



# Old McDonald's Farm



Register online at <https://sumteryos.fairwire.com/>

Dear Exhibitor,

It's fair time again! We thank you for your interest in YOUR county fair. I am pleased to see that you are also interested in the Old McDonald's Farm. Please review our rules in its entirety and understand that these rules are set to have a fun fair. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate, or wait to ask.

Over the past few years, we have made many changes in the way we operate the barn and its looks. I hope that you are pleased with where it has gone and where it is continuously going. We try to find easier and more interactive ways to improve and are always open to new ideas. If you have an idea or wish to help, please let us know!

Please note some key rules below:

- 1 (one) entry only per Exhibitor
- Deadline of this application: **Friday February 7, 2025, by 12:00 noon**
- Space is limited; therefore, applications turned in by deadline will be accepted first.
- Number of Poultry pens: **30**
- Number of Rabbit pens: **42**
- Number of Display stalls: **11**
- Check in date for Rabbits: **Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm**
- Check in date for Poultry and Display: **Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm**
- Check out date begins: **Sunday, March 9, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** No animals will be allowed to leave prior to the checkout date. **If any animal is removed from the barn prior to Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, you will forfeit your premium award money and will not be allowed to show the following year.**
- Poster size: 11 x 17
- **Voluntary Showmanship will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Don't forget to make a poster about your animal. We want Old McDonald's Farm to not only be a place to see the animals but to learn about them and their owners. Feel free to make a poster about your animal, how you took care of your animal, or anything relating to your animal. These posters will be posted around the barn.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact the fair office at 352-569-6851. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas and people to help improve our barn. Remember that this is **YOUR** barn.

See You Real Soon!



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## Rules and Regulations

1. All Entry forms must be submitted online for Poultry, Rabbit, and Display animals, the registration must be **received by Friday February 7, 2025, by 12:00 noon.**  
  
Only Sumter County residents are eligible to exhibit animals. Exhibitors age can range from birth to 18 years old.
2. All entries must be checked in at the Barn on the following dates:
  - **Rabbits – Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm**
  - **Poultry and Display Animals - Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm**
  - **Only pre-registered animals will be accepted**
3. The Fair Association will be responsible for feeding all animals while they are at the fair on exhibit. **Display animals must have feed provided by the owner and must clean their stalls daily.**
4. No sales of animals shall be allowed while on exhibit.
5. All exhibit animals are to be removed on **Sunday, March 9, 2025, from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm.** Please see the person in charge to check out animal. No animals will be allowed to leave prior to the check-out date and time, your premium award will be forfeited and can't show next year.
6. A state poultry inspector will test birds at check-in and will check all other animals. No diseased animal will be allowed to stay.
7. **Cattle, goats, and sheep must be accompanied by a veterinarian health certificate.**
8. **Ponies must have a certificate of current negative Coggins test.**
9. Any animal or bird needing a special cage must be provided by the Exhibitor on a space available basis.
10. Swine will **not** be allowed to be exhibited in the Old McDonald's Farm.
11. All Exhibitors will be given a fair pass if they plan to come and go during the fair. **Daily passes are \$10 for adults 12 & up, kids 6-11 years, military, and seniors \$7, 5 and under are free. Weeklong passes are \$45. Passes may be purchased, during registration, check-in, or online at [sumterfair.net](http://sumterfair.net).**
12. Animal judging will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 2:00pm. Voluntary Showmanship will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 6:00pm. All decisions will be final.
13. Entry Fees are:
  - a. Poultry, Ducks, Pheasants, and Guinea Fowl--- \$10.00 each
  - b. Rabbit --\$10.00 each
  - c. Display Animals-----**\$20.00 each**



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- 14. There will be a voluntary Showmanship Class open to all Exhibitors. If the Exhibitor is interested in participating in this class please register online, there is no entry fee for showmanship. The ages for each division will be as follows: **Clover bud ages 5-7, Junior ages 8-10 years, Intermediate ages 11-13 years, and Senior ages 14-18 years.** Please place the age of the Exhibitor as of September 1, 2024, so they will be placed in the correction division.
- 15. The Fair Board reserves the right to amend, change or add to any of the above rules at any time provided notice of such amendments, changes, or additions shall be furnished to all registered Exhibitors, FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents.

### Checks in dates are as follows:

- **Rabbits** – Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm
- **Poultry and Display Animals-** Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm

### **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Awards will be given in the following categories:

All Exhibitors will receive a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon for Pure or Non-Pure-Bred animals. Please note: Non-Pure-Bred animals will not be judged for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.

**Poultry:** Grand Champion – Pure Bred  
Reserve Grand Champion – Pure Bred

**Rabbits:** Grand Champion – Pure Bred  
Reserve Grand Champion – Pure Bred

**Display Animals:** Best Display  
Reserve Best Display

**Showmanship:** Clover bud (ages 5 - 7 as of 9/1/2024)  
Junior Division (ages 8 – 10 years as of 9/1/2024)  
Intermediate Division (ages 11 – 13 years as of 9/1/2024)  
Senior Division (ages 14 – 18 years as of 9/1/2024)