

113th Annual Benton County

Free Fair

August 4th – 9th 2026

FAIR INFORMATION AND OPEN CLASS
EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK



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The Benton County Agricultural Society Officers and Directors
welcome you to the
2026 Annual Benton County Fair -
113 Years of Fair Fun!

The Benton County Agricultural
Society Board of Directors
would like to thank
everyone who is involved in the Fair.
Without the involvement of our
community, we would not be able to have
the best county fair in Minnesota!

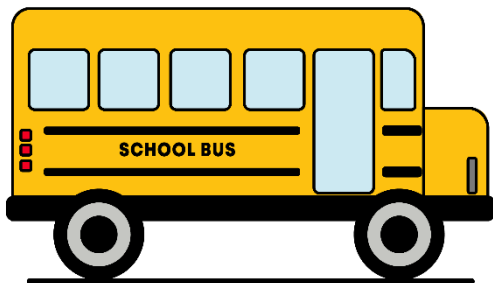
President – Ted Prom – Director, 22 Years
Vice-President – Sam Morris – Director, 6 Years
Secretary - Erich Rothstein – Director, 2 Years
Treasurer - Ken Bemboom – Director, 5 Years
Jody Prom – Director, 12 Years
Scott Morris – Director, 8 Years
Jimmy Zanardi – Director, 3 Years
James Trantina – Director, 2 Years
Troy Theisen – Director, 1 year

Staff: General Manger – Ashley Willenbring
Financial Support – Cheryl Scapanski

Thank You...

Benton County Fair General Rules

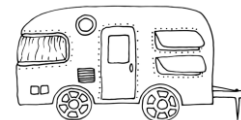
1. Upon entering fairgrounds, be advised that photographs or videos taken of the activities or events may be used for future fair promotions, publications, and social media.
2. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on fairgrounds, except from their place of business or exhibit. Posting or distribution of any kind is strictly prohibited.
3. No skateboards, hoverboards, roller skates, in-line skates, bikes, motorized scooters, ATVs or golf carts, with the exception of handicap scooters, allowed on the fairgrounds. The fair board can authorize acceptance of special needs by stopping at the office for permission. Use of motorized vehicles on fairgrounds during fair week is limited only to golf carts, 4-wheelers, gators and the like which are in use by fair staff will be permitted during the fair.
4. **No pets or animals shall be allowed** on the fairground's premises, unless:
 - a) It is a Bonafide service animal;
 - b) Its presence is authorized by the fair board in advance of its attendance and it is either leashed or kenneled at all times while on site;
 - c) Its presence is part of an organized and announced fair activity.
5. No smoking or vaping inside any of the buildings, or within 20 feet of any entrance. No marijuana, THC, or CBD is allowed on the grounds.
6. No person shall bring alcoholic beverages onto the fairgrounds during the fair.
7. No refunds for any event on fairgrounds during the fair once the fair has started.
8. The greatest possible care will be executed by the Benton County Fair Board to protect patrons while at the fair; however, each individual will be held personally responsible for his or her actions, and the fair board will not be accountable or responsible for injury.



The **FREE** shuttle bus will be running daily Tuesday thru Sunday from the fairgrounds to the Sauk Rapids VFW



Winter Storage



The buildings on the Benton County Fairgrounds are available for winter storage for boats, cars, campers and motorcycles from October through April.

For more information, check out the website: www.bentonfairmn.com
Or email: storage@bentonfairmn.com

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Around the Fair

Activity Area

August 4th – 7th Jurassic Kingdom, shows at 1pm, 5pm, 7:30pm
August 8th Jurassic Kingdom, shows at 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 7:30pm
August 9th Jurassic Kingdom, shows at 12pm, 4pm

August 4th – 9th Jurassic Kingdom Mini Golf - All day!

Mechanical Bull – All day

Butterfly House – All day

Cottonwood Stage

August 4th Magic Village 3:00pm, 4:00pm

August 5th Ventriloquist 10am 1:30pm-2:00pm, 5:00pm-5:30pm
Jolly Huntsman 11:00am-1:00pm, 2:30pm-4:30pm
Benjamin Ray 6:30pm – 9:30pm

August 6th Ventriloquist 11:15am-12:00pm, 5:15pm-6:15pm
Classic Country 12:30pm-4:30pm
Andy Austin 6:30pm-9:30pm

August 7th 4-H Pet Show 10:00am-Noon *between lunch stand & Cottonwood*
Ventriloquist 12:00pm-12:30pm, 2:00pm-2:30pm, 4:00pm-4:30pm
4-H Fashion Review 5:00pm-6pm

August 8th Rooster Crowing Contest 10:00am
Human Crowing Contest 11:00am
St Cloud Music Academy 11:30am-1:30pm
Talent Show 2:00pm-4:00pm

August 9th Community Church Service 10am – 11am



Grandstand Events

Tuesday, August 4th

PRCA Rodeo - Show starts at 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 5th

PRCA Rodeo - Show starts at 7:00pm

Thursday, August 6th

Truck Pull - Show starts at 6:00pm

Friday, August 7th

Tractor & Semi Pull - Show starts at 5:00pm

Saturday, August 8th

Demolition Derby - Show starts at 6:30pm

Sunday, August 3rd

Demolition Derby - Show starts at 1:00pm

Beer Garden Stage

Tuesday, August 4th

Mystery Machine - 7:30-10:30pm

Wednesday, August 5th

Ragtown - 8:00-11:00pm

Thursday, August 6th

Verge - 7:30-11:00pm

Friday, August 7th

Mason Dixon Line - 8:00-11:30pm

Saturday, August 8th

Rival 5 - 8:00-11:30pm

Sunday, August 9th

Prairie Smoke - 1:00-4:00pm



Bloody Mary Bar – 11:00am – 2:00pm – Thursday through Sunday in the Beer Garden

JINDO - Music Bingo in the Beer Garden:

Tuesday: 3pm – 6pm Wednesday: 3pm - 6pm Thursday: 3pm – 6pm Friday: 2pm – 5pm

ATTENTION: LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

DUE TO STATE OF MN REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL TRACEABILITY, NEW LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EACH SPECIES EXHIBITED CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.BENTONFAIRMN.COM

THE EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE ANY PAPERWORK DOCUMENTATION THAT IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE HEALTH REGULATIONS GOVERNING BOTH 4-H AND OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING FROM MINNESOTA MUST MEET MINNESOTA REQUIREMENTS.

Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases. Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. All livestock will be inspected by the Official Veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring, this includes livestock with warts or ringworm. All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and record of the test results on a test chart or Intrastate Health Certificate must accompany the tested animals. Livestock and poultry entered in a petting exhibit are not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals in the exhibit.

DOGS. If over 6 months of age, must be accompanied by a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian. The dog must be immunized by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian with a vaccine by the USDA and used in accordance with the label and be written within the duration period for that vaccine.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING FROM STATES OTHER THAN MINNESOTA:

CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS AND POULTRY: Originating from states other than Minnesota must meet the Minnesota importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. Health certificates must list the Minnesota Exhibition as consignee, and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition except swine pseudorabies tests must be made within 30 days prior to the exhibition.

HORSES AND DOGS: Requirements are the same for those originating from Minnesota.

LOCAL FAIRBOARD OPTIONS: The exhibition management may adopt more but not less restrictive health requirements than required by state rules.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The Benton County Agricultural Society reserves the right to reject or remove any exhibit or individual from the fairgrounds.
2. **No animals will be permitted to be taken away before 5:00pm on the last day of the fair.**
3. All exhibitors with animals must be sure that their stock is entered in the proper class. It will be the duty of the judge to rule out any animals not answering the entry and no change or alteration will be permitted after the entries are placed in the hands of the clerk.
4. The fairboard will take every precaution in its power for preservation of livestock on exhibition, but will not be responsible for loss by theft, fire or damage that may occur in the delivery.
5. No advertising of any kind shall be permitted on the grounds unless space is rented, unless approved by the Board of Directors and signed off by the secretary

6. The management will not be responsible for typographical errors in the list, but should any occur, same will be interpreted by the Executive Committee.

7. No animal will be allowed to compete for cash premiums that is not named and numbered in the premium list.

8. Benton County resident exhibitors will be given priority in limited entry classes. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to keep their animals at the Fair from Friday through close of fair on Sunday.

9. If the receipts should prove insufficient to meet all demands, the Society reserves the right to first pay all Bonafide expenses of the Fair and pay premiums prorated with the balance on hand.

10. Pens will be assigned by barn supervisors.

11. A parking pass is required to park on-grounds. Passes may be purchased at livestock gate or at the fair office. Livestock trailers **MUST** park in designated areas.

SPECIAL RULES GOVERNING COMMITTEES

1. No person will be permitted to interfere with the committee members or judges while in the performance of their duties. In case of doubt as to their power, committee will refer the matter to the Fair Secretary.

2. Stalls will be provided at a charge of \$10.00 per head for beef and \$5.00 per head for dairy. Pens will be provided for sheep, goats and llamas at \$5.00 per head. Entry/pen fees must be included with registration form and paid in advance.

3. All appeal cases shall be settled by the Executive Committee at a future meeting when all parties interested shall be notified to appear.

4. Awards will be deemed final, unless appealed from the protest and filed with the Secretary before the close of the Fair.

5. No animal shall be entered in more than one class with these exceptions: a) in all divisions as one of the sweepstakes, b) an animal may compete in its regular class and also as one of a herd or pen.

6. No animal will be awarded a prize unless promptly brought into show ring when lot is called. Animals entered and not brought in to the ring at the proper time, unless excused by the Superintendent will be charged \$3 per day for the use of pen/stall.

7. Judges shall give reasons for their decisions, embracing the value of desirable qualities of the animal to whom premiums are awarded.

8. The Superintendent of each department will confirm that the judging reports are correct as reported for their departments.

9. Animals that are leased may only be shown by the person that is leasing the animal. Owner of the leased animal may not show the animal in competition. Exception: Llamas

10. The directors of the Benton County Fair reserve the right to release or take control of any animals that are found to be unsafe or that could cause potential harm to the public. Animals that are found to be unhealthy or have potential infections to other animals or humans by owners or veterinarians will be asked to remove the animals from the grounds. Decisions of the health and safety of the livestock being exhibited will be done by the Boards Consumer Protection committee which oversees the health and safety of all fair attendees.

**KEEP FOOT – AND – MOUTH
DISEASE OUT OF MINNESOTA**

**If you have been out of
North America in the past 7 days,
PLEASE DO NOT
enter livestock facilities.**

OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK

CATTLE

ALL CATTLE EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.

