

**OPEN
Exhibit Guide**



**July 8 - 12,
2026**

Northern Wisconsin State Fair
225 Edward Street, Chippewa Falls, W 54729
715-723-2861 www.nwsfa.com

Dates to remember: Dates and times are subject to change; watch the website for updates.
Online registration assistance appointments are available at the Volk Administrative Office.

- **April 15 – May 31** Early Bird price **\$15.00**.
- **June 1 – June 15** Regular price **\$20.00**.
- **June 15** Last day to register. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure tags are correct.
 - Registration can be viewed in your ShoWorks Passport account.

Keep in mind:

- This guidebook applies to the 2026 Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Do not rely on previous editions, as rules and information are updated annually.
- Judges seek exhibits that demonstrate true excellence within each competitive category. Enter only your strongest work—quality is more important than quantity.
- Carefully read and observe all the rules and regulations contained within this document.
- Questions? cbogges@nwsfa.com, dtotzke@nwsfa.com or call the Exhibit Dept. 715-723-2861 #102.

Dept	Schedule	Arrival		Judging		Location	Remove
A01	Dairy Cattle	Fri 7/10	10am-4pm	Sun 7/12	9am	Custer Coliseum	Sun, 7/12 AFTER 4pm
A02	Beef Cattle	Fri 7/10	10am-4pm	Sat 7/11	9am	Custer Coliseum	
A04	Sheep	Fri 7/10	10am-4pm	Sat 7/11	2pm	Custer Coliseum	
A06	Draft Horse	Fri 7/10	10am -4pm	Sat 7/11	10a&1p	Hepfler Arena	
A06	Draft Horse	Sat 7/11	By apt 12a-7a	Sun 7/12	10:30am	Hepfler Arena	
A07	Poultry	Fri 7/10	10am-4pm	Sat 7/11	1pm	Poultry Area	
A05	Goats **	Mon 7/7	10am-8pm	Wed 7/8	4pm	Custer Coliseum	**
A11	Llamas **	Mon 7/7	10am-8pm	Wed 7/8	9am	Ag. Campus	
Goats & Llamas may depart Thu, 7/9 between 4-5pm Or after auction.							
A14	Plants & Soil	Mon 7/6	11am-6pm	Tue 7/7	9am	Building B	Mon, 7/13 11am- 6pm
A15	Flowers & House Plants	Mon 7/6	11am-6pm	Tue 7/7	9:30am	Building B	
A16	Natural Sciences	Mon 7/6	11am-6pm	Wed 7/8	4pm	Building C	
A18	Cultural Arts	Thu 7/2	11am-6pm	Fri 7/3	10am	Building A	
A19	Antiques	Thu 7/2	11am-6pm	Fri 7/3	9am	Building A	
A20	Photography	Thu 7/2	11am-6pm	Fri 7/3	9am	Building A	
A21	Beer & Wine	Mon 7/6	11am-6pm	Wed 7/8	4pm	Building C	
A25	Culinary Arts	Mon 7/6	11am-6pm	Tue 7/7	9am	Building C	
A26	Clothing	Thu 7/2	11am-6pm	Fri 7/3	9am	Building A	
A27	Knitting & Crocheting	Thu 7/2	11am-6pm	Fri 7/3	9:30am	Building A	
A28	Home Furnishings & Quilts	Thu 7/2	11am-6pm	Fri 7/3	10:30am	Building A	

Welcome! Open Fair Exhibitors

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Northern Wisconsin State Fair! Exhibitors of all ages are invited to participate. Exhibitors under the age of 19 may enter only if they are not members of a Youth Organization and are not competing in the Junior Fair. We cannot wait to see your exhibits on display!

1. **Exhibit Guide Availability**

- a. The Exhibit Guide is usually released by April 15 each year.
- b. You may view it online at no cost or pick up a printed copy at the NWSFA Volk Administration Office or the Chippewa Falls Public Library.
- c. If you would like a copy mailed to you, a \$5.00 fee—covering printing and postage—must be paid in advance.

