge or ring steward.
7. Lead from left side of horse with right hand on lead shank.
8. Never obstruct the view of the judge and do not stand in front of the horse.
9. When asked to reverse, turn to the right. Turn in small tight circle; attempt to keep the horse's hind feet in place.
10. Keep horse posed at all times and knows where the Judge is at all times.
11. Allow reasonable space at least six feet between horses. Never let your horse interfere with another horse.
12. Faults at showing at showmanship:
 - a) Allowing the horse to remain out of position.
 - b) Standing directly in front of your horse.
 - c) Kicking horse's feet to move them.
 - d) Failure of the horse to lead properly.
 - e) Failure to back
 - f) Loud voice commands or other unnecessary actions
 - g) Picking up the horses feet for positioning purposes.

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE CLASSES #13-17

Personal: All exhibitors are required to wear a SEI or ASTM approved equestrian safety helmet with chin fastened. Clothing must be neat, clean and appropriate for Hunter classes. Rider must wear coat, boots, and breeches. Gloves are optional.

Tack: Clean English type saddles. Snaffle, Pelham, Kimberwick, or Weymouth is permitted. A Caverson noseband is required. Pelham bridles must have two sets of reins attached. Pelham connectors not allowed. Breast plates are optional. Martingales are optional in jumping classes. Martingales are not allowed in flat classes. Draw reins and hackamore are not permitted. No figure 8 or drop nose bands allowed.

1. The class will be judged on the horse's way of going, manners or suitability.
2. Horses are shown on the flat at a walk, trot, and canter while maintaining light contact of mouth.
3. Horses must work both directions.
4. Horses should back easily and stand quietly.
5. Equitation: The rider's performance and skills are being judged in this class.
6. Equitation: Each rider will be asked to perform a pattern. The judge will score the rider on her/his skills and execution of the pattern.
7. Optional list of tests for Hunters:
 - a) Execute a slow sitting trot, posting trot or extended trot
 - b) Back
 - c) Walk from a gallop with emphasis on hands
 - d) Halt from a canter
 - e) Dismount and mount
 - f) Figure 8 with proper change of diagonals
 - g) Figure 8 at canter on correct leads (flying lead change may be required)
 - h) Maintain a counter canter
 - i) Demonstrate a half turn on forehand or haunche

WESTERN PLEASURE AND HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES #18-21

Personal: Clothing must be clean and neat. Riders shall wear boots, western pants or blue jeans. Shirts with a collar and long sleeves are required. Spurs, chaps, and similar equipment are optional. All riders are required to wear SEI or ASTM approved equestrian safety helmets with chinstrap fastened.

Tack: Horses shall be shown with a stock saddle, silver will not count extra. Martingales, tie-downs, nose bands or draw reins are prohibited. Neither wire curbs nor chin strap thinner than one-half inch. A Hackamore or Bonsal may be used on a junior horse (5 or under). Horse 5 years of age or younger may be shown with two hands.

Horsemanship: Riders will be judged on position and use of hands, legs, and feet. Ability to control and show horse. Score will be based on execution of pattern.

1. Horse to be shown at walk, trot, job and lope on a loose rein or light contact
2. Horses must work both directions, back easily and stand quietly.
3. Horses are asked to be reversed to the inside (away from the rail)
4. This class will be judged on the performance of the horse.
5. Reins shall be held in one hand and cannot be changed during ride. Unless a young horse is being shown in a snaffle or bosal.
6. Riders must use split reins no roping or barrel reins.
7. Optional list of tests:
 - a) Straight walk, jog and lope or circles in both directions
 - b) Stop
 - c) Back straight, in an L or circle
 - d) 360 degree turn
 - e) Pivot both ways
 - f) Turns: 90, 180, 270, 360
 - g) Rollbacks
 - h) Lope circles of varying size and speed
 - i) Pickup leads from stand still, walk, or jog
 - j) Simple lead changes
 - k) Side pass
 - l) Counter Canter
 - m) Extended gaits

SPEED CLASSES #22-23

Personal: Clothing should be clean and neat. Western dress pant or jeans and boots are required. Shirts with collar and long sleeves. All riders must wear SEI or ASTM approved equestrian safety helmets with chinstrap fastened.

Tack: Western type saddles. Hackamore may be used. Two hands are allowed in speed. Use of martingale, tie-downs and nosebands is permitted. Draw reins are not allowed. Bandages (leg wraps) are not allowed.