DUE TO THE STATE OF MN REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL TRACEABILITY, NEW LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EACH SPECIES EXHIBITED BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT:
WWW.BENTONFAIRMN.COM

ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID WHEN REGISTERED TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY.

CATTLE LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION
(See summary of state rules)

ATTENTION 2026 CATTLE EXHIBITORS:

PER MN BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH:
New rules have been drafted with animal traceability in mind. The Board has taken a proactive approach that enhances Minnesota's ability to effectively trace livestock during a disease event. All cattle, including breeding cattle for exhibition must be officially identified upon movement from the herd to another location. All cattle must be officially identified through the State of Minnesota's ID Process.

Please see www.bentonfairmn.com or for additional information, www.mn.gov/bah, call 651-296-2942, <http://tinyurl.com/rules-BAH> for the complete rules

NOTICE: HAY AND STRAW TO BE SUPPLIED BY EXHIBITORS

DEPARTMENT 1

BEEF CATTLE

Exhibitors may not show over two entries in a single lot and only one entry in herd or group.

ONE DAY BEEF SHOW

ENTRY FEE \$10.00 PER HEAD

Beef Cattle Entry Date:
Monday, July 27th

SUPERINTENDENT:

Sam Morris 320-980-2625
Chuckmorris130@gmail.com

Close of entries will be enforced to finalize stalling numbers

Judging

Sunday, August 9th at 11:00 am

Bulls over one year old **MUST** be shown with a nose lead.

Cattle may be tied out during the period of 9:30 pm to 9:30 am only. **ABSOLUTELY** no straw is to be used in the tie-out areas.

Sand or shavings may be used.

If entries not sufficient to the number in the class, the superintendent(s) will, at their discretion, divide or combine classes as they see necessary.

CLASS A FEMALES

Premiums:
\$20, \$18, \$16, \$14, \$12

LOT:

1. Calf – Jan 1 – April 30, 2026
2. Calf – Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2025
3. Summer Yearling -May 1 – Aug 21, 2025
4. Junior Yearling-Jan 1 – Apr 30, 2025
5. Senior Yearling-Sept 1-Dec 31, 2024
6. Cow/Calf

CLASS A BULLS

LOT:

1. Calf-Sept 1 2024-April 15, 2026
2. Yearling-Aug 1 2022-July, 2025
3. Two-Yr old – Jan,July, 2024

CLASS C MARKET STEER/HEIFER

Premiums:
\$20, \$18, \$16, \$14, \$12

LOT:

1. Purebred Beef Market Steer
2. Purebred Beef Heifer
3. Dairy/Beef Cross Steer
4. Dairy/Beef Cross Heifer
5. Purebred Dairy Steer

CLASS D

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship classes to follow at the end of the beef show.

LOT:

1. Junior – Grade 3-5
2. Intermediate – Grades 6-8
3. Senior – Grades 9-12

CLASS E

GROUP CLASSES

Premiums:
\$20, \$18, \$16

LOT:

1. Produce of dam-two animals, either sex, from one dam, to be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be shown by more than one exhibitor.
2. Junior Get of Sire – three animals all by one sire, both sexes to be represented. May be shown by more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible.
3. Get of Sire – four animals, all by one sire, both sexes to be represented. May be owned by or more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be represented. This get must have a minimum of two animals born between Sept 1, 2020 for the group to be eligible for the get of sire competition.
4. 5 Head – five animals of either sex, owned by exhibitor from either the calf class, junior classes or senior classes, or any combination.
5. Breeder's Herd – four animals either sex, bred and owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible.

CLASS F

PROSPECT CALF

Premiums:
\$16, \$14, \$12, \$10

Born Jan 1 2025, May 20, 2025 for all lots

LOT:

1. Purebred Beef, Prospect Steer
2. Purebred Beef Prospect Heifer
3. Dairy/Beef Cross Prospect Steer
4. Dairy/Beef Cross Prospect Heifer
5. Purebred Dairy Steer Prospect

**DEPARTMENT 3
DAIRY CATTLE**

**ONE DAY
DAIRY SHOW**
**ENTRY FEE \$10.00
PER HEAD**
**Entries close on
Monday, July 27
at 4:00 pm**

**Judging
Saturday, August 8th at 10:30am**

**CLASS A
HOLSTEINS (REGISTERED)**

Premiums:
\$17, \$14, \$12, \$10, \$8

LOT:

1. Junior Heifer Calf, born March 1 to May 31, 2026
2. Winter Heifer Calf, born Dec 1, 2024 to Feb 28, 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calf, born Sept 1, to Nov 2025
4. Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1 to Aug 31, 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1 to May 31, 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer, born Dec 1, 2024 to Feb 28, 2025
7. Senior Yearling Heifer, born Sept 1 to Nov 30, 2024
8. Junior Champion Female (no premium)
9. Reserve Junior Champion Female (from winners of Lots 1-7; no premium)
10. Junior Best Three Females – all bred and all owned by exhibitor. To consist of 3 animals under 2 yrs. Of age, none of which have freshened. (One entry per exhibitor)

Premium Lots 11 – 17:
\$25, \$22, \$20, \$18, \$16

11. Jr.2 Yr Old in Milk, born Mar 1 to Aug 31, 2024
12. Sr. 2 Yr Old in Milk, born Sept 1 2023 to Feb 28, 2024
13. Jr. 3 Yr Old in Milk, born March 1 to August 31, 2024
14. Sr. 3 Yr Old in Milk born Sept 1, 2022 to Feb. 28, 2023
15. 4 Yr Old in Milk born Sept 1, 2021 and Aug 31, 2022
16. 5 Yr Old in Milk born Sept 1, 2020 and Aug 31, 2021
17. Aged Cow in Milk born before Sept 1, 2021
18. Best Uddered Cow
19. Top Bred and Owned
20. Senior Champion Female

21. Res Sr Champion Female
22. Grand Champion Female
23. Res Gr Champion Female

Premium Lots 24 – 26:
\$17, \$14, \$12

24. 3 Best Females – 3 females any age, all bred, and at least one owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.
25. Produce of Dam – to consist of 2 animals, any age, either sex, the produce of 1 cow, the dam must be named. Each exhibitor limited to one entry from the same dam.
26. Daughter and Dam (limited to one entry)

***** IF NOT MORE THAN THREE (3)
ENTRIES IN LOT, THE FOLLOWING
LOTS MAY BE COMBINED.**

Lot 2 & 3, Lot 4 & 5, Lot 6 & 7

CLASS B HOLSTEINS (GRADE)

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS C BROWN SWISS

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS D GUERNSEY

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS E JERSEYS

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS F AYSHIRES

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS G MILKING SHORTHORN

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS H

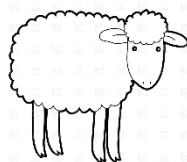
RED AND WHITE HOLSTEIN

Same Lot numbers as Class A

CLASS I CROSSBREED

Same Lot numbers as Class A

**DEPARTMENT 5
SHEEP**



**ALL SHEEP EXHIBITS MUST BE
PRE-REGISTERED**

**NOTICE: HAY AND STRAW TO BE
SUPPLIED BY EXHIBITORS**

**DUE TO THE STATE OF MN
REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL
TRACEABILITY, NEW LIVESTOCK
REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EACH
SPECIES EXHIBITED CAN BE FOUND
AT: WWW.BENTONFAIRMIN.COM**

**ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID WHEN
REGISTERED TO RECEIVE PREMIUM
MONEY**

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 Per head

**Entries close on Monday July 27th at
4:00pm
Pen fee must accompany entry form**

Check In: 6:30pm to 9:00pm on
Thursday, August 6th

**Judging:
Friday, August 7th at 9:00am
Release: Sunday, August 9th at 5:00pm**

**CLASS A
MARKET LAMB**

Premiums:
\$15, \$13, \$11, \$9, \$7

**CLASS B
BREEDING**

Premiums
\$15, \$13, \$11, \$9, \$7

LOT:

1. Yearling Ram (Over 1 yr and under 2 yr)
2. Spring Ram (Born after Jan 1, 2024)
3. Yearling Ewe (Over 1 yr and under 2 year)
4. January Ewe Lamb (Born between Jan 1, 2025 and Jan 31, 2026)
5. February Ewe Lamb (Born between Feb 1, 2025 and Feb 28, 2026)
6. March Ewe Lamb (Born between Mar 1, 2025 and Mar 31, 2026)

**CLASS C
GROUP CLASSES**

Premiums:
\$10, \$8, \$6, \$5, \$4

LOT:

1. Exhibitors Flock-Shall consist of 1 Ram- any age, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs.
2. Pair of Rams – the pair can consist of either 2 ram lambs or 2 yearling rams (Max 2 pair per exhibitor)
3. Pair of Yearling Ewes – (Max 2 pairs per exhibitor)
4. Pair of Ewe Lambs – (Max 2 pairs per exhibitor)

DEPARTMENT 5

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NOTES:

1. The Judge for each class with the exception of market animals will judge sheep according to its breed standards. The judge will then place all sheep by how they represent their breed standards that day.
2. If entries are not sufficient to the number in the class, the superintendent(s) will at their discretion divide or combine classes as they see necessary.
3. No one exhibitor may enter no more than 8 animals per class.
4. All lambs shown in lamb class must show lambs teeth.
5. All animals **MUST** have scrappie tag.
6. No ewe can be shown in a market class and a breeding class.
7. All sheep competing in group classes **MUST** be shown in regular breed classes.

DEPARTMENT 6

POULTRY

EXHIBITING OF POULTRY AT THE FAIR
TO BE DETERMINED BY
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH
DUE TO THE STATUS OF BIRD FLU
NO TESTING WILL BE DONE AT THE
FAIR

Entry forms, blood test of hatchery
statement **MUST** be received by
Monday, July 27th, 2025

SUPERINTENDENT:

Sam Morris: 320-980-2625

Chuckmorris130@gmail.com

Check In:

Thursday August 6th
From 5:00pm to 8:30pm ONLY

Release: Sunday, Aug 3rd at 5:00pm

POULTRY

EXCEPT WATERFOWL/PIGEONS

Accompanied by an official form indefinitely the fowl by using a leg or wire band and with a record of a negative test for pullorum-typhoid conducted within 90 days prior to entry to the exhibition or a record of origin from parent stock tested negative within 12 months prior to entry to the exhibition. Turkeys must be tested at a laboratory for typhimurium and mycoplasmas or have a statement of origin if less than 5 months old.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Must be free from any infectious communicable disease. A veterinarian will check all birds, and sick birds will be quarantined.
2. All poultry must be negative to the rapid whole blood test for pullorum and typhoid disease applied within 90 days prior to opening date of exhibition. No test required on poultry originating directly from parent stock that is tested and negative.
3. All birds must be banded.
4. Coops will be provided by the fair. Feed and care of the birds will be done by exhibitor.
5. All birds must qualify according to American Standard of Perfection. Birds will be judged by comparison and entrants should take note that the judge is authorized to disqualify birds not meeting the Standard of Perfection
6. Fair board is not responsible for theft, vandalism, or entries left after 6:00pm on Sunday, August 3rd.
7. Only those breeds and varieties listed in State Fair Premium Book will be eligible for cash prizes.

