



2026 ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

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Exhibitor entry forms will ONLY be accepted online.

To enter, visit <https://www.bentonfranklinfair.com>

or visit the Benton Franklin Fair Office for assistance.

Specific rules and regulations are listed for each department.

Entry Fee & General Information

1. The non-refundable exhibitor entry fee is \$10 and includes one season admission pass per livestock exhibitor and one daily admission pass per still-life exhibitor. This fee is a one-time charge, and exhibitors may enter as many items allotted in each department. Late entries will be accepted until 8/1 but are subject to an additional \$5 late fee. Check with the Department Superintendent for acceptance of late entries.
2. Read all rules and regulations before completing the entry form.

Registration Deadlines

- March 18: Youth & FFA Steers
- May 13: Youth & FFA Sheep, Goats, and Swine
- May 31: All livestock registration due (open, non-market, poultry, small animals, equine)
- August 1: Still Life Entries
- August 23: Late Still Life Entries

Notes:

- Check the appropriate department for dates and times exhibits are required on the grounds.
- Exhibitor numbers and passes for Open Class, Youth, and FFA will be available at the Fair Office beginning 8/17; you will need your exhibitor number to check in items and ensure payment of premiums.
- Physical entries must be brought to the fairgrounds on Sun., 8/23.
- Deliver pre-entered exhibits to the Department Superintendent at the designated building and time.
- For further information or assistance, contact the Department Superintendent.

Department Rules (Departments 12, 14, 19, 20, 26, 28, & 31)

1. Exhibitors must pre-enter by department; an online entry must be submitted by 8/1.
2. List name, age, address, and department number. An itemized list (Division and Class) is not required.
3. The same animal or exhibit may not be shown in Open Class, Youth, or FFA; no cross-entries allowed. Youth and FFA members may show in Open Class but must exhibit a different item or animal.
4. Exhibits are limited to one entry per division, per class, unless otherwise stated.
5. Superintendents may accept or reject entries; they have the right to refuse any exhibit not of high enough quality to be displayed.
6. All accepted entries must be judged, except those marked DISPLAY ONLY. Superintendents may display white ribbon entries at their discretion.
7. All Fair activities that receive premium points must be held at the fairgrounds during Fair week.
8. Entries must be made, grown, or raised by the exhibitor, completed within the year, and not previously exhibited at the Fair unless otherwise specified.
9. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors within 24 hours of the action; the decision of the Board is final.
10. Judges' decisions are final.
11. The Fair is not responsible for loss, damage, or injury to property. Owners should make prior arrangements for protection. No superintendent, officer, or employee of the Fair may suspend or change this rule.
12. Exhibits will be accepted until 6:00 pm on Sun., 8/23 (Buildings 3, 4, & 5); Building 1 entries will be accepted until 6:00 pm on Mon., 8/24. Check departments for start times.
13. Items left in buildings or on the grounds after 10:00 am on Sun., 8/30, are at the owner's risk. The Fair is not responsible for items left after the event.

Special Educational & President's Awards

- Educational awards are presented to outstanding youth displays in the following departments: beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horse, rabbit, poultry, pigeons, goats, and Open Class Youth Horticulture.
- Up to six President's Awards will be designated for outstanding exhibits.

Guidelines:

1. Does the display relate to a visual learning experience for the public?
2. How much reading is necessary to learn about the exhibit?
3. Neatness and cleanliness of the exhibit area.
4. Use of the Fair theme: "The Best Week of Summer."

Premiums & Judging

Judging Scale

1 to 10 points (10 being highest).

Premiums

1. Any person violating Fair rules will forfeit all premiums awarded. Check special rules for each department.
2. All premium checks will be mailed by 10/1.
3. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issuance.
4. No requests for corrections in premium check errors will be accepted after 11/1.

Judges

1. Department superintendents select judges with Board approval.
2. Judges must be rotated every two years in every department.
3. Judges' decisions are final; exhibitors interfering with a judge will forfeit premiums.
4. Judging systems used by the Fair:
 - o American Judging: Exhibitors rank in order of quality; only one exhibitor places 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
 - o Danish Judging: Every exhibitor receives a placing.

Questions / Contacts

Building	Department	Contact	Phone
1	Agriculture	Cindy Hernandez	(509) 302-9608
3	Open Class Handicrafts	Vicki Moser	(509) 491-3369
4	4-H and FFA	Vicki Hammitt	(509) 366-5016
5	Fine Arts	Bunneah Munkeah	(509) 537-4251