1. These contests are timed. Timing shall begin as soon as the horses nose crosses the start line and will be stopped when the horses nose crosses the finish line.
2. Horse must be under the control of the rider upon entrance and exit of arena. No horse or rider will be assisted inside the arena.
3. Times will be announced at the completion of each riders turn.
4. No string or rubber bands to tie feet in stirrups is allowed.

5. Failure to follow or complete course is disqualification.
6. Touching poles or barrels with hands is disqualification. Hands should stay on reins.
7. Striking a horse in front of the cinch with anything other than the open hand is a disqualification. Striking in front of the throatlatch is a disqualification.

POLE BENDING

1. The Pole pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be 21 feet apart.
2. Horse may start at the left or right and then run the pattern accordingly.
3. Knocking over a pole is a 5 second penalty.

BARREL RACE

1. First and second barrel should be at least 20 feet from fence.
2. The Rider will run to barrel #1 pass to the left and do a 360 degree turn around it and then go to barrel #2 pass to the right and complete a 360 degree turn then go to barrel #3 pass to the right and do another 360 degree turn and then run to the finish line passing between barrel #1 and #2.
3. This course may also be run to the left.
4. Each barrel knocked over shall be a 5 second penalty.

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2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Horses, Nancy Morris at **322-9675**; and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Horses, Sondra Dakin at **722-1639**.

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012

Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Jean Semrinec

SCHEDULE

Registrations for this area will be completed at the Poultry Check-In on November 6, 2011 in the Cook Arena at the Fairgrounds. The hours of the check-in are 2 PM-5 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Fair Arrival: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 2-7 pm Powell Bldg
Awards Presentation: Saturday, January 22, 2012 7pm

POULTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. The Poultry Show is open to bona fide 4-H and FFA members as outlined in the general livestock rules. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
3. **Application Registration: All applications must be complete. Proof of ownership must accompany application.** No chicks under 3 months of age at time of application.
4. All entries must be checked into the Poultry Building by the Superintendents.
5. All exhibitors must be prepared to show proof of ownership that the animal has been owned by the exhibitor for 90 days prior to show date.
6. All poultry will be accepted at the Fair Tuesday, January 10, 2012 and must not be removed before 6 pm on January 22, 2012.

7. Any 4-H or FFA exhibitor may enter up to four (4) classes with a maximum total of Twelve (12) exhibit birds. However, if after registration, it is determined that there is not enough space, the maximum number of birds that each exhibitor can show may be reduced.
8. No water fowl will be accepted.
9. All 4-H and FFA member's Project Books must be up-to-date and presented at the time entries are made at the Fair in order to qualify and any time upon request. Each exhibitor must attend a mandatory meeting to be eligible to show at the County Fair. Date and time to be established four weeks prior to mandatory meeting date.
10. The Livestock Committee 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 parasites and diseases.
11. No game birds may be exhibited.
12. Judging will be done by the Danish System.
13. The following classes will apply to the Poultry Show:
 - a. CLASS 1 - Hen (Single)
 - b. CLASS 2 - Pullet (Single)
 - c. CLASS 3 - Cock (Single)
 - d. CLASS 4 - Cockerel (Single)
14. The following description will apply for all classes:
 - a. Hen - a female bird over 12 months of age.
 - b. Pullet - a female bird less than 12 months of age.
 - c. Cock - a male bird over 12 months of age.
 - d. Cockerel - a male bird less than 12 months of age.
15. Coops care and attention will be provided by the Fair Association.
16. The Manatee County Fair will not be responsible for loss by accidents, fire, theft, escape or providential destruction. All possible care will be taken in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring and returning animals. The show committee reserves the right to reject any entry. A signed release of liability form, prepared by the Fair Association, must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.

17. All poultry will be judged on soundness, evidence of care, freedom from dirt, evidence of disease and parasites.

18. There will be a \$.75 charge per bird deducted from premium money to cover the cost of security and feed.

QUESTIONS

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1st – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Poultry, Jean Semrinec at **756-8384**; and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Poultry, Sondra Dakin at **722-1639**

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012
Rabbits

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Jean Semrinic

Registrations for this area will be completed at the Poultry Check-In on November 6, 2011 in the Mosaic Arena at the Fairgrounds. The hours of the check-in are 2 PM-5 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

Fair Arrival: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 2-7 pm – Powell Bldg
Awards Presentation: Saturday, January 21, 2012 7pm

RABBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. The Rabbit Show is open to bona fide 4-H and FFA members as outlined in the general livestock rules. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
3. **Application Registration: All applications must be complete. Proof of ownership must accompany application.** No rabbits under 3 months of age at time of application.
4. All exhibitors must be prepared to show proof of ownership that the animal has been owned by the exhibitor for 90 days prior to how date. Rabbit must be 6 months old or older to be shown.
5. Each exhibitor will be limited to a maximum of eight (8) rabbit entries per person. One buck - one doe - Sr. (over 8 months): one buck - one doe - Jr. (6 to 8 months): of any breed. However, if after registration, it is determined there is not enough space, the maximum number of rabbits that each exhibitor can show may be reduced.
6. No does with litters, or pregnant does of more than (2) weeks will be accepted. Does showing signs of pregnancy will be palpated.

7. **Any rabbit obviously a cross-breed which does not conform to a breed standard will not be accepted.**
8. ANY ANIMAL FOUND TO BE ILL, DISEASED OR INSECT INFESTED WILL BE REMOVED AND SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY.
9. Judging will be done by the Danish System. Trophies will be presented for each of the following: Best of Show, Best Opposite Sex.
10. Rabbits will be shown in the following classes: Class 1 - Junior; Class 2 - Senior.
11. The Manatee County Fair will not be responsible for loss by accidents, fire, theft, escape or providential destruction. All possible care will be taken in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring and returning animals. A signed release of liability form, prepared by the Fair Association, must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.
13. There will be a \$.75 charge per rabbit deducted from premium money to cover cost of security and feed.
14. All Rabbits will be accepted at the fair Tuesday January 12th and must not be removed until 6 pm January 22, 2012.

QUESTIONS

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MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012

Market Steers

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Hugh Taylor/Mitchell John

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Danny and Kim Alfonso

SCHEDULE

Ownership & Weigh-In Saturday, August 20, 2011 – 8am –11:00am
Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds

Fair Arrival	Tuesday, January 17, 2012 2-6pm
Steer Showmanship Show	Wednesday, January 18, 2012 6pm
Youth Steer Show	Thursday, January 19, 2012 6 pm
Youth Steer Sale	Saturday, January 21, 2012 2pm
Awards Presentation	Saturday, January 21, 2012 7pm

STEER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility:

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. If the Steer Committee considers the physical condition of the steer to be a problem, it may result in the Steer Committee not accepting or allowing the steer to participate in the show and sale.
3. It is the intent of the Board of Directors, Fair Livestock Committee to allow only steers which fairly and accurately represent the Beef Industry. NO dairy cross steers will be accepted. If discovered after weigh-in, animal will be disqualified.

Ownership:

Steers must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before Saturday, August 20, 2011.

Mandatory Weigh-Ins:

1. All steers must comply with a mandatory weigh-in on August 20, 2011. This must occur on scales certified by the Florida Department of Agriculture in the presence of at least one fair board director.
2. **All steers at final weigh-in must weigh 950 pounds and have gained an average of 2 pounds per day. Also, all steers must have a minimum of .25 inches of back fat as determined by ultra-sound in order to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair.**
3. All steers must be unloaded and weighed on foot.
4. Weigh-in information is mandatory; entries will not be accepted unless weigh-in is properly authorized.

Entries:

1. All entry blanks must be filled out completely. All information and signatures must be completed or entry will not be accepted.
2. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) steer. The exhibitor shall also be the owner. Each individual 4-H exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H Beef Club Project. FFA or 4-H Clubs as a whole shall be co-owner and shall abide by these rules.
 2. (a) Each school Ag Education department, the 4-H Beef Clubs, shall be eligible to show and sell a steer yearly.
 - (b.) No ownership changes or exchanges will be permitted after registration at the first weigh-in.
3. At least 148 day, pre-Fair weigh-in and registration is required. All animals shall be weighed, marked, mouthed and registered on the date and time established by the Steer Committee, on or before 148 days prior to the Fair. It is the intent of the Fair Committee, for fairness of the exhibitors, for the animal to be between the ages of 14 months and a maximum cap of 24 months of age at final weigh-in.
4. Proof of purchase shall be furnished at initial weigh-in.
5. Steer exhibitors may not show swine. Anyone weighing in a steer at first weigh-in is not eligible to show a swine project.

Health Regulations: (For Final Check-in)

1. All animals must be checked in by a veterinarian. All exhibitors must comply with State of Florida Health Rules and all animals must meet minimum health standards as determined by the Fair Veterinarian.
2. All vehicles transporting steers to the Fair must meet State guidelines.