DEPARTMENT 6

POULTRY

Premium (Lots A – L):

1st-\$3.00, 2nd- \$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00

LOTS FOR ALL POULTRY CLASSES A – L

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet

CLASS A

ASIATIC, ALL VARIETIES

Cochins, Brahmas, Langshans

CLASS B

AMERICAN, ALL VARIETIES

Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandotte's, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanticleers, Jersey Giants, Lamona's, New Hampshires, Hollands and Delawares

CLASS C

MEDITERRANEAN, ALL VARIETIES

Leghorns, Minorca's, Spanish, Andalusians, Ancona's, Buttercups, and Catalanas

CLASS D

ENGLISH, ALL VARIETIES

Dorkings, Orpingtons, Redcaps, Cornish, Susses, and Australorps

CLASS E

CONTINENTAL, ALL VARIETIES

Hamburgs, Bamevelders, Campines, Lakenvelders, Welsummers, Polish, Houdana, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche and Faverolles

CLASS F

ALL OTHER STANDARD, ALL VARIETIES

Modern Games, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malays, Shamos, Cubalayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Sultans Frizzles, Naken Necks, Araucana's and Ameraucans

CLASS G

HYBRIDS, ALL VARIETIES

Cornish Rock and Indian River

CLASS H

SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED, ALL VARIETIES

Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalanas, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanses, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamona's, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshire, Orpinters, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish and Sussex

CLASS I

ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED, ALL VARIETIES

Anconas, Andwerrp Belgians, Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights and Wyandones

CLASS J

FEATHER LEGGED BANTAM, ALL VARIETIES

Booted, Brahmas, Cochins Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, and Sultans

CLASS K

ALL OTHER COMBS CLEAN LEGGED, ALL VARIETIES

Americana, Araucana's, Buckeyes, Chanticleers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubulayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shjaos, Bunercups Sumatras, Yokohamas

CLASS L

GAME BANTAMS, ALL VARIETIES

Modern Games and Old English

CLASS M

TRIO – BREEDING PEN, ALL VARIETIES

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT

1. Trio

DEPARTMENT 6

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**CLASS N
CHAMPION**

LOT:

- 1. Champion Cock - \$5.00
- 2. Champion Hen - \$5.00
- 3. Champion Cockerel - \$5.00
- 4. Champion Pullet - \$5.00
- 5. Champion Standard - \$5.00
- 6. Champion Bantam - \$5.00
- 7. Champion Trio - \$7.50
- 8. Champion Waterfowl - \$5.00

DEPARTMENT 7

DUCKS

**EXHIBITING OF DUCKS AT THE FAIR
TO BE DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENT
OF ANIMAL HEALTH DUE TO THE
STATUS OF BIRD FLU**

Premiums:

1st-\$3.00, 2nd- \$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00

LOTS FOR A-H CLASSES:

- 1. Old Drake
- 2. Old Duck
- 3. Young Drake
- 4. Young Duck

**CLASS A
PEKINGS**

**CLASS B
ROUENS**

**CLASS C
MUSCOVY**

**CLASS D
BUFF**

**CLASS E
CAVUGA**

**CLASS F
RUNNER**

**CLASS G
CALL DUCK**

**CLASS H
EAST INDIA**

**CLASS I
ALL OTHER – MUST IDENTIFY**

DEPARTMENT 8

TURKEYS



**EXHIBITING OF TURKEYS AT THE FAIR
TO BE DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENT
OF ANIMAL HEALTH DUE TO THE
STATUS OF BIRD FLU**

Premiums:

1st-\$3.00, 2nd- \$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00

CLASS A

LOT:

- 1. Old Tom
- 2. Old Hen
- 3. Young Tom
- 4. Young Hen

DEPARTMENT 9

GEESE

**EXHIBITING OF GEESE AT THE FAIR TO
BE DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENT OF
ANIMAL HEALTH DUE TO THE STATUS
OF BIRD FLU**

Premiums:

1st-\$3.00, 2nd- \$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00

**CLASS A
ALL VARIETIES**

LOT:

- 1. Old Gander
- 2. Old Goose
- 3. Young Gander
- 4. Young Goose

DEPARTMENT 10

GAME BIRDS

**EXHIBITING OF GAME BIRDS AT THE
FAIR TO BE DETERMINED BY
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH
DUE TO THE STATUS OF BIRD FLU**

Premiums:

1st-\$3.00, 2nd- \$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00

LOTS FOR ALL CLASSES:

- 1. Old Male
- 2. Old Female
- 3. Young Male
- 4. Young Female

**CLASS A
QUAIL**

**CLASS B
PHEASANT**

**CLASS C
PEACOCK**

DEPARTMENT 11

PIGEONS

**EXHIBITING OF PIGEONS AT THE FAIR
TO BE DETERMINED BY DEPARTMENT
OF ANIMAL HEALTH DUE TO STATUS
OF BIRD FLU
No Entry Fee**

Check In:

**Thursday August 6th
5:00 pm to 8:30 pm ONLY.**

Release: Sunday, August 9th at 5:00 pm
Not responsible for birds left after 6:00 pm
on Sunday, August 9th

**READ RULLES AND REGULATIONS
UNDERR POULTRY DEPARTMENT FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

**CLASS A
UTILITY BIRDS**

Giant Homer, Careaux., Florentine,
Hungarians, Show Kings, Runts and Strasser
LOT:

- 1. Old Cock
- 2. Old Hen
- 3. Young Cock
- 4. Young Hen

**CLASS B
FANCY VARIETIES**

Carriers, Dragoons, Pouters, Tumblers,
Modenas, Owls, Swallows, Toy Bird and
other rare varieties

LOT:

- 1. Old Cock
- 2. Old Hen
- 3. Young Cock
- 4. Young Hen

**CLASS C
FLYING BIRDS**

Rollers (any color), Oriental, Tipples, Flight
and Racing Homers

LOT:

- 1. Old Cock
- 2. Old Hen
- 3. Young Cock
- 4. Young Hen

DEPARTMENT 12 RABBIT SHOW

ALL RABBIT EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Sam Morris: 320-980-2625

Chuckmorris130@gmail.com

DUE TO THE STATE OF MN REQUIREMENT FOR ANIMAL TRACEABILITY, NEW LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EACH SPECIES EXHIBITED CAN BE FOUND AT

OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.BENTONFAIRMN.COM.

No Entry Fee

Check In:

Thursday August 6th

5:00 pm to 8:30 pm ONLY.

Judging: Saturday, Aug 2 at 9:00am

Release: Sunday, August 9th at 5:00pm

Not responsible for rabbits left after 6:00pm on Sunday, August 9th

EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FEEDING, WATERING AND CLEANING CAGES DAILY.

YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN FOOD.

1. All breeds accepted by American Rabbit Breeders Association are eligible. Rabbits will be judged according to ARBA standards.
2. Exhibit numbers may be limited due to space available.
3. Exhibitors must present to show rabbits.
4. **MUST specify breed on entry form for each lot entered.**
5. Each rabbit must be permanently tattooed in the left ear for identification purposes.

Premiums:

1st-\$3.00, 2nd- \$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00

CLASS A MARKET

LOT:

1. Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. not over 70 days old
2. Pen of three fryers, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. not over 70 days old

CLASS B SMALL BREEDS

4 Class (small) rabbit breeds include: Dutch, Florida White, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland

Dwarf, Polish, Rex, American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgium Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, English Spot, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Lilac, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten Thrianta and Tan.

LOT:

1. Senior Buck over 6 months
2. Senior Doe over 6 months
3. Junior Buck under 6 months
4. Junior Doe under 6 months

CLASS C LARGE BREEDS

6 Class (large) rabbit breeds include: New Zealand, Satin, American Giant Angora, Bevern, Californian, Champagne Dargent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème Dargent, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Hotot, English Lop, Palomino and Silver Fox.

LOT:

1. Senior Buck over 8 months
2. Senior Doe over 8 months
3. Intermediate Buck, 6-8 months
4. Intermediate Doe, 6-8 months
5. Junior Buck under 6 months
6. Junior Doe under 6 months

CLASS D CHAMPION

Champion Premium: \$3.50

LOT:

1. Champion Fryers or meat pen
2. Champion Doe, all breeds
3. Champion Buck, all breeds

DEPARTMENT 13 GOATS

SUPERINTENDENT:

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ALL GOAT EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED

NOTICE: HAY AND STRAW SUPPLIED BY EXHIBITORS.

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WWW.BENTONFAIRMN.COM**

ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID WHEN REGISTERED TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY

PEN FEE: \$5.00 per head

Entries CLOSE Monday, July 28 at 4:00 pm

Check in: Must be in stall by Friday, Aug 8th at noon

Judging: Saturday, Aug 8th at 8:00 am

Release: Sunday, Aug 9th at 5:00 pm.

The exhibition management has the authority to adopt additional requirements

Premiums: \$13, \$11, \$9, \$7, \$5

CLASS A DAIRY GOATS

Animals from the eight recognized dairy goat breeds, American or Purebred or dairy breed crosses.

Recognized breeds are Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Toggenburg, Saanen, Sable and Nigerian Dwarf.