2. **Method of Registration**

- a. Online registration is required and must be completed using MasterCard or Visa. Assistance is available — email dtotzke@nwsfa.com to schedule an appointment or visit our website for Exhibit Department office hours.
- b. Full payment is due at the time of registration. A registration worksheet is available on the website or from the NWSFA Volk Administration Office.
- c. ShoWorks software terminology: Department, Division, Class.
- d. Animal exhibitors: All animals must be registered by the deadline. Any required health or identification paperwork must be in the hands of the Department Leader prior to unloading.
- e. The NWSF reserves the right to reject any entries.

3. **Perks of Registering**

- a. Showcase your talents to Fair visitors and participate in a vibrant community event.
- b. Receive one (1) gate admission armband (a \$30 value), providing access to the fairgrounds for the entire event.
- c. Purchase up to four (4) additional discounted admission armbands for family members at \$25 each when completing your registration.

4. **Exhibit Tags**

- a. Pickup: Exhibit tags are available at the office Mon.–Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning June 1.
- b. Mailing Option: Tags can be mailed for a \$1 fee if requested during registration. Mailings begin June 1 and continue until the day after registration closes.
- c. Non-Animal Exhibits: Tags must be attached as required by the department, preferably before arriving at the fairgrounds.
- d. Animal Exhibitors: Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
- e. Claim Tickets: Keep the claim ticket portion of each tag—it must be presented when picking up non-animal exhibits. Removal dates are listed on page 1.
- f. Exhibit Declarations: Any items or animals shown at other Wisconsin fairs that receive state aid must be declared at registration. No item or animal may receive premiums more than once per calendar year.

5. **Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.**

- a. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring accuracy. Double-check all entries before submitting. You may review your registration details using the ShoWorks Passport App at <https://passport.fairwire.com/>.
- b. Department Leaders may recommend changes after the registration deadline, including on bring-in day.
- c. Incorrectly registered exhibits may be disqualified or, at the judge's discretion, judged for ribbon only (no premium).
- d. Cancellations must be submitted at least five (5) days prior to the show date or the opening day of the Fair. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after this deadline.

6. **Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off**

- a. Non-Animal Exhibits: Arrival dates and times are listed on page 1 of the guide.
- b. Animal Entries:
 - All required health records must be in the hands of the Department Leader **before unloading**.
 - Animals must be clearly identified by name, number, or ear tag.
- c. Junior Fair has additional requirements.

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7. Judging

- a. Judging Time: Judging times are subject to change based on exhibit counts and judges' schedules. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to arrive promptly. Late arrival may result in disqualification.
- b. Judging Style: Traditional 4 places may be offered in each class.
- c. Class Adjustments:
 - Classes may be combined due to low entry numbers. For more information on ATCP 160.07(1), visit: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/140/160/i/07#.
 - Large classes may be divided into heats or additional classes. Classes with consistently high numbers of exhibits over multiple years may be split to better accommodate exhibitors.
- d. Judging Finality:
 - Judges' decisions are final.
 - Premiums are paid **only** as listed on signed judges' award sheets, not based on ribbons.
 - Award books may not be altered.
 - Judges may not judge any class in which they are competing.
 - Abuse or threats toward judges or officials will not be tolerated.
- e. Awards & Exhibit Limits:
 - First-place winners are eligible for Champion, Best of Show, or other top awards.
 - Non-Animal Exhibits: Limited to one entry per class number.
 - Animal Exhibits: Must follow department-specific guidelines.
 - No exhibit may receive multiple premiums unless part of a herd, collection, or special award.
 - Special awards, such as Best of Show, are listed within the departments that offer them.
- f. Junior Fair has additional requirements for qualification for the State Fair.

