



# 2024 Mahoning County Fair Hay Bale Decorating Contest

Contest open to any individual, team, or group.

## Rules:

1. Entry forms must be received by August 1, 2024
  2. The Mahoning County Fair will provide one (1) round bale for each entry. Each entry may also use a maximum of 8 small rectangular bales which the entrant must supply.
  3. Round bales will be placed by the Fair either on their side or standing on end. Please specify your choice on entry form.
  4. Bales must declare a category – undeclared will be placed in open category  
     Categories:                      A. Fair Theme – The Valley’s Homecoming  
   B. Open
- \* Director reserves the right to place bale entry in open category
5. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials and creativity.
  6. The bales must be decorated in a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed.
  7. No commercial or political party signs of any kind are allowed.
  8. Decorations should be wind and waterproof. They should be checked and maintained daily by entrants.
  9. Latex paint may be applied to the bales only and not on any surrounding grass or blacktop.
  10. Entrants can start decorating hay bales on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 AM and must be completed by Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
  11. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
  12. A premium of \$30.00 will be paid for each bale display accepted by the committee.
  13. Decorations may not be removed before 9:00 p.m., Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and must be removed by noon, Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any decorations not removed will be discarded by the Fair.

**\*The Fair Board reserves the right to limit the number of entries\***

**Premiums will be awarded to the first three places:**

**1st Place \$100.00      2nd Place \$50.00      3rd Place \$30.00**

Individual / Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:    \_\_\_\_\_ Fair Theme – The Valley’s Homecoming    \_\_\_\_\_ Open

Brief Description of Hay Bale Decoration: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your bale placed?    \_\_\_\_\_ Standing on end    **OR**    \_\_\_\_\_ on side

Mail entry to: Mahoning County Fair  
Hay Bale Decorating Contest  
7265 Columbiana – Canfield Rd.  
Canfield, OH 44406

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