LOT:

1. Junior Doe Kid, Born April 1 – June 30, 2026
2. Senior Doe Kid, Born Jan 1 – March 31, 2026
3. Yearling Doe, Never in Milk – Born in 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbon

4. Yearling Doe in Milk-Born in 2025
5. 2 Yr-old Doe in Milk-Born in 2024
6. 3 and 4 Yr Old Doe in Milk-Born in 2022 and 2023
7. Aged Doe in Milk-Born in 2021 or Before
8. Junior Buck – Under 1 Yr Old
9. Senior Buck – Over 1 Yr Old

CLASS B MARKET GOATS

**Wethers or does, recognized meat goat breeds, dairy/meat breed crosses and dairy breeds. Recognized meat goat breeds are Boer or Kiiko
Cannot be animals shown in Class A.**

LOT:

1. Market Goat – Meat Breed – Born after Jan 1, 2025
2. Market Goat – Dairy Breeding – Born after Jan 1, 2025
Champion and Reserve Champion – Ribbon
3. Breeding Doe Kid – any meat goat breed born on or after Jan 1, 2025
4. Breeding Dry Yearling – any meat goat breed born in 2025 and has not freshened
5. Breeding Doe – any eat goat breed born on or after Jan 1 2025 and has freshened
6. Meat Goat Breeding Buck, any age

**DEPARTMENT 14
LLAMAS AND ALPACAS**

SUPERINTENDENT:
Cheryl Pflipsen: 320-310-7804

**IMPORTANT: ALL LLAMAS &
ALPACAS EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-
REGISTERED BY MONDAY, JULY
27TH.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS! LATE ENTRIES NOT
ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND AND RESERVE
PLACINGS**

**DUE TO THE STATE OF MN
REQUIREMENT FOR ANIMAL
TRACEABILITY, NEW LIVESTOCK
REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE
FOUND AT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.BENTONFAIRMN.COM**

**SHOW TIME: Saturday,
August 8th @ 3:00pm
ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID WHEN
REGISTERED TO RECEIVE PREMIUM
PAYOUTS
ENTRY FEE: \$10 PER HEAD**

**Animals must be in stalls or on the
grounds by Noon of the show on
Saturday, August 8th**

- 1. Llamas and alpacas must be dewormed a minimum of 7 days before the show.
- 2. The exhibition management has the authority to adopt additional requirements
- 3. The judge has the right to combine classes as needed.

Premium for Classes A-D:
\$15, \$12, \$10, \$9, \$7

**CLASS A
SHOWMANSHIP**

- LOT:
- 1. Junior Youth (exhibitor ages 8-13)
 - 2. Intermediate Youth (exhibitor ages 14-18)
 - 3. Adult (Exhibitor ages 19 & older)

**CLASS B
HALTER FEMALE –
ALL FIBER CLASSES**

- LOT:
- 1. Juvenile Female – 6-12 mo.
 - 2. Yearling Female – 13-24 mo.
 - 3. 2-Yr Old Female – 25-36 mo.
 - 4. Adult Female – 37 mo. & over

Ribbon Awarded for

**Grand Champion Female &
Reserve Champion Female
CLASS C
HALTER MALE (NON-BREEDER &
INTACT) – ALL FIBER CLASSES**

- LOT:
- 1. Juvenile Male – 6-12 mo.
 - 2. Yearling Male – 13-24 mo.
 - 3. 2 Yr Old Male – 25-36 mo.
 - 4. Adult Male – 37 mo. & over

**Ribbon Awarded for
Grand Champion Male &
Reserve Champion Male**

**CLASS D
PERFORMANCE COURSE**

- LOT:
- 1. Junior Youth (exhibitor ages 8-13)
 - 2. Intermediate Youth (exhibitor ages 14-18)
 - 3. Adult (Exhibitor ages 19 & older)

**DEPARTMENT 17
FFA FARMYARD**

Entries accepted by Sauk Rapids, Foley and Royalton High School Ag Departments

- 1. Pens and space are limited.
- 2. Exhibits in the best condition and with the greatest appeal will be given first consideration.
- 3. Premiums will be awarded only on worthy exhibits.
- 4. Facilities will be supervised at all times by FFA members.

**ALL ANIMALS EXHIBITED NEED TO BE
IDENTIFIED AS DIRECTED BY THE
BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH.**

**ANIMALS SHOULD BE IN GOOD
HEALTH AND HAVE PROPER
VACCINATION RECOMMENDATION
BEFORE EXHIBITING AT THE FAIR.**

**FFA BARNYARD SUPERINTENDENT
WILL DETERMINE WHICH ANIMALS
WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE
BARNYARD EXHIBIT AND IF ANIMALS
ARE TO BE RELEASED DURING THE
FAIR.**

**CLASS A FOWL
Premium \$10.00**

LOT:

- 1. Duck and ducklings
- 2. Geese
- 3. Hen and chicks
- 4. Rooster
- 5. Guineas
- 6. Turkeys
- 7. Pheasants
- 8. Pigeons
- 9. Bantams
- 10. Other Fowl

**CLASS B
SMALL ANIMALS
Premium \$12.50**

- LOT:
- 1. Dog and/or pups
 - 2. Rabbits – doe & litter
 - 3. Pygmy Goats
 - 4. Other Animals

**CLASS C
MEDIUM ANIMALS
Premium \$15.00**

- LOT:
- 1. Goat and/or Kids
 - 2. Dairy and/or Beef Calves
 - 3. Lambs
 - 4. Ewe and Lamb
 - 5. Other Animals

**CLASS D
LARGE ANIMALS
Premium \$20.00**

- LOT:
- 1. Cow and Calf (Dairy or Beef)
 - 2. Mare and Foal
 - 3. Other Animals

**CLASS E
AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION
Premiums - \$15.00, \$12.00, \$10.00**

- LOT:
- 1. Poster must promote agriculture or agricultural products including facts, figures, and statistics.
 - 2. Poster must be 2' x 3' in size, and made on 1/4" Masonite or 1/4" plywood.
 - 3. All entries become the property of the FFA Chapter to be displayed in the barnyard.

**DEPARTMENT 18
SWINE**

Premium \$10.00

* Static Exhibit; there is NO Show.

SUPERINTENDENT:
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OPEN CLASS AGRICULTURAL/CRAFTS EXHIBIT INFORMATION

2026 Themes: My Own Backyard & America's 250th Birthday

Open Class offers an opportunity for anyone from preschoolers to senior citizens to enter and showcase their talents! You may enter nearly anything from apples to zinnias, cakes to quilts, fairy houses to photographs, stuffed animals to strawberry jam.

You do not need to be a resident of Benton County to exhibit.

PRE-REGISTRATION of exhibits is essential for a smooth entry day. Registration forms are available online (www.bentonfairmn.com), at the end of the printed Premium Book, or at the Fair Office.

Submit registration forms as early as possible - electronically; by mail (PO Box 118, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379); or in person at the Fair Office (1410 3rd Avenue South, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379).

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JULY 27th by 7:00 PM.

Pre-register everything you think you may bring. **Registered** items you are unable to exhibit are easy to delete on entry day.

ENTRY TAGS may be picked up at the Fair Office on Friday, July 31st from 9 am to 7 pm, Saturday August 1st from 10am to 2pm, or Monday, August 3rd from 2 to 7 pm.

Early entry for non-perishable exhibits

Departments (60-99)

Non-perishable exhibits will be accepted in the Ag Craft Building on Saturday, August 1st from 10am to 2pm.

Bring entries ready for display according to the specifications for each exhibit.

ENTRY DAY for all remaining exhibits is Monday, August 3rd from 2 to 7 pm. Earlier is better!!
No fee for parking while dropping off exhibits.

Exhibits for **Flower Show 1** will also be accepted on Tuesday, August 4th from 9 to 10:30 am.

Exhibits for **Flower Show 2** will be accepted on Thursday, August 6th from 6 - 7 pm, or Friday, August 7th from 9 - 10:30 am.

THE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED Tuesday morning/early afternoon during judging and will open when judging and displays are completed.

All exhibits **MUST** remain on display until the end of the Fair.

Building Hours: Tuesday open after judging is completed

Wednesday through Saturday 10 am - 9 pm

Sunday 10 am to 4:00 pm.

The Ag Craft Building will close at 4:00 pm on Sunday, August 9th so staff can prepare exhibits for release.

EXHIBIT RELEASE Exhibitors must pick up their exhibits according to the following schedule on Sunday.

Release schedule is based on last name:

5:00-5:15 T-Z; 5:15-5:30 A-F; 5:30-5:45 G-M; and 5:45-6:00 N-S

OPEN CLASS AG/CRAFT

GENERAL RULES

1. All items must have been made, grown, or prepared by exhibitor since the 2025 Fair.
2. Ribbons, including Champion Ribbons, may be awarded per the judge's discretion.
3. Only **ONE** entry per lot per exhibitor except where noted.
4. Limit **ONE** entry per item.
5. Exhibits must contain specified number and size as indicated.
6. Benton County Agricultural Society (BCAS) is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged exhibits.
7. Judges' decisions are final.
8. Superintendent reserves the right to deny entries considered to be offensive, late, or not family-friendly.
9. Premiums will not be awarded on articles that are inferior or are not considered worthy by judges, regardless of number of exhibits.

Questions regarding Ag/Craft items and rules:

Contact Rhoda Fagerland 320-253-4360. Please text or leave voicemail.

Non-livestock schedule:

July 27st - Pre-registration deadline - Due by 7pm

July 31st - Entry tags ready for pick up (9am-7pm)

August 1st - Entry tags ready for pick up (10am-2pm)

- Early entry for non-perishables (10am-2pm)

August 3rd - Entry Day (2pm-7pm)

August 4th - Fair Opens (Ag Craft Building opens after judging is complete)

- Same day entry for Flower Show 1 (9am-10:30am)

- Non-Livestock open class judging

August 6th - August 7th - Same day entry for Flower Show 2 (9am-10:30am)

August 9th - Ag Craft Building closes at 4pm

- Fair Closes (5pm)

2027 Open Class Theme: Blue Jeans & Straw Hats

Minnesota State Fair Entry

The Minnesota State Fair will be held August 27st through September 7th, 2026 (Labor Day)

Do you want to enter exhibits at the Minnesota State Fair?

Creative Activities registration is open to anyone, regardless of County Fair awards.

Information is available at: www.mnstatefair.org/competitions/creative-activities/

Registration opens Monday, May 4th, 2026

Registration closes Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 at 4:30pm

Registration is required for entries in **ALL** categories and must be completed online or **received (not mailed)** by August 4th, at 4:30 p.m.

MADE IN THE SHADE

Check the sign at the South door for FREE daily creative activities and seminars for all ages

Tuesday August 4th

- ✓ Braid a Belt 3:00–7:00pm

Wednesday August 5th

- ✓ Color a quilt block Contest 10:00am–11:30am
- ✓ Quilting in America Seminar 1:30pm – 3:00pm
- ✓ Quilting Bee 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday August 6th

- ✓ Flower Arranging Seminar 10:00am – 11:30am
- ✓ Bread dough, Beads & Blooms Contest 1:30pm – 3:00pm
- ✓ Bread dough, beads & blooms 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Friday August 7th

- ✓ Egg Shell Art Contest 10:00am – 11:30am
- ✓ Egg Shell Mosaics 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday August 8th

- ✓ Scrap Sculpture Contest 10:00am – 11:30am
- ✓ Scrap Sculpture 3:00pm – 7:00pm

All Week/All Ages:

- Color a Quilt. Pick up and color a paper quilt block for our Community Quilt Collage!
- Sit & Knit: Crochet, Embroider, Tat...