8. Premiums & Ribbons

- a. Ribbons: Exhibitors may donate ribbons back to the NWSF by returning them to the office.
- b. Premiums: Premium payments may be donated back to the NWSF by notifying the office.
- c. Premium Amounts: Premium amounts are listed in the guide and vary by division, department, and class.
- d. Premium Checks:
 - Available for pickup starting the Thursday after the Fair
 - Mailing Option: To have a premium check mailed on the Friday after the Fair, a \$1 mailing fee must be paid during registration.
 - Check Validity: Checks are valid for 90 days after issuance. No re-issues will be provided after this period.
 - Errors or Missing Checks: Must be reported within one month after the fair ends. No corrections or re-issues will be made after that time.
- e. Deductions from Premiums: The NWSF reserves the right to deduct amounts due to early exhibit removal, fraud, or outstanding fees.

9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds

- a. Gate Hours: The Main Gate opens to the public at 9:00 a.m. The East Gate is staffed beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- b. Entry Requirements: All individuals entering the fairgrounds must have a valid ticket, pass, or wristband.
- c. Trailer Parking: Trailers may not be parked on-site. After unloading animals, all trailers must be moved to the designated off-site parking lot.
- d. Vehicle access to the NWSFA Agricultural Campus: Follow traffic flow patterns during animal drop off and pick up. During the Fair vehicles may only access the Agricultural Campus during designated times.
- e. Towaway Zones: Vehicles parked in the following areas will be towed:
 - Cemetery roads
 - Fire Lanes Behind Barns
 - Posted no-parking zones (designated for emergency or administrative use only)
 - Handicapped parking without a valid permit
 - Unauthorized overnight parking

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- f. Respect for Neighboring Properties: Please be considerate of surrounding homes, businesses, and grounds.
- g. Parking Options:
 - Inside the Fenced Area: Daily parking passes may be purchased at the Main Gate.
 - Free Parking: Available outside the fairgrounds near the cemetery and at the Chippewa Hockey Arena. A shuttle service is available—visit our website for hours and details.
- h. General Parking Rules: Follow instructions from parking lot attendants and drive slowly while on the fairgrounds.

10. Removal of Exhibits

- a. Early Removal Penalty: Removing exhibits, equipment, or decorations before the scheduled release time may result in penalties as determined by the Fair Board. Consequences may include loss of awards, loss of premiums, or disqualification from future competitions.
- b. Animal Exhibits: Exhibitors must keep their animals on display until the posted release time. The Fair remains open to the public through Sunday afternoon.
- c. Non-Animal Exhibits: Exhibits must be picked up according to the schedule listed on page 1. Unclaimed exhibits will be disposed of one month after the Fair; perishable items will not be returned.
- d. Cleanup of Barns, Stalls, and Displays: Exhibitors must thoroughly clean their animal areas and cages before release. Manure must be disposed of in designated dumpsters. All signs, decorations, nails, tacks, staples, and construction materials must be removed. Exhibitors are responsible for leaving their space as they found it, "Leave No Trace."

11. Camping

- a. General Rules: Sleeping in the barns is strictly prohibited by state and local fire codes. Camping is available **only** to Livestock Exhibitors due to limited space. Camping is not permitted in unauthorized areas of the Fairgrounds.
- b. Reservations & Payment:
 - Reservations open on **April 15 at 9:00 a.m.** and are filled in on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - To reserve a site, print the reservation form from our website and submit it to the NWSF Volk Administration Office with payment.
 - Rates are subject to change; check the website for current pricing.
 - Payment is required at the time of the request. If the campground is full, payments will be refunded.
 - Checks are recommended, as they can be held until sites are assigned and returned if no spot is available.
 - Camping spaces will be assigned a few weeks before the fair.
- c. Campground Regulations:
 - A camping permit will be issued and must be displayed on the camper.
 - No generators or campfires are permitted.
 - Water hook-up is not available.
 - Picnic tables are not provided.
- d. Supervision & Conduct:
 - Minors must always be supervised by a responsible adult.
 - Alcohol must be secured and kept away from minors.
 - Violations may result in loss of future camping privileges.
 - All state and local laws must be followed.
- e. Cleanup & Responsibility:
 - Campers must clean their area before leaving.
 - Failure to do so may result in loss of future camping privileges.

