

## Z • DISPLAY LIVESTOCK

**Superintendent:** Paul Reneau

**Entry Deadline:** August 28, 2026, **by** 11:55pm, ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

**Location:** Gate 1, Barns B, C, & D

**Set-up & Decorating:** September 7 - 10 Monday - Thursday

**Animal Check-in/Unloading:** September 10, Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Release:** September 20, Sunday 8:00 p.m.

**Display animals will be in place for ALL 10 days.**

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### **Entry Requirements and Rules:**

- Stall Layout must be mailed in.
- No commercial displays will be judged.
- No animal will be judged more than one time in any category.
- Animals will be judged based on the way they are penned.
- Stalls are assigned by the Superintendent.
- Stall assignments and other information will be issued through the Superintendent starting on Monday, September 1.
- Stalls will be provided at no charge. The stalls are 10' X 10' stationery with three sides 8' high. The front has a wire mesh panel. The stall floors may be either red clay or concrete. Initial bedding is provided by the Fair. Additional bedding and feed is the responsibility of the owner.
- No hanging of cages on walls down center of barns.
- Animal size is defined as: Large Animal - Equine, Cattle, Llamas; Medium Animal - Goats, Sheep, Swine; Small Animal - Rabbit, Poultry, Pigeons.
- Use of cages or supplies that are the property of the WNC Agriculture Center/North Carolina Mountain State Fair is prohibited. (Excluding goat, sheep, and cattle panels)
- Violation of rules will result in FORFEITURE of any PREMIUMS.
- Animals must meet all Health Regulations.
- The safety of the animals and fair visitors must always be kept as top priority.

#### **Health Regulations:**

- The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. The decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being checked and approved by the regulatory veterinarian in charge. All entries shall be inspected prior to unloading between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday. All animals that do not meet the entry requirements and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. After entry, any animals exhibiting signs of disease or illness, or found not to have met entry requirements, may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines.
- Illegal Drugs and/or unethical conduct will not be tolerated at the Mountain State Fair.
- Blood test at B barn for Poultry, Thursday September 4th, 1 pm to 3 pm
- Livestock in B, C, and D Barns are not displayed for contact with the public. That is, exhibitors should have measures in place to prevent and discourage the public from contact, including petting and/or feeding, with these display livestock.
- Negative Coggins is required for all Equine.

## **During the Fair Requirements:**

- NO vehicles and trailers allowed on the fairgrounds until the fair is closed and the crowd is cleared out.
- Exhibit must be manned at ALL times when the fair gates are open.
- If your exhibits are not manned while the gates are open to the public you could forfeit your premiums and chances of being allowed to exhibit in future fairs.
- Exhibitors removing animals from display before 8:00 p.m. on September 14 will forfeit all awards.
- Every effort will be made to guard the safety of the animals; however, the Mountain State Fair assumes no responsibility for losses or accidents.

## **Judging:**

- Judges will not give awards to any animal because of its mere presence. It must be individually worthy. The judge will have the right not to award a ribbon/award if the item does not merit the placing.
- The Superintendent will determine the category in which any other animal will be classified. All awards will be paid by check from the N C Mountain State Fair.
- Judging will be done once the fair opens by a panel of judges. Judges' names and time of judging will not be announced.

### **LARGE ANIMALS**

#### **CLASS**

Z001 Equine  
Z002 Bovine  
Z003 Llama

### **MEDIUM ANIMALS**

#### **CLASS**

Z004 Goats  
Z005 Sheep  
Z006 Swine

### **SMALL ANIMALS**

#### **CLASS**

Z007 Rabbit  
Z008 Poultry/Pigeon

**The display areas will be judged, and premiums will be paid as follows:**

#### **Best Kept Area** - Well maintained, neat and clean area

Best Kept Large Animal Exhibit	\$50
Best Kept Medium Animal Exhibit	\$50
Best Kept Small Animal Exhibit	\$50

#### **Most Educational Display** - Must have educational material displayed for fair going public to gain knowledge of Livestock, Breeds, Associations, etc.

Most Educational Large Animal Display	\$50
Most Educational Medium Animal Display	\$50
Most Educational Small Animal Display	\$50

#### **Best Decorated Display** - Overall appearance of exhibitor area

Best Decorated Large Animal Display	\$50
Best Decorated Medium Animal Display	\$50
Best Decorated Small Animal Display	\$50

#### **Best Youth Display** - Youth must have primary involvement in setup and display, youth are ages 19 and under

Best Youth Large Animal Display	\$25
Best Youth Medium Animal Display	\$25
Best Youth Small Animal Display	\$25

#### **Cutest Baby** - Animal must be one year or less at the start of fair

Cutest Large Animal Baby	\$25
Cutest Medium Animal Baby	\$25
Cutest Small Animal Baby	\$25

**Judge's Choice 1st place** - Best overall Clean, Fair Theme, Educational and Decorated display

Judge's Choice 1st Place - Large Animals	\$50
Judge's Choice 1st Place - Medium Animals	\$50
Judge's Choice 1st Place - Small Animals	\$50

**Judge's Choice 2nd place** - Best overall Clean, Fair Theme, Educational and Decorated display

Judge's Choice 2nd Place - Large Animals	\$25
Judge's Choice 2nd Place - Medium Animals	\$25
Judge's Choice 2nd Place - Small Animals	\$25

**Individual Animals by type:** Equine, Bovine, Llama, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, and Poultry/Pigeon

1st Place	\$80
2nd Place	\$50
3rd Place	\$30

## Display Livestock Stall Set-up Request:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# stalls Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 of SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred stall #: \_\_\_\_\_

Barn Location desired: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please draw pen set-up and sawdust request here. We will try to meet all needs.**