AG CRAFT BUILDING CULINARY CONTESTS

Wednesday, August 5th - Senior Day: Favorites from Grandma's cookbook – 4 servings, 1:30pm

Saturday, August 8th - Kids Day: Favorite cookie – 8 Cookies, 1:30pm

No pre-registration is required. BOTH DAYS ARE OPEN TO ALL AGES

- Bring your entry to the Ag Craft Building by 12:30pm on day of contest.
- Attach paper/notecard with Name & phone #
- Must attach recipe with source of recipe. A Back Story is nice!
- Only one entry per exhibitor per day.
- No mixes.
- Amateur bakers only.

Entries will be judged upon:

- ✓ Appearance
- ✓ Taste/Flavor
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Texture



PRIZES = Coborn's Gift Certificates: 1ST - \$10.00 2ND - \$7.00 3RD - \$5.00

OPEN CLASS AG CRAFT EXHIBITS

Rules for Depts. 30 - 34

1. All articles must be entered in the name of the grower.
2. Must have number specified in exhibit.
3. An exhibitor may make more than one entry in a lot only **IF** each is substantially different. This rule applies in each class unless otherwise indicated.



DEPARTMENT 30

FRUITS

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A

APPLES

Four (4) apples per plate
Enter by color at maturity

LOT:

1. Red, must identify
2. Green, must identify
3. Yellow, must identify
4. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS B

CRABAPPLES

Ten (10) apples per plate

LOT:

1. Any variety, must identify

CLASS C

PLUMS

Ten (10) plums per plate

LOT:

1. Any variety, must identify

CLASS D

GRAPES

Five (5) bunches per plate

LOT:

1. Any variety, must identify

CLASS E

OTHER FRUIT

LOT:

1. Cherries-any variety, must identify - 10
2. Pears-any variety, must identify - 4
3. Berries-any variety, must identify - ½ pint
4. Muskmelon-any variety - 2
5. Watermelon-any variety - 1
6. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS F

FRUIT COLLECTION

Collection of fruit - at least 3 varieties, 2 pieces of each.

LOT:

1. My Own Backyard
- 2.

DEPARTMENT 31 JUNIOR DIVISION

FRUITS

15 years or younger

Classes and Lots the same as
Department 30

DEPARTMENT 32 VEGETABLES & HERBS

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A

VEGETABLES

PREPARATION FOR EXHIBIT:

**Vegetables may be carefully washed,
but not scrubbed**

**Specimens in each lot must be of the
same varieties see rule #3 above**

Beans - Leave stems on

Root Crops -Trim tops to 1 ½" above crown; trim roots to ½"

Cabbage - Leave stem on bottom and about 4 wrapper leaves around stem

Cauliflower - Leave stem on and 5-6 leaves trimmed to 1-2"

Cucumbers - Uniform size, shape and color with ½" stem

Kohlrabi - Trim top 4-6 leaf stems to 2"; trim root off

Onions - Twist top off; do not peel to give a slick appearance, but remove outer scales that are broken or discolored; trim roots to ½": do not wash

Potatoes - Uniform in size and color

Rhubarb - Pull stem out of the ground; cut leaf to 1"

Sweet Corn - Leave inner husk on; no kernels should be showing

Tomatoes - Uniform in size, shape, and color. Remove stems.

Zucchini - 6-8" long; ½ - 1" stem

LOT:

1. Beans, any - 12
2. Beets, any - 4
3. Broccoli - 1

4. Cabbage, any - 1
5. Carrots, any - 4
6. Cauliflower - 1
7. Celery - 1 potted plant
8. Cucumbers, any - 6
9. Daikon (giant radish) - 1
10. Dill - 1 plant, including roots
11. Eggplant - 1
12. Garlic - 4
13. Gourds, any - 6
14. Ground Cherries, in husk - 1 quart in zippered bag
15. Kohlrabi, any - 4
16. Lettuce - 3 complete plants in jar of water
17. Onions, any - 4
18. Peppers, any - 4
19. Potatoes, any - 5
20. Rhubarb - 6 stems in jar of water
21. Squash, summer/zucchini - 2
22. Squash, winter/pumpkin - 2
23. Tomatoes, any - 5
24. Tomato, potted plant - 1
25. Any other not listed, must identify - 4 specimens

CLASS B

MN MONSTER VEGETABLES

One entry per exhibitor per lot, except

Lot 12

See rule # 3 above

LOT:

1. Heaviest Beet
2. Heaviest Carrot
3. Heaviest Cabbage
4. Heaviest Cucumber
5. Heaviest Onion
6. Largest Potato
7. Heaviest Pumpkin
8. Largest Pepper
9. Heaviest Kohlrabi
10. Largest Zucchini/Squash
11. Largest Tomato
12. Any unusual vegetable not listed, must identify



CLASS C

HERBS

Potted Plants

One variety per pot, except Lot 17; pot diameter may be no larger than 7" top or bottom. Must have bottom saucer. One entry/exhibitor/Lot, except Lot 18

LOT:

1. Basil, any
2. Chamomile
3. Chives, any
4. Cilantro
5. Citronella

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DEPARTMENT 32

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6. Lambs Ear
7. Lavender
8. Lemon Balm
9. Marjoram
10. Mint, any
11. Oregano
12. Parsley, any
13. Rosemary
14. Sage, any
15. Tarragon
16. Thyme, any
17. Herb collection – 6 or more varieties in long planter
18. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS D VEGETABLE COLLECTION

Exhibit of vegetables - at least 3 varieties, 2 pieces of each

LOT:

1. My Own Backyard
2. America 250 Heirloom Vegetables

CLASS E MY OWN BACKYARD Play with your food!

Creatively display your home-grown produce. Decorating, dressing, and accessorizing is encouraged.

NOTE: If produce is cut or pierced, consider sealing with clear acrylic spray, hair spray, or Neem oil to protect from bugs. Display may be no larger than 12"x12".

LOT:

1. Created by individual 6 yrs & under
2. Ages 7 – 12
3. Ages 13 – 18
4. Ages 19 – 65
5. 65 +
6. Group/Family

CLASS F AMERICA 250

Creatively display your produce with a patriotic theme. Decorating, dressing, and accessorizing is encouraged.

Lots same as Class E

DEPARTMENT 33 JUNIOR DIVISION VEGETABLES & HERBS

15 years or younger

Classes and Lots the same as Department 32, except Classes E & F

DEPARTMENT 34 OUTSTANDING IN THE FIELD

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

RULES:

1. All crops must have been grown in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, or Stearns County by the person in whose name they are entered.
2. All exhibits must be this year's crop unless otherwise specified.

CLASS A CORN

Must identify hybrid, planting date and maturity date. Remove husks from ear samples.

LOT:

1. Ear Corn, this year – 6 ears
2. Ear Corn, last year – 6 ears
3. Silage Corn – 6 stalks
4. Tallest Stalk of Corn
5. Largest ear of Corn



CLASS B SEED CROPS

Exhibit in 1 Quart Zippered Bag

LOT:

1. Small Grains
2. Soybeans
3. Corn
4. Any other not listed, must identify

DEPARTMENT 40 FLORAL

Premiums (Classes A – O):

1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

Class P:

1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00

SHOW 1: Glads, Dahlias, Potted Plants

Bring Exhibits to Ag Craft Building
Monday, August 3rd, 2-7 pm OR
Tuesday, August 4th, 9 – 10:30 am

SHOW 2: Cut Flowers

Bring Exhibits to Ag Craft Building
Thursday, August 6th, 6-7 pm OR
Friday, August 7th, 9 – 10:30 am

IMPORTANT: It is impossible to know in advance which flowers will be show-worthy at fair time. Please register

everything you may bring. Deletions are easy to make.

RULES:

1. All flowers for both shows must be registered by July 27th, 7:00 PM.
2. Flowers must be grown by the exhibitor. The exhibitor shall not be in the business of supplying the flower or plant trade or markets in any way.
3. All plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least 3 months.
4. Exhibitors must provide a clear glass bottle, jar, or vase to display cut specimens. Foliage may not extend below the water line.
5. Enter only the exact number of specimens listed. There may be more than one bloom on one stem, spike, or stalk in its natural growing form, unless indicated on the schedule.
6. An exhibitor may make more than one entry in a lot **IF** each is substantially different.
7. The schedule is the law of the show.
9. Prizes will not be awarded to inferior exhibits, regardless of the number of exhibits.
10. Champion ribbons may be awarded at judge's discretion. One "Best of Show" for each show.

FLOWER SHOW 1

Tuesday, August 4th through
Sunday, August 9th
Classes A – K

CLASS A GLADIOLUS Standard Size Single Spike

See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Any color or variety

CLASS B GLADIOLUS Miniature Single Spike

See Rule #6 Above

Lot:

1. Any color or variety

CLASS C GLADIOLUS 3 Spikes

Three matching spikes in 1 Container
See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Any color or variety

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DEPARTMENT 40

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CLASS D GLADIOLUS

Decorative Arrangement
See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. My Own Backyard
2. America 250

CLASS E DAHLIAS

See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Large, 8" and over – 1 Bloom
2. Standard, 3" to 8" – 1 Bloom
3. Miniature, under 3" – 1 Bloom
4. Three (3) Blooms, any variety

CLASS F DAHLIAS

Decorative Arrangement
One entry per exhibitor

LOT:

1. My Own Backyard
2. America 250

CLASS G FLOWERING PLANTS IN CONTAINER

See Rule #6 Above
Must be in bloom

1. Geranium – 1 plant
2. Geranium collection – 3 containers or 3 plants in 1 container
3. Begonia, any variety – 1 Plant
4. Begonia collection – 3 containers or 3 plants in 1 container
5. Impatiens – 1 Plant
6. Impatiens collection – 3 containers or 3 plants in 1 container
7. Orchid, any variety
8. Pansy, any variety
9. Petunia, any variety
10. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS H FOLIAGE PLANTS IN CONTAINER

See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Ivy, any variety
2. Cactus – 1 plant (not Christmas cactus)
3. Cactus collection – 3 containers or at least 3 plants in 1 container
4. Philodendron
5. Topiary/Sculpture
6. Succulent collection – 3 containers or at least 3 plants in 1 container
7. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS I HANGING PLANT, ANY HANGING CONTAINER

Flowering plants must be in bloom
See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Foliage only
2. Flowering plants only
3. Combination foliage and flowering plants