12. **Leadership Structure:** The NWSF is led by a combination of the NWSFA Board of Directors, Fair Administration Staff, Volunteers, the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DTCAP), and recommendations of the Wisconsin Association of Fairs (WAF) and International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE). If you have questions, please contact the NWSFA Executive Director, Brian Maki, at bmaki@nwsfa.com.

13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33)

- a. Original Work: All non-animal exhibits, except for antiques, must be created or produced by the exhibitor.

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- b. Misrepresentation: Misrepresenting the origin of an item constitutes fraud and will result in forfeiture of all awards.
- c. Premium Forfeiture: If a premium is found to have been obtained through false evidence, misrepresentation, or violation of any rules listed above, the premium will be withheld by the NWSF.

14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)

- a. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
- b. Animal Health & Biosecurity:**
 - Biosecurity for exhibitors and Fairgoers: Exhibitors are aware that their animals carry germs that can make people sick. Exhibitors should set a good example for Fairgoers by not eating or drinking in the animal barns. Encourage Fairgoers to wash their hands after touching with the animals on exhibit.
 - Any animal appearing ill or injured must be examined by a veterinarian—at the exhibitor's expense—before unloading or participating. Vaccination for shipping fever in dairy and beef animals is recommended.
 - Health Documentation: Health records must be provided to the Exhibit Department or Department Leaders before unloading animals. All animals must be identified by registration name/number or ear tag. Interstate health certificates for animals originating outside Wisconsin must be submitted for inspection and kept on file.
 - Transport Cleanliness: Animals must arrive and depart in clean, disinfected trailers, trucks, or transport vehicles.
 - Animal Health Measures: The NWSF enforces specific measures to address animal health risks associated with large gatherings. All exhibitors must comply with these requirements.
 - Read and follow the Animal Health Regulations and the ATCP 160 rules by visiting <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/FairRulesFinal.pdf>
- c. Competition & Judging**
 - Judging Schedule: Exhibitors are responsible for knowing their class times. Animals must be in the ring promptly after being called. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. The schedule is available on page 1 of the Exhibit Guide or on the competition's website.
 - In the Show Ring: Each animal must be shown to the judge's full satisfaction. Only the judge, Department Leaders, and essential attendants may be in the ring during judging.
 - Animal Handling: Cattle, horses, mules can enter the ring only under halter and in the charge of the exhibitor. Sheep and swine only in charge of the exhibitor. Livestock will not be permitted to run at large at any time.
 - Exhibitor Age: Open Fair exhibitors may be of any age. Exhibitors showing livestock must be at least eight (8) years old, as of January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors who are part of an Approved Youth Organization should register for the Junior Fair.
 - Purebred Animals: Exhibitors of purebred animals must provide registry names and numbers, along with registration information, to the Department Leaders upon request.
 - Breeding Animals: Exhibitors must submit satisfactory evidence (affidavit or similar documentation) that breeding animals four years and older have produced a living offspring within the past two years. Reproductive soundness will be considered during judging. No awards will be given to animals with questionable transmissible unsoundness.
- d. Barn Management**
 - Electrical Items: Only fans are permitted. No other electrical appliances may be used in the barns.
 - Extension Cords: Only outdoor-rated extension cords in good working condition may be used.
 - Exhibit Placement: Exhibitors may not change their assigned exhibit space without prior approval from the Department Leaders. Unauthorized changes may result in forfeiture of premiums.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
 - Livestock Sales: No animals may be posted for sale during the Fair.
- e. Liability & Care:**
 - The NWSF will take reasonable precautions to safeguard exhibits but is not responsible for damage, loss, or accidents involving animals or property.

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- Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals and for any damage or accidents caused by their animal exhibits.
- NWSF is not responsible for non-animal items left after 6 p.m. on the Monday following the Fair.

