

Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the prosperity and the well-being of the citizens of Manatee County are highly dependent upon the cooperation, mutual understanding, and respect between our agriculture producers and the urban segment of our population; and

WHEREAS, this year's Farm-City Week celebration will feature "A Rancher's Everyday Life" and will draw attention to our agricultural heritage and recognizing the county fair as the original display of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County's agricultural industry is one of our largest industries providing food, jobs, and an estimated 500 million dollars annually in economic impact in our county; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the land in Manatee County is used for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the general public of Manatee County has a great stake in a healthy and productive agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unusual opportunity for those in agriculture enterprises and their city neighbors to become acquainted, and to work together for a better understanding of our interdependence on each other; and

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity for greater understanding which leads to increased harmony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the week of November 14-19, 2011, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

FARM CITY WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, and all citizens are urged to recognize the outstanding contributions agriculture has made to our economy and community.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 8th day of November 2011.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Carol Whitmore, Chairman

ATTEST: R. B. "Chips" Shore/
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: _____

Susan P. Romine
Deputy Clerk

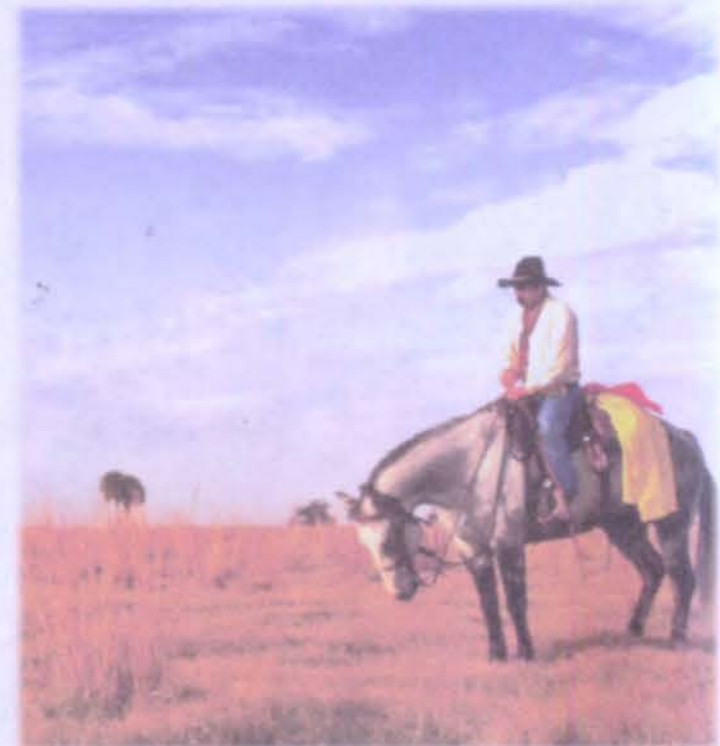
Farm City Week 2011

Manatee County

- Manatee County agriculture has a \$646 million annual impact to the local economy.
- Livestock production, valued at more than \$35 million, utilizes over 191,130 acres.
- The beef cattle industry ranks 9th in the state; the dairy industry ranks 8th; and hobby livestock is valued at over \$3.5 million.
- 9,500 acres of hay and silage are produced each year.
- Approximately 28,000 acres of vegetables are grown each year, valued at more than \$290 million annually.
- Manatee County produces 40% of the tomatoes grown in Florida and over 70% of all fresh market tomatoes grown in the US.

Rodeo:
A Rancher's Way of Life

- Ornamental horticulture commodities rank 13th in the state, at a value of more than \$34 million.
- Citrus production is ranked 10th in the state, with 18,609 acres or more than 2.4 million trees.
- Manatee County fishermen harvest over 3 million pounds of fish annually, valued at over \$5 million.



MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT	Farm City Week	TYPE AGENDA ITEM	Proclamation
DATE REQUESTED	November 8, 2011	DATE SUBMITTED/REVISED	July 25, 2011
BRIEFINGS? Who?	N/A	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	N/A
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Community Services/Agriculture and Extension Service	AUTHORIZED BY TITLE	Marina D'Abreau, Division Mgr. X3230, 230
CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE/EXTENSION	Marina D'Abreau, Division Mgr. X3230, 230	PRESENTER/TITLE TELEPHONE/EXTENSION	Marina D'Abreau, Division Mgr. X3230, 230
ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL			

ACTION DESIRED INDICATE WHETHER 1) REPORT; 2) DISCUSSION; 3) FORM OF MOTION; OR 4) OTHER ACTION REQUIRED
Adoption of a Proclamation designating November 14 – 19, 2011, as Farm City Week in Manatee County, Florida.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy
Board Policy on Proclamation.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm City Week is a national program sponsored by Kiwanis International and locally by the Bradenton Kiwanis Club and Manatee County Farm City Week Committee. • Farm City Week is scheduled for November 14 – 19, 2011. The purpose of the program is to recognize the importance of Agriculture in Manatee County and to emphasize the inter-dependence of Agriculture and other segments of our County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW	
Check appropriate box	APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION
<input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED Written Comments: NOV 08 2011 <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Available from Attorney (Attorney's initials: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT REVIEWED (No apparent legal issues.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT REVIEWED (Utilizes exact form or procedure previously approved by CAO.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER

ATTACHMENTS: (List in order as attached)		INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS:	
Proclamation		Please return approved copies of agenda to Millie Hernandez, Community Services Department/Agriculture & Extension Service Division	
COST:	N/A	SOURCE (ACCT # & NAME):	N/A
COMMENTS:	Done on an annual basis	AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS: (ATTACH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT)	N/A