CLASS J FAIRY GARDEN

Collection of rooted plants in container, with decorative hard goods
All plants in Garden MUST be growing
One entry per lot, per exhibitor

LOT:

1. Terrarium, minimum 3 plants (nearly enclosed container)
2. Specialty container, focus on plants
3. My Own Backyard
4. America 250

CLASS K PATIO PLANTER

Flowering plants must be in bloom
See Rule #6 Above

Lots:

1. Blooming, Foliage, or Combo
2. Coleus, single plant or collection in one container
3. Any other not listed, must identify

FLOWER SHOW 2

Friday, August 7th through
Sunday, August 9th
Classes L – P

CLASS L CUT FLOWERS

See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Ageratum – 3 stems
2. Bachelor Button – 3 stems
3. Celosia – 3 stems
4. Coneflower – 3 stems
5. Coreopsis – 3 stems
6. Daisy, any variety – 3 stems
7. Dianthus – 3 stems
8. Hydrangea, any variety – 3 stems
9. Liatris – 3 spikes
10. Monarda – 3 stems
11. Marigold, any variety – 3 stems
12. Nasturtium – 3 stems
13. Pansy – 3 stems
14. Petunia, any variety – 3 sprays
15. Phlox, any variety – 3 stems
16. Salvia, any variety – 3 stems
17. Snapdragon – 3 stems
18. Statice – 3 stems
19. Strawflower – 3 stems
20. Sunflower – 3 stems
21. Verbena – 3 stems
22. Yarrow – 3 stems
23. Zinnia, any variety – 3 stems
24. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS M LILIES

Trim off pollen anthers
See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Lily – 1 Scape
2. Tiger Lily – 1 Scape
3. Daylily – 1 Scape
4. Calla Lily – 1 Scape
5. Any other lily variety not listed, must identify – 1 Scape

CLASS N ROSES

All rose varieties must be correctly identified on entry tag. Hybrid Teas shall have only one bloom, no side buds.

See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Hybrid Tea Rose, any – 1 stem
2. Floribunda, any – 1 spray
3. Grandiflora – 1 spray or 1 stem
4. Modern Shrub rose – 1 spray
5. Miniature Rose – 1 bloom or spray
6. Any other rose not listed, must identify, 1 bloom or spray

CLASS O HOSTAS

Leaves measured width-wise
See Rule #6 Above

LOT:

1. Giant, plain over 15" – 1 leaf
2. Giant, variegated over 15" – 1 leaf
3. Large, plain 11"-15" – 1 leaf
4. Large, variegated 11"-15" – 1 leaf
5. Medium, plain 6"-11" – 1 leaf
6. Medium, variegated 6"-11" – 1 leaf
7. Small, plain 2"-6" – 3 leaves
8. Small, variegated 2"-6" – 3 leaves
9. Miniature, plain under 2" – 3 leaves
10. Miniature, variegated under 2" – 3 leaves
11. Hosta flowers – 3 spikes
12. Caladium, large – 1 leaf
13. Caladium, small – 3 leaves

CLASS P ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS MY OWN BACKYARD

All fresh and dried flowers must have been garden-grown by the exhibitor. Decorative accents allowed.
One entry per lot per exhibitor.

LOT:

1. Cardinal
2. Goldfinch
3. Chickadee
4. Chipmunk (miniature)
5. Pond
6. Red, White & Bloom

**DEPARTMENT 41
JUNIOR DIVISION
FLORAL**

9 – 16 Years
Classes and Lots same as
Department 40

**DEPARTMENT 42
YOUTH DIVISION
FLORAL**

8 Years and under
Classes and Lots same as
Department 40

**DEPARTMENT 50
CULINARY**

All items must have been prepared by exhibitor. Enter on a small plate in a clear plastic zippered bag. No commercial mixes; no foods requiring refrigeration in any baking class. **MUST** attach recipe, including source of recipe.

Secret recipe? Request that recipe not be displayed

Limit one entry per recipe. Limit one entry per lot.
Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

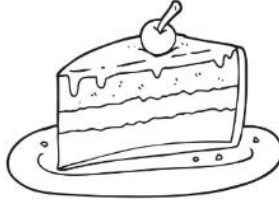
**CLASS A
BREADS/ROLLS
Small whole loaf or 3 rolls**

- LOT:
1. White Yeast – Not Sweet
2. White Yeast – Sweet
3. Whole Grain – Not Sweet
4. Whole Grain – Sweet
5. Sourdough – Not Sweet
6. Sourdough – Sweet
7. Focaccia
8. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS B
QUICKBREADS & MUFFINS
Small whole loaf or 3 muffins**

- LOT:
1. Fruit
2. Nut
3. Fruit & Nut Combo

4. Vegetable
5. Grain
6. Cornbread
7. Any other not listed, must identify



**CLASS C
CAKES**

- LOT:
1. Angel Food – ½ Cake
2. Layer Cake – ½ Cake
3. Cupcakes, frosted or not – 3
4. Cake-Vegetable (i.e. carrot) – ½ cake
5. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS D
EAT WITH YOUR EYES
DECORATED BAKED GOODS
Will not be cut or sampled**

- LOT:
1. Cakes
2. Cupcakes - 3
3. Cookies - 3
4. Cake pops, - 3
5. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS E
COOKIES
Four (4) Cookies**

- LOT:
1. Oatmeal
2. Chocolate
3. Chocolate Chip
4. Molasses/Ginger
5. Peanut Butter
6. Brownies
7. No-Bake
8. Sugar
9. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS F
PIES
Small Pie**

- LOT:
1. Lemon
2. Apple
3. Cherry
4. Peach
5. Rhubarb
6. Nut
7. Creative Combo
8. My Own Backyard
9. America 250

**CLASS G
CANDY
Four (4) Pieces**

LOT:

1. Fudge
2. Caramels
3. Molded Candy
4. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS H
DIABETIC-FRIENDLY
Four (4) Pieces**

- LOT:
1. Cakes, Cookies, Bars
2. Candy
3. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS I
EGGLESS
Three (3) Servings**

- LOT:
1. Bread/Muffins
2. Cakes/Cupcakes
3. Cookies/Bars
4. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS J
GLUTEN-FREE
Three (3) Servings**

- LOT:
1. Bread/Muffins
2. Cakes/Cupcakes
3. Cookies/Bars
4. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS K
DAIRY-FREE
Three (3) Servings**

- LOT:
1. Bread/Muffins
2. Cakes/Cupcakes
3. Cookies/Bars
4. Candy
5. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS L
MY OWN BACK YARD
Original recipe with 1 or more
home-grown ingredients
Three (3) Servings**

- Lot:
1. Bread/Muffins
2. Cakes/Cupcakes
3. Cookies/Bars
4. Candy
5. Any other not listed, must identify

**DEPARTMENT 51
JUNIOR DIVISION
CULINARY**

9 – 16 Years
Classes and Lots same as Dept 50

DEPARTMENT 52

YOUTH DIVISION

CULINARY

8 Years and Younger

Classes and Lots same as Dept 50

**EARLY ENTRY FOR
DEPARTMENTS 60 - 99 IS
STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
SEE PAGE 13**

DEPARTMENT 60

PRESERVED FOODS

All jars must be clear glass and have rings on jars. One-piece rings and seal are accepted.

No paraffin or wax seals.

One entry per person per lot unless otherwise noted.

Multiple entries allowed in "any other" lots if each is substantially different.

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A

PICKLES

Pint Jars

LOT:

1. Apple Rings
2. Beans
3. Beets
4. Crabapples
5. Cucumber, dill
6. Cucumber, sweet
7. Cucumber, baby dill
8. Onions
9. Peppers
10. Tomatoes, green
11. Watermelon
12. Mixed
13. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS B

RELISHES & SAUCES

Pretty Counts!

Pint Jars

LOT:

1. Beet Relish
2. Corn Relish
3. Chow Chow/Piccalilli
4. Chili Sauce
5. Ketchup
6. Pizza Sauce
7. Salsa
8. Spaghetti Sauce
9. Tomato Paste
10. Vinegar, herb/fruit
11. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS C **CANNED VEGETABLES**

**Must be processed using pressure
canner method**

Pint Jars

LOT:

1. Asparagus
2. Beans
3. Beets
4. Carrots
5. Corn
6. Mixed vegetables
7. Mushrooms
8. Peas
9. Pumpkin, one-inch cubes
10. Sauerkraut
11. Tomato Juice
12. Tomatoes, stewed
13. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS D

CANNED MEATS

Pint or Quart Jars

LOT:

1. Beef
2. Chicken
3. Fish
4. Pork
5. Sausage
6. Venison
8. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS E

CANNED FRUITS

Pint or Quart Jars

LOT:

1. Apples
2. Applesauce
3. Apricots
4. Blackberries
5. Blueberries
6. Cherries
7. Crabapples
8. Grapes
9. Peaches
10. Pears
11. Plums
12. Raspberries
13. Rhubarb
14. Mincemeat
15. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS F

JELLIES

**Clear, no pulp
Jars will be opened
Half-pint Jars**

LOT:

1. Apple
2. Blueberry
3. Cherry
4. Chokecherry
5. Crabapple
6. Currant
7. Gooseberry

8. Grape
9. Mint
10. Mixed Fruit
11. Plum
12. Raspberry
13. Reduced Sugar
14. Rhubarb
15. Red or Green Pepper
16. Strawberry
17. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS G

JAMS & MARMALADES

Jams - mashed fruit

Marmalades – fruit plus citrus

peel or nuts

Jars will be opened

Half-pint Jars

LOT:

1. Apricot Jam
2. Blackberry Jam
3. Blueberry Jam
4. Gooseberry Jam
5. Grape Jam
6. Mixed Fruit Jam
7. Peach Jam
8. Plum Jam
9. Raspberry Jam
10. Reduced Sugar Jam
11. Rhubarb Jam
12. Strawberry Jam
13. Orange Marmalade
14. Rhubarb Marmalade
15. Tomato Marmalade
16. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS H

PRESERVES

Whole fruit suspended in jell

Jars will be opened

Half-pint Jars

LOT:

1. Blueberries
2. Peaches
3. Strawberries
4. Tomatoes
5. Any other not listed – must identify

CLASS I

FRUIT BUTTERS

**Fruit pulp run through a sieve,
cooked with sugar to a paste
consistency. Spices may be added.
Half-pint Jar**

LOT:

1. Apple
2. Plum
3. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS J

DRIED FRUIT

**Must be half-cup quantity, displayed
in half-pint Jar**

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DEPARTMENT 60

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Lot:

- 1. Apples
- 2. Apricots
- 3. Bananas
- 4. Pears
- 5. Pineapples
- 6. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS K
FRUIT LEATHER
 Exhibited in 3-inch squares