15. ETHICS for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13

- a. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
- b. Conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and integrity to promote the advancement of education in agriculture.
- c. All livestock exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibitors must provide and use only their own utensils and water buckets when caring for livestock
- d. (Junior Fair Only)
- e. Failure to comply with these behavioral expectations and with the National Code of Show Ring Ethics (as established by the International Association of Fairs & Expositions), will result in progressive disciplinary action as outlined below:
 - A verbal warning, with written documentation maintained on file
 - A written warning, maintained on file
 - A third (3rd) infraction may result in further disciplinary action, up to and including a request for resignation or possible separation from the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, at the discretion of the Executive Director
- f. Exhibitors and/or family members, who display retribution to this action either verbally and/or written may be disqualified for the upcoming show/sale season.
- g. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and responsible persons who violate this rule and code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and may be prohibited from future exhibitions.
- h. As adopted by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics, "Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada." <https://fairsandexpos.com/document/iafe-show-ring-code-of-ethics>
- i. An NWSF Junior & Open Fair Leadership Team member, Fair Administration, or pre-designated representative will monitor Barn areas during the exhibitions. Violations of this ethics rule will need to be witnessed in person by two individuals non-related to the incident, or a member of the Junior & Open Fair Leadership Team, or Fair Administration, for consequences to be given. Repetitive violations may result in expedited consequences.

16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

The Northern Wisconsin State Fair Board has adopted the following IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHIC RULES, and as supplemented were deemed necessary by the Fair Board, which shall be applied to all exhibitors of the Northern Wisconsin State Fair.

- **By registering to exhibit at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair you agree that you have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.**

International Association of Fairs and Expos CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

- A. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.
- B. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the

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respective fairs and livestock shows. **Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.**

- C. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:
1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
 2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
 3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
 4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
 5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animals performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
 6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. There is a zero tolerance of mistreatment of animals and exhibitors will result in loss of premiums and a ban from future showing at the NWSF.
 7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair, and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
 8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such an individual to disciplinary action.
 9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
 10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that

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any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities

17. Liability Information

- a. **General Liability Disclaimer:** The Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc., the Northern Wisconsin Fairgrounds, Inc., and all respective officers, directors, and employees (collectively, "NWSFA") are not responsible for any loss, damage, theft, injury, or death—whether caused by disease, accident, or any other circumstance—affecting any property or person while on the Fairgrounds. NWSFA assumes no responsibility for any accident, injury, or mishap affecting exhibitors, attendees, property, or members of the fair-going public.
- b. **Security & Property Protection:** NWSFA is not responsible for losses or for the security of property or merchandise belonging to license holders, exhibitors, concessionaires, exhibit tag coupon holders, reserve seat holders, or admission ticket holders anywhere on the Fairgrounds.
 1. General grounds security is provided only during the week when the Fair is open.
 2. License holders and exhibitors are responsible for taking their own precautions to prevent theft or damage.
 3. Any loss or damage should be reported to both the Chippewa Falls Police Department and the NWSFA Administration Office.
- c. **Waiver of Claims by Licensees & Exhibitors:** Licensees and exhibitors waive all claims against NWSFA for liability arising from any damage to their concession, exhibit, products, equipment, or property, regardless of cause. All risks associated with operations, installations, acts, errors, or omissions of the licensee—or their employees or agents—on the Fairgrounds rest solely with the licensee. Licensees shall not seek contribution, damages, or indemnification from NWSFA for any such loss.
- d. **Assumption of Liability for Accidents & Operations:** Licensees and exhibitors assume full liability for all injuries to persons (including death) and all damage to property resulting from movement, setup, teardown, or operation of their exhibit or concession. Licensees and exhibitors release NWSFA from all liability related to injuries sustained by their employees while on the Fairgrounds, including any claims that might otherwise be pursued by workers' compensation insurance carriers.
- e. **Indemnification Requirement:** Licensees and exhibitors must indemnify and hold harmless NWSFA—with legal counsel acceptable to NWSFA—from all damages, claims, costs, liabilities, fines, penalties, and expenses, including attorney fees, accounting fees, and court costs. This indemnification applies to all actions, errors, omissions, movement, setup, teardown, and operation of the licensee's or exhibitor's exhibit, concession, support equipment, or services provided on the Fairgrounds.
- f. **Insurance Coverage:** If licensees, exhibitors, or others with property on the Fairgrounds desire protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire or any other cause, they are solely responsible for obtaining and paying for such insurance. NWSFA does not provide insurance coverage for the benefit of any licensee or exhibitor. NWSFA is not responsible for any articles left on the Fairgrounds after their arrival and set up, including any non-animal items left after 6:00 p.m. on the Monday following the final day of the Fair.
- g. **NWSFA Photo Release:** By attending this event, you authorize the use of your image in pictures, audio, and video productions for advertising and marketing needs of the NWSF, Sponsors, or Vendors of the Fair.