General:

1. **All steers must be neutered prior to first weigh-in. No steers will be castrated or dehorned at first weigh-in. No exceptions.** Steers with horns longer than two inches will be rejected by the Steer Committee at final weigh-in. Dehorned steers must be completely healed at final weigh-in. Any small scurs or horns must be filed smooth. No sharp tips will be allowed.
2. No steer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led at final check-in time. Steers that are unmanageable during the show will be pulled to the side of the ring and tied or sent home. Use of nose tongs or leads, ring or "Jim Bob" type halter is prohibited.
3. All steers shall be double-tied with at least 1/2 inch neck and lead rope and halters of good quality.
4. Curb chain show halters will be permitted provided that exhibitor demonstrates that he/she is capable of handling the steer with such a halter.
5. Steers found to have been on a nurse cow during the feeding period shall be considered an ineligible animal for show and sale. If it is discovered after the sale, the exhibitor must make restitution to the buyer and cover all expenses incurred to the Fair Association.
5. (a) No steer shall have access to grass pastures with the exception of extreme weather conditions or while exhibitor is exercising the animal. It is the intent of the Fair Board Livestock Committee to supply ONLY grain fed beef to buyers.
6. The exhibitor will be allowed to be assisted by their 4-H leader, FFA advisor, parent or another exhibitor only for preparation to showing and selling, but not while in the ring

6. (a) All exhibitors are required to wear boots, white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the show and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale. FFA must wear Official Dress.
7. No provision will be made to sell animals disqualified. Only animals that are shown are eligible for auction sale.
8. 4-H and FFA steer classes will be shown and judged together. Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion shall be made from first place winners from each class. The second place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion.
9. Sifting steers deemed by the Fair Livestock Committee to be dwarfs, bullocks, or stags will not be eligible to show.
10. Steers may be mouthed and any steer with evidence of eruption of any permanent teeth other than two center incisors will not be eligible to show. Discrepancies between physiological age (dental structure) and chronological age (certified age certificate) will be resolved by relying on age as determined by dental structure. A steer must be no older than 24 months as Fair time.
11. All unqualified or sifted steers must be removed from the Fairgrounds on the day of disqualification.
12. No decorations on animals at anytime. (i.e. glitter, paint or signs)
13. Each exhibitor should have one buyers letter with three buyer addresses attached to buyers letter inside of the record book at final weigh-in.

Feeding and Bedding:

1. All steers will be bedded on sand only. No bedding hay allowed.
2. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor. No water pails will be left unattended in front of steer.
3. All exhibitors of steers are required to keep the steer's space clean and removal of litter and filth twice daily.

4. All exhibitors found not properly feeding and caring for his or her steer may be disqualified from show and/or sale at anytime during Fair week.

SALE: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY & TIME

1. The sale of steers will take place on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 2pm.
2. Cost deductions: Cost for auctioneer's fee, advertising, cutting and wrapping, transportation to slaughter and other costs will be charged against each steer.
3. All animals are expected to have a carcass grade of at least select. Exhibitor shall be responsible to pay difference in price of standard and select steer, as well as, any penalty for small carcass will be deducted from the individual exhibitor's proceeds. In addition, the price differences between dark cutters and select grade steer shall be paid by ALL exhibitors and prorated as is cutting and wrapping charges.
4. All requirements must be met before the exhibitor may receive their premium checks.
5. All youth exhibitors are required to write a thank you letter to the buyer of their steer. A verification signature card must be submitted to the fair office before a check will be issued.
6. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers. A list of these letters must be turned in with their record book at the final check-in.
7. There will be a \$ 10.00 charge at the first weigh-in on each animal. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost normally assessed each steer following the sale.
8. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more.
9. Liability - Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her steer until removed from the Fairgrounds, at which time it becomes the liability of the buyer.
10. Any steer weighing over 1300 pounds will sell as 1300 pounds, regardless of weight.

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1st – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Steers, Danny and Kim Alfonso, 776-5857; and if they are unable to answer your question

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Steers, Hugh Taylor, 322-1110

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2012

Swine

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Lynn Howell

AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Gene Glassburn

SCHEDULE:

Registrations for this area can be obtained from your 4-H or FFA Leader. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and turned in to your leader by October 14, 2011. 4-H and FFA Leaders will turn in their respective clubs registrations to the Fair Office. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. All swine must have an ear tag (provided by fair association) and must have a tattoo with the same number corresponding to the ear tag.