LOT:

- 1. Apple
- 2. Apricot
- 3. Pear
- 4. Plum
- 5. Strawberry
- 6. Tomato
- 7. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS L
DRIED VEGETABLES
 Must be half-cup quantity, displayed
 in half-pint jar

LOT:

- 1. Carrots
- 2. Onions
- 3. Peas
- 4. Tomatoes
- 5. Vegetable Soup Mix
- 6. Any other not listed, must identify

Class M
FREEZE DRIED PRODUCE
 Must be half-cup quantity, displayed
 in half-pint jar

Lot:

- 1. Fruit
- 2. Vegetables

CLASS N
DRIED HERBS
 Must be ¼ cup quantity, displayed in
 half-pint or smaller jar

LOT:

- 1. Basil, any
- 2. Chives, any
- 3. Chamomile flowers
- 4. Cilantro
- 5. Coriander
- 6. Dill Seed
- 7. Dillweed
- 8. Lavender
- 9. Lovage
- 10. Marjoram
- 11. Mint, any
- 12. Oregano
- 13. Parsley, any
- 14. Rosemary
- 15. Sage, any
- 16. Tarragon
- 17. Thyme

18. Any other not listed, must identify

Class O
MY OWN BACKYARD

Lots same as Classes A-N

DEPARTMENT 61
JUNIOR DIVISION
PRESERVED FOODS

15 Years and Younger
 Classes and Lots same as
 Department 60

DEPARTMENT 62
HONEY & BEESWAX

Exhibits may not display
 producer's name labels
 Non-commercial only

Premiums:
 1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A
HONEY DISPLAYS

LOT:

- 1. Honeycomb – 1 Section
- 2. Extracted Honey – 1 lb. container
- 3. Creamed Honey – 1 lb. container
- 4. Three (3) classes of honey – 1 each of light, medium, and dark, each labeled
- 5. Variety display of three (3) different types or sizes of containers of honey, each labeled

CLASS B
BEESWAX

May enter more than one in Lot 3, if
 each is substantially different

LOT

- 1. Beeswax – 5 lb. piece
- 2. Sculptured wax – any
- 3. Candle, any type – 2

CLASS C
HONEY IN COOKERY
 Attach Recipe

LOT:

- 1. Cake – 1/2
- 2. Cookies – 4
- 3. Candy – 4 pieces
- 4. Yeast bread – ½ loaf
- 5. Quick bread – ½ loaf
- 6. Bars – 4
- 7. Muffins – 4
- 8. Pie – 5"
- 9. Any other not listed, must identify

DEPARTMENT 64
MAPLE SYRUP

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A
SYRUP

LOT:

- 1. 16oz. Jar

CLASS B
MAPLE SYRUP IN COOKERY

LOT:

- 1. Cookies - 4
- 2. Candy – 4 Pieces
- 3. Cake – ½
- 4. Bread – ½ loaf
- 5. Any other not listed, must identify

DEPARTMENT 70
NEEDLE ARTS & TEXTILES

Exhibits must have been completed
 by the exhibitor since the last fair.
 Only one item per person per lot.

Premiums:
 1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A
HAND CROCHET

LOT:

- 1. Amigurumi, single piece
- 2. Amigurumi, set
- 3. Bedspread/tablecloth
- 4. Bib
- 5. Bonnet/cap/hat
- 6. Booties
- 7. Decorated garment
- 8. Dishcloth/dish towel
- 9. Doily
- 10. Garment
- 11. Dresser scarf
- 12. Mittens/gloves
- 13. Pillow
- 14. Pillowcase
- 15. Picture
- 16. Purse/bag
- 17. Rug
- 18. Scarf/shawl
- 19. Set – Sweater, cap, booties
- 20. Socks/slippers
- 21. Table runner/place mats
- 22. Animal, 12 inches or more
- 23. My Own Backyard
- 24. America 250
- 25. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS B
HAND KNIT
 Same Lots as Class A

CLASS C
MACHINE KNIT
 Same Lots as Class A

CLASS D

DEPARTMENT 70

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TATTING

Same Lots as Class A

**CLASS E
HAND EMBROIDERY**

Same Lots as Class A

**CLASS F
MACHINE EMBROIDERY**
Same lot numbers as Class A

**CLASS G
CROSS STICH**
Same lot numbers as Class A

**CLASS H
NEEDLEPOINT**
Same lot numbers as Class A

**CLASS I
HARDANGER**
Same lot numbers as Class A

**CLASS J
FELTING**

LOT:

- 1. Flat
- 2. 3-dimensional, needlehook

**CLASS K
AFGHAN/BLANKET/TROW**

Premiums:

1st-\$6.00, 2nd- \$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00

LOT:

- 1. Crochet
- 2. Hand knit
- 3. Machine knit
- 4. Original design
- 5. Arm/Finger knit
- 6. Any other not listed, must identify

**DEPARTMENT 71
JUNIOR DIVISION
NEEDLE ARTS & TEXTILES**

16 Years and Younger
Classes and Lots same as
Department 70

**DEPARTMENT 72
SEWING:
NON-QUILTED ITEMS**

Exhibits must have been
completed by the exhibitor since
the last fair. Quilts and quilted

**accessories must be entered in
Department 76-77 only.**

May enter only one item per person
per lot.

**CLASS A
HOME ACCESSORIES**

LOT:

- 1. Dresser scarf/table runner
- 2. Hat
- 3. Napkins – 2
- 4. Pillow
- 5. Pillowcase
- 6. Placemats – 2
- 7. Potholder, fancy – 2
- 8. Purse/bag
- 9. Wall hanging
- 10. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS B
DOLLS AND TOYS**

LOT:

- 1. Doll, hand-made
- 2. Doll clothes
- 3. Stuffed animal, hand-made
- 4. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS C
INFANT WEAR**

LOT:

- 1. Bib
- 2. Bonnet/cap
- 3. Dress
- 4. Garment, other
- 5. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS D
CHILDRENS WEAR**

LOT:

- 1. Coat/jacket
- 2. Dress
- 3. Nightgown/pajamas
- 4. Pants/shorts
- 5. Shirt/blouse
- 6. Skirt
- 7. Active wear
- 8. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS E
WOMENS WEAR
Bring hanger for display**

LOT:

- 1. Apron
- 2. Blouse/shirt
- 3. Coat/jacket
- 4. Dress
- 5. Formal/wedding dress
- 6. Lingerie/PJs/nightgown
- 7. Skirt
- 8. Slacks/pants/shorts
- 9. Suit
- 10. Active wear

11. Any other not listed, must identify

Special Awards throughout
the Building
Viewer's Choice Awards
Throughout the week!

**CLASS F
MENS WEAR
Bring hanger for display**

LOT:

- 1. Jacket/sport coat
- 2. Pajamas
- 3. Shirt
- 4. Slacks/pants
- 5. Suit
- 6. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS G
FLEECE**

LOT:

- 1. Active wear
- 2. Booties/slippers
- 3. Bunting/sleeper
- 4. Coat/jacket
- 5. Hat
- 6. Mittens
- 7. Nightgown/pajamas
- 8. Pants
- 9. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS H
COSTUMES**

LOT:

- 1. Christmas
- 2. Halloween
- 3. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS I
MY OWN BACKYARD**

May enter more than 1 exhibit per lot, **IF**
each is substantially different

LOT:

- 1. Creative interpretation in sewing

**CLASS J
America 250**

May enter more than 1 exhibit per lot, **IF**
each is substantially different
Lot same as Class I

**DEPARTMENT 73
JUNIOR DIVISION
SEWING:
NON-QUILTED ITEMS**

16 Years and Younger
Classes and Lots same as
Department 72

Watch for the Fair Board President – He will be choosing exhibits for the “President’s Award” throughout the Week!

**DEPARTMENT 76
QUILTS AND QUILTED
ACCESSORIES**

Exhibits must have been completed by the exhibitor since the last fair.

Only one entry per person per lot

Premiums:
1st-\$6.00, 2nd- \$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00

**CLASS A
QUILTS – 1 PERSON**

Quilts made entirely by one person

LOT:

1. Appliquéd
2. Pieced and quilted
3. Pieced and tied
4. Cross stitched
5. Embroidered
6. Every stitch by hand
7. Mixed technique
8. Original design
9. Special event quilt
10. Cheater fabric, hand-quilted
11. Whole cloth quilt
12. Fold and finish quilt
13. Miniature (max 24"x24", max block size 4"x4")
14. First time quilter
15. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS B
QUILTS - SHARED CONSTRUCTION/
QUILTING**

**Quilt top constructed by exhibitor and quilted by another person
MUST identify both quilt makers, either on quilt back label or on 3"x5" card pinned to quilt**

Same lot numbers and premiums as Class A

**CLASS C
WALL QUILTS**

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. Pieced
2. Appliquéd

3. Mixed technique
4. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS D
QUILTED ACCESSORIES/APPAREL**

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. Bag/purse
2. Hat
3. Garment
4. Table cover, appliquéd
5. Pot holders – 2
6. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS E
MY OWN BACKYARD**

May enter more than 1 exhibit per lot, **IF** each is substantially different

LOTS:

1. Creative interpretation in quilting

**CLASS F
AMERICA 250**

May enter more than 1 exhibit per lot, **IF** each is substantially different

LOTS:

1. Creative interpretation in quilting

**DEPARTMENT 77
JUNIOR DIVISION
QUILTS AND QUILTED
ACCESSORIES**

16 Years and Younger
Classes and Lots same as Department 76

Watch for the Fair Board President – He will be choosing exhibits for the “President’s Award” throughout the week!

**DEPARTMENT 80
Adult Division
HOBBY/CRAFT**

16 Years and Older

Exhibitor must have completed item since the last fair. May enter more than one exhibit in “any other” lot ONLY if each item is a substantially different art or craft.