Open Dairy Cattle – Department A01

****Register Early. Space is limited to the first 100 dairy cattle****

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All exhibitors are expected to be familiar with and follow all expectations covered at the beginning of this guide: Topics include:

1. Exhibit Guide: Use only this year's guide. Follow the schedule listed on page 1.
2. Method of Registration:
 - online at <http://nwsfa.fairwire.com>
 - Payment is required to complete registration.
 - A registration worksheet with fee details is available on the website.
 - Premise ID, YQCA and other required paperwork may be collected as part of the registration process.
 - By registering to exhibit at the Fair you authorize the use of your image (photo, audio, or video) for NWSF advertising and marketing.
3. Perks of Registering
4. Exhibit Tags
5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
 - All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
8. Premiums & Ribbons
9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
10. Removal of Exhibits
11. Camping
12. Leadership Structure
13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department that exhibitors agree to:

- A. A fee of \$10 per head is required. This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments.
- B. Exhibitors must be Wisconsin residents.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. Health paperwork required for this species. Lactating dairy animals may be required to provide negative avian influenza ("bird flu") test results, as determined by current health regulations.
- E. Respect the decision of Agricultural Leadership regarding Blue-ribbon exhibitors from Junior Fair being allowed to carry-over to show in open class for ribbon only, IF approved by the Department Leaders and IF space allows.

Age Definitions per DATCP, ATCP 160.07(1):

- **Individual Classes - Dairy cattle.**
 - (a) A spring calf is one born on or after March 1 of the exhibit year.
 - (b) A winter calf is one whose date of birth is between December 1 of the year preceding the exhibit year and February 28 or 29 of the exhibit year.
 - (c) A fall calf is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and November 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
 - (d) A summer yearling is one whose date of birth is between June 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
 - (e) A spring yearling is one whose date of birth is between March 1 and May 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
 - (f) A winter yearling is one whose date of birth is between December 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and February 28 or 29 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

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(g) A fall yearling is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and November 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

(h) A 2-year-old is one born between September 1 of the third year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year. A 2-year-old includes a yearling that has freshened.

(i) A 3-year-old is one whose date of birth is between September 1 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the third year preceding the exhibit year.

(j) A 4-year-old is one whose date of birth is between September 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year.

- **Group Classes for Dairy and Beef** (from ATCP 160)

(a) A **dairy** junior get of sire shall consist of 3 animals which are the offspring of the same bull. All these animals shall be under 2 years of age, and not more than one may be a bull. ...

(b) A dairy and beef senior get of sire shall consist of 3 animals which are the offspring of one sire. All these animals shall be 2 years of age or over. In either a dairy or beef breed get of sire, the name of the sire shall be designated by the exhibitor. The animals need not be owned by a single exhibitor.

(c) A produce of dam shall consist of 2 animals of any age or sex which are the produce of one cow.

(d) A group of 3 best female cattle shall consist of 3 animals of any age which were bred and are owned by the exhibitor.