Fair Arrival: January 10, 2012 2-5 PM

Swine Showmanship Show: January 11, 2012 6 PM

Swine Show: January 12, 2012 6 PM

Swine Sale: January 14, 2012 2 PM

SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.
2. Must be a member of a Swine Club or FFA Chapter.
3. 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 allowing the swine to participate in the show and sale. Example: Crippled, limping, herniated, skin disease, etc., but not limited to these examples.
4. Barrows and gilts must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before October 14, 2011.
5. All applications must be completed when turned in.

6. *****All swine at the final weigh-in must weigh at least 240 pounds and have a minimum of .50 inches of back fat and a maximum of 1.50 inches of back fat as determined by ultra-sound. Any swine weighing over 290 pounds will sell at 290 pounds, regardless of weight.**
7. All hogs must be unloaded and weighed on foot.
8. Weigh-in information is mandatory; entries will not be accepted unless weigh-in is properly authorized. All swine will be weighed in on the certified scales at the Fairgrounds. **THAT WEIGH-IN WILL BE FINAL.**
9. All market swine health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines.
10. All entry blanks must be filled out completely. All information and signatures must be completed or entry will not be accepted.
11. 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 show a swine project.
12. School Ag- Ed departments and 4-H Swine Club will be permitted to exhibit one swine. However, no person can raise or exhibit more than one animal, so the steer or swine exhibited as outlined above should be shown by a member other than the ones who have a steer or swine of their own in the Fair.
13. Exhibitor and parent or guardian must be present at weigh-in.
14. All animals must be checked in by a state veterinarian. All exhibitors must comply with State of Florida Health Rules and all animals must meet minimum health standards as determined by the Fair veterinarian. **All swine must be tested for Brucellosis and Pseudo-Rabies and have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) issued from a veterinarian accredited in the State of Florida. *******
15. All entries must be market hogs. All will have teeth cut and barrows will have been castrated before entry date and castration will be verified by fair officials.
16. All breeds and crosses of domestic type hogs will be eligible. **Absolutely no wild wood hogs or crosses will be accepted. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification.**

17. All animals will be trained and under control during the show and sale, a working cane for controlling their entry may be used.

18. Swine must be shown and sold by exhibitor unless sickness or death occurs in the immediate family, in which case permission for a stand-in must be granted by the Fair Directors. A stand-in is not eligible for Showmanship or Grooming competition. Violation of this rule will result in animal being sold at rail price.

19. Only the exhibitor and others approved by the Area Superintendent will be allowed to care for and groom the show animal.

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

21. 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 winners in each class. The second place blue ribbon to the Champion will qualify to compete for Reserve Champion.

22. All swine entries will be screened by a sifting committee.

23. All unqualified or sifted animals must be removed from the Fairgrounds on the day of disqualification.

24. All exhibitors are required to wear boots, white long sleeve button down dress shirts, black pants (No Denim Blue Jeans!) during the show and sale. No hats allowed during the show and sale. FFA must wear Official Dress.

25. Each exhibitor or other representative will be responsible for feeding, watering and other care of his animal and will be required to help clean the barn.

26. All grooming of hogs will be done in a designated area. No washing at Fair.

27. The use of any cosmetics on a show animal may result in that animal being disqualified. Example: oil, powder, creams or altering agents.

28. All hogs will be bedded on boards. No bedding hay allowed.

29. Exhibitors not properly feeding, caring for and/or managing hogs will be charged a fee and forfeit the right to all premiums won.
30. The sale of hogs will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 2pm.
31. Cost deductions: Cost for auctioneer's fee, cutting and wrapping, advertising, transportation to slaughter, and other costs will be charged against each hog.
32. All requirements must be met before the exhibitor may receive their premium checks.
33. A Thank-you letter with a stamped, addressed envelope will be turned in to designated barn person on Saturday.
34. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers. Copies of these must be turned with your record book at the final check-in.
35. There will be a \$10.00 charge required at the time of application on each animal. These funds will be used to cover a portion of the cost normally assessed each hog following sale.
36. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his hog until removed from the Fairgrounds, at which time it becomes the liability of buyer.
37. The Manatee River Fair Association will only handle add-on's totaling \$25.00 or more.
38. All hogs not picked up by buyer will go to the same processing facility.
39. The swine barn will be closed to the public during specified feeding and handling periods specified by the Barn Superintendent.
40. A verification signature card must be submitted to the fair office by April 1st before sale checks will be given out.

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2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Swine, Gene Glassburn at (863)838-3502.

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Swine, Lynn Howell at 322-1311.