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

**CLASS A
HANDICRAFTS**

LOT:

1. Collage
2. Coloring page, mounted for display
3. Diamond Dotz – Framed
4. Dream catcher
5. Fairy house
6. Jewelry, mounted for display if small
7. Legos, kit – mounted for display
8. Legos, original design – mounted for display
9. Macramé
10. Mask – costume, dramatic
11. Model, kit
12. Mobile or kite
13. Mosaic
14. Nail and string picture
15. Painted rock
16. Perlor beads
17. Quilling
18. Sculpture, glass
19. Sculpture, soft
20. Stamping
21. Suncatcher
22. Tye-dye
23. Wind chimes
24. Wine cork craft
25. Zentangle
26. Origami
27. Friendship Bracelet
28. Leather Craft
29. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS B
WOODWORKING**

LOT:

1. Birdfeeder
2. Bird house
3. Cane
4. Carved figure
5. Chainsaw carving
6. Clock
7. Doll house
8. Doll furniture
9. Lawn Figure
10. Lawn Furniture
11. Picture Frame
12. Relief woodcarving
13. Whirligig
14. Woodburning
15. Woodcraft model
16. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS C
COLLECTIONS**

**No part of collection may have been
previously entered in the Benton
County Fair.**

Mounted or in box for display

LOT:

1. Autographs – famous people (in plastic sleeve)
2. Buttons
3. Nature-related
4. Vintage
5. Any other not listed, must identify

DEPARTMENT 80

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CLASS D

HOMESTEADING CRAFTS 1

**Homemade utilitarian traditional
crafts**

LOT:

1. Basket, any
2. Candles, any – 2
3. Decoys, hand-carved
4. Fishing tackle
5. Furniture
6. Hand dyed fabric or yarn
7. Hand-spun yarn
8. Metal craft, any
9. Mending
10. Toys, games, dolls
11. Rug, any
12. Rope, any
13. Soap
14. Clothing item
15. Weaving, any material
16. Whittling
17. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS E

**HOMESTEADING CRAFT 2
PHOTOS, PHASES, FINISHED
PRODUCT**

Premiums:

1st-\$10.00, 2nd-\$8.00, 3rd-\$6.00

Lots same as Class D

Present your finished product with
photos of each step start to finish.

DEPARTMENT 81

JUNIOR DIVISION

HOBBY/CRAFT

9 - 15 Years

Classes and Lots same as
Department 80

DEPARTMENT 82

YOUTH DIVISION

HOBBY/CRAFT

8 and Younger
Classes and Lots same as
Department 80

DEPARTMENT 83

JUNIOR DIVISION

DEV. DISABLED

HOBBY/CRAFT

9 - 15 Years

Classes and Lots same as
Department 80

DEPARTMENT 84

YOUTH DIVISION

DEV. DISABLED

HOBBY/CRAFT

8 and Younger

Classes and Lots same as
Department 80



DEPARTMENT 85

ADULT DIVISION

FINE ARTS

16 and older

**Exhibitor must have completed
item since the last fair. May enter
more than one item in "any
other" lot only if each item is of a
substantially different art
medium or subject.**

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A

FINE ARTS – 2-D

**Must be displayed with mat or on
foam core board**

LOT:

1. Calligraphy
2. Drawing, graphite or charcoal
3. Drawing, pen or ink
4. Etched glass
5. Painting, acrylic
6. Painting, oil
7. Painting, tempura
8. Painting, watercolor
9. Print making
10. Colored Pencils
11. Any other 2-dimensional art medium not listed, must identify

**CLASS B
FINE ARTS – 3-D**

LOTS:

1. Ceramics/pottery
2. Egg art
3. Glass, stained/leaded
4. Intarsia, knitting
5. Intarsia, wood
6. Marquetry
7. Paper, handmade
8. Paper mâché
9. Sculpture, clay
10. Sculpture, glass
11. Sculpture, metal
12. Weaving, art
13. Woodturning
14. Any other 3-dimensional art medium not listed, must identify

CLASS C

FINE ARTS – 3-D

MY OWN BACK YARD

May enter more than 1 IF each it is
substantially different

LOT:

Lot 1: Creative interpretation of theme

CLASS D

FINE ARTS – 3-D

AMERICA 250

May enter more than 1 IF each it is
substantially different

LOT:

Lot 1: Creative interpretation of theme

DEPARTMENT 86

JUNIOR DIVISION

FINE ARTS

9 - 15 Years

Classes and Lots same as
Department 85

DEPARTMENT 87

YOUTH DIVISION

FINE ARTS

8 and Younger

Classes and Lots same as
Department 85

DEPARTMENT 88

JUNIOR DIVISION

DEV. DISABLED

FINE ARTS

9 - 15 Years

Classes and Lots same as
Department 85

**DEPARTMENT 89
YOUTH DIVISION
DEV. DISABLED**

FINE ARTS

8 and Younger
Classes and Lots same as
Department 85

**DEPARTMENT 90
SKILLED SENIORS**

Age 72 & Better

**Exhibitor must have completed
item since the last fair. May enter
more than one exhibit in "any
other" lot ONLY if each item is
substantially different.**

**CLASS A
BED COVERING/THROW/
WALL HANGING**

Premiums:
1st-\$5.00, 2nd- \$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00

LOT:

1. Quilted, every stitch by hand – one individual
2. Quilted, every stitch by hand – multiple makers, must identify all makers
3. Quilting bee – identify group
4. Fleece
5. Knit
6. Crochet
7. Embroidered
8. Any other not listed

**CLASS B
Décor/Accent Pieces**

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. Pillowcase
2. Dish towel
3. Lace – knit
4. Lace – Crochet
5. Doily
6. Tatting
7. Pillow
8. Potholder
9. Dishcloth
10. Seasonal decoration
11. Any other, not listed

**CLASS C
APPAREL, ETC.**

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. Slipper, bed socks, stockings
2. Scarf, shawl
3. Cap, hat
4. Mittens, gloves
5. Apron
6. Clothing, baby/child
7. Clothing, adult
8. Special purpose bag
9. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS D
PLAY TIME**

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. Doll
2. Doll clothing/accessories
3. Game
4. Stuffed animal
5. Toy
6. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS E
MADE FOR MY GRANDCHILD**

May enter more than 1 exhibit per lot IF each is substantially different

Premiums:
1st-\$6.00, 2nd- \$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00

LOT:

1. Labor of love

**CLASS F
FINE ARTS/HOBBY CRAFT**

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. Painting
2. Drawing
3. Ceramics/pottery
4. Sculpture, any
5. Woodcarving
6. Woodturning
7. Leather work
8. Metal work
9. Any other not listed, must identify

**CLASS H
INVENTION**

Premiums:
1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

LOT:

1. My Own Backyard
2. America 250
3. Any other; must identify

**DEPARTMENT 91
GROUP LIVING RESIDENTS,
DEV DISABLED ADULT**

Classes and Lots same as
Department 90

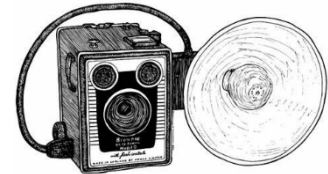
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DEPARTMENTS 94-97
IS STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED
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**DEPARTMENT 94
PHOTOGRAPHY**

Premiums:
1st-\$5.00, 2nd- \$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00

RULES:

1. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Entries may not have been previously exhibited at Benton County Fair.
3. Limit one entry per exhibitor per lot.
4. Maximum of 7 entries per exhibitor.



**CLASS A
PHOTO COLLECTIONS**

**Five or more prints on single foam
core board, 16 x 20, including one-
inch border on all sides.
All photos in collection must relate to
each other.**

LOT:

1. B&W - People
2. Color – People
3. B&W – Travel/Landscape/ Scenery
4. Color – Travel/Landscape/Scenery
5. B&W – Animals/Insects/ Birds
6. Color – Animals/Insects/Birds
7. B&W – Architecture
8. Color – Architecture
9. B&W – Still Life/Floral
10. Color – Still Life/Floral
11. B&W – Street Art
12. Color – Street Art
13. B&W – Any other not listed – must identify
14. Color – Any other not listed – must identify

DEPARTMENT 94

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CLASS B

ENLARGEMENTS

One print enlarged to 5 x 7, 8 x 10, or larger, on black mat

No Frames

LOT:

- 1. B&W - People
- 2. Color - People
- 3. B&W - Travel/Landscape/ Scenery
- 4. Color - Travel/Landscape/Scenery
- 5. B&W - Animals/Insects/ Birds
- 6. Color - Animals/Insects/Birds
- 7. B&W - Architecture
- 8. Color - Architecture
- 9. B&W - Still Life/Floral

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DEPARTMENT 94

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- 10. Color - Still Life/Floral
- 11. B&W - Street Art
- 12. Color - Street Art
- 13. B&W - Available light
- 14. Color - Available light
- 15. B&W - Drone Photo
- 16. Color - Drone Photo
- 17. B&W - Any other not listed - must identify
- 18. Color - Any other not listed - must identify

CLASS C

DIGITAL ARTS

LOT:

- 1. Composite photographic image (not panorama)
- 2. Photo manipulation (filters and/or special effects)
- 3. Panorama (mat size to be no more than 24 inches on the longest side)

Special Awards throughout the Building

Viewer's Choice Awards throughout the Week!

CLASS D

FOCUS ON THE FAIR

Must be 8 x 10 with black mat

LOT:

- 1. Photo from last year's Benton County Fair

CLASS E

MY OWN BACK YARD

LOT:

- 1. Any theme related photo

CLASS F

AMERICA 250

LOT:

- 1. Any theme related photo

DEPARTMENT 95

JUNIOR DIVISION

PHOTOGRAPHY

14 Years and Younger

Classes & Lots same as Dept 94

DEPARTMENT 97

REPURPOSED

Items made by re-using something. Include a 3"x5" index card listing items that are recycled and used in the exhibit.

Must name finished item on entry form. May enter more than one exhibit in "any other" lot ONLY if each item is substantially different.

Premiums:

1st-\$4.00, 2nd- \$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00

CLASS A

NEWLY MADE ITEM

LOT:

- 1. Toy
- 2. Game
- 3. Rug
- 4. Apparel
- 5. Picture
- 6. Picture Frame
- 7. Wall hanging
- 8. Decorative item
- 9. Furniture
- 10. Any other not listed, must identify

CLASS B

MY OWN BACKYARD

Lots same as Class A

CLASS C

AMERICA 250

Lots same as Class A

DEPARTMENT 98

JUNIOR DIVISION

REPURPOSED

9 - 16 Years

Classes and Lots same as Dept 97

DEPARTMENT 99

YOUTH DIVISION

REPURPOSED

8 Years and Younger

Classes and lots same as Dept 97

Watch for the BCAS President - He will be choosing exhibits for the "President's Award" throughout the week!

Join the Fun: Volunteer with Us at the County Fair!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this year's county fair a spectacular success! Whether you can help for a few hours or a whole day, your time will make a difference. From guiding guests to setting up exhibits, every role matters. Sign up today and be a part of the excitement!

Contact us at info@bentonfairmn.com or call us at 320-253-5649 to join.

BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MAP



Senior Day – Wed, August 5th

Kids’ Day – Sat, Aug. 8th

Veterans’ Day – Sun, Aug. 9th

Thank you for being a part of the 2026
Benton County Fair!