Department Open Dairy #01

Division A: Purebred Holstein

Division B: Purebred Jersey

Division C: Purebred Guernsey

Division D: Purebred Brown Swiss

Division E: Purebred Ayrshire

Division F: Purebred Any Other Breed

Dairy Purebred Class # - Description

Premium	1st =\$25	2nd =\$20	3rd =\$16	4th =\$14
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1. Cow, 2 to 3 years old

2. Cow, 3 to 4 years old

3. Cow, 4 to 5 years old

4. Cow, over 5 years old

5. Dry Cow, 3 years and over

Champion Cow, 2 years and over

Reserve Champion Cow, 2 years and over

Premium	1st =\$10	2nd =\$8	3rd =\$5	4th =\$3
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6. Bull calf, spring

7. Bull calf, winter

8. Bull calf, fall

Champion Bull, junior

Reserve Champion Bull, junior

Premium	1st =\$20	2nd =\$18	3rd =\$10	4th =\$8
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9. Heifer calf, spring

10. Heifer calf, winter

11. Heifer calf, fall

Premium

12. Heifer calf, summer yearling

13. Heifer calf, spring yearling

14. Heifer calf, winter yearling

15. Heifer calf, fall yearling

Champion Heifer, under 2 years

Reserve Champion Heifer, under 2 years

Dairy Group Classes

Premium	1st =\$20	2nd =\$18	3rd =\$10	4th =\$8
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16. Junior Get of Sire

17. Senior Get of Sire

18. 3 Best Females of any age

19. Produce of dam, 2 any age/sex

Overall

Grand Champion Female

Rosette

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Reserve Grand Champion Female
Supreme Champion Female
Reserve Supreme Champion Female

Rosette
Banner
Banner

Division G: Showmanship Ribbon Only

1. Open Dairy Showmanship

The Tom Hinke Award

This award is presented in the Junior Dairy (each year), Open Dairy (even years), Open Beef (odd years) shows. It recognizes an exhibitor who demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship and cooperation with fair management and personnel, fellow exhibitors, and the viewing public

Open Beef Cattle – Department A02

****Register Early. Space is limited to the first 100 beef cattle****

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 - c. A registration worksheet with fee details is available on the website.
 - d. Premise ID, YQCA and other required paperwork may be collected as part of the registration process.
 - e. By registering to exhibit at the Fair you authorize the use of your image (photo, audio, or video) for NWSF advertising and marketing.
3. Perks of Registering
4. Exhibit Tags
5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
 - a. All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
 - b. Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
8. Premiums & Ribbons
9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
10. Removal of Exhibits
11. Camping
12. Leadership Structure
13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. A fee of \$10 per head is required. This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments.
- B. Exhibitors must be Wisconsin residents.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. Health paperwork is NOT required for this species.
- E. Upon request provide full pedigree, post office address, the name, age, sex, breed, description, and animal registration number to the Department Leaders.

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- F. Respect the decision of Agricultural Leadership regarding Blue-ribbon exhibitors from Junior Fair being allowed to carry over to show in open class for ribbon only, IF approved by the Department Leaders and IF space allows.
- G. Beef classes will be split into heats if more than 10 animals are registered or at the discretion of the judge.
- H. When the "Any Other Breed" class, includes 7 animals of one specific breed, it may become its own Division.

Age Definitions per DATCP, ATCP 160.07(1):

- **Individual Classes - Beef cattle.**

(a) A junior calf is one born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year. The calf shall be at least 4 months old at the time of the exhibition.

(b) A senior calf is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

(c) A summer yearling is one whose date of birth is between May 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

(d) A junior yearling is one whose date of birth is between January 1 and April 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

(e) A senior yearling is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.

(f) A 2-year-old or older cow is one born before September 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and which has calved during the past year.

- **Group Classes for Dairy and Beef**

(a) ... A **beef** junior get of sire shall consist of 3 animals which are the offspring of the same bull and are animals in the junior calf, senior calf, or the summer yearling, bull, and heifer classes, with both sexes to be represented.

(b) A dairy and beef senior get of sire shall consist of 3 animals which are the offspring of one sire. All these animals shall be 2 years of age or over. In either a dairy or beef breed get of sire, the name of the sire shall be designated by the exhibitor. The animals need not be owned by a single exhibitor.

(c) A produce of dam shall consist of 2 animals of any age or sex which are the produce of one cow.

(d) A group of 3 best female cattle shall consist of 3 animals of any age which were bred and are owned by the exhibitor.

- Show order: 1) Bulls, 2) Cow/Calf, 3) Heifers, 4) Group Classes, 5) Market Steers, 6) Showmanship

Department Open Beef #02

Division A: Registered Purebred Angus

Division B: Registered Purebred Hereford

Division C: Registered Purebred Shorthorn

Division D: Registered Shorthorn Plus

Division E: Registered Purebred Simmental

Division F: Registered Purebred Miniature Breeds

Division G: Any other Registered Breed

Division H: Commercial

Open Beef Class # - Description	Premium	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1. Bull calf, junior (on or after 1/1 this year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
2. Bull calf, senior (9/1 to 12/31 of prior year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
3. Bull, summer yearling		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
4. Bull, junior yearling		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
5. Bull, senior yearling		\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
Champion Bull, any age		Ribbon			
Reserve Champion Bull, any age		Ribbon			
6. Heifer calf, junior (on or after 1/1 this year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
7. Heifer calf, senior (9/1 to 12/31 of prior year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
8. Heifer, summer yearling (May-Aug prior year)		\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
9. Heifer, junior yearling (Jan-Apr prior year)		\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
10. Heifer, senior yearling (Fall 2 years prior)		\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
11. Cow, over 2 years old		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
12. Cow and offspring		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Champion Female, any age		Ribbon			
Reserve Champion Female, any age		Ribbon			
Overall Female:					
Supreme Champion Beef Female		Banner			

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Reserve Supreme Champion Beef Female		Banner			
Division I: Group Classes					
13. Get of sire		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
14. 3 Best Females		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
15. Produce of Dam		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
16. Pair of calves-1 bull/1 heifer		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Grand Champion Beef Group		Rosette			
Division J – Market					
Class # - Description	Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1. Feeder Calf Steer (under 17 weeks)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
2. Summer Yearling Steer		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
3. Junior Yearling Steer		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
Champion Market Steer		Ribbon			
Division K: Showmanship					
1. Open Beef Showmanship		Ribbon Only			

Open Sheep – Department A04

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2. Method of Registration:
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 - Payment is required to complete registration.
 - A registration worksheet with fee details is available on the website.
 - Premise ID, YQCA and other required paperwork may be collected as part of the registration process.
 - By registering to exhibit at the Fair you authorize the use of your image (photo, audio, or video) for NWSF advertising and marketing.
3. Perks of Registering
4. Exhibit Tags
5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
 - All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
8. Premiums & Ribbons
9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
10. Removal of Exhibits
11. Camping
12. Leadership Structure
13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. A fee of \$10 per head is required. This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments.
- B. Exhibitors must be Wisconsin residents.
- C. Health paperwork required for this species: Scrappies

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- D. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- An Animal Identification Form must be completed and submitted prior to unloading animals and must include the full scrapie, registration, or tattoo number.
 - Sheep from within Wisconsin need: If sexually intact they need official individual ID *at any age*; If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are *12 months or older*; Official ID includes scrapie ear tags or tattoos, USDA 840 ear tag, approved microchips if a reader is available and if accompanied by breed registration papers in the owner's name, or breed association tattoo if accompanied by registration papers in the owner's name; Cannot be under restriction for movement to fairs and shows
 - Ear tags and association numbers are required for all purebred animals.
- E. Upon request provide full pedigree and post office address, the name, age, sex and breed or description and registry number.
- F. Due to space limitations, there is a limit of 25 animals per Premise ID #.
- G. Any artificial coloring or oiling of any breed of sheep will bar the showing and will be discriminated against by the judge.
- H. Grooