

2026 Dane County Fair Entry Requirements

Ordered by Department Number

Exhibitor may only enter a Lot ONCE

Department 1 - Dairy

Grade 3 may show: One (1) spring, fall or winter heifer calf
Grade 4 may show: Two (2) dairy calves, or yrlg if prior project.
Grade 5+ may show: 4 to 5 animals, if one is a cow

Department 2 - Beef

Five (5) animals, including not more than three (3) steers

Department 3 - Swine

Limited to four (4) hogs, with only two (2) per sex

Department 4 - Sheep

Limited to eleven (11) sheep, from all breed and market/feeder lots

Department 5 - Goats

Ten (10) animals – Five (5) Meat and/or Five (5) Dairy; not more than three (3) wethers or does in the Market Lot animals.
Five (5) animals total for managerial animals.

Department 6 - Horses

Limited to 15 lots, unless shared then, 18 lots.

Department 7 - Poultry

Up to 20 lots, excluding showmanship.

Department 8 - Rabbits

Up to 15 lots, excluding showmanship and costume

Department 9 - Dogs

Limit of two (2) dogs – One (1) obedience lot per exhibitor/dog combination. Exhibitor may only enter in one (1) showmanship lot.
**A third dog may be entered if it is entered in Brace, Showmanship, Veteran Dog, Rally or Team.

Department 10, Class D - Cavies

Up to twelve (12) lots

Department 10, Class G - Model Horse

Novice: up to eight (8) lots
Intermediate: up to 10 lots
Advanced: up to 12 lots

Department 13 - Cats, 14 - Plants, 15 - Flowers

No limits

Department 16 - Shooting Sports & Natural Science

Classes A-H are open to all in Shooting Sports.
Class I is open to all in Shooting Sports.

Department 17, Class A - Exploring

Grades 3-5 only: Five (5) entries

Department 17, Class B - Cloverbuds

Grades K-2 only: Five (5) entries

Department 18 - Cultural Arts

Five (5) lots in any class, with a total of up to 15 lots

Department 20 - Photography

Classes A, C, E: Up to five (5) entries, per described age group
Classes B, D, F: Up to two (2) entries
Class G: no limit

Department 21 - Computers

No limits

Department 22 - Woodworking

No limits

Department 23 - Electricity, 24 - Mechanical Projects

No limits

Department 25 - Foods & Nutrition

Foods 1 & 2: Four (4) entries in corresponding lots
One (1) poster entry
Five (5) entries in food preservation
Foods 3 & 4: Six (6) entries in corresponding lots
One (1) poster entry
Ten (10) entries in food preservation

Department 25, Class N - Cake Decorating

Limit of three (3) entries

Department 26 - Clothing

Class A - E: Limit of eight (8) entries per exhibitor
Class F - G: Limit of five (5) entries per exhibitor
Class H - I: Limit of three (3) entries per exhibitor

Department 27 Knitting & Crocheting, 28 - Home Furnishings

No limits

Department 29 - Family & Child Development

Limit of seven (7) entries

Department 31 Communications

Class A. Communication Arts Festival, limit of two (2) entries
Class J. Theater Arts, limit of three (3) entries
All other Classes, No limits

Department 32 - Booths, 33 - Youth Leadership, 34 - Health, Social and Political Science

Limit of seven (7) entries

Department 35 - Education and School Exhibits

Class A. Limit one (1) entry per exhibitors (school/club)
Class B. Limit of 30 items to be displayed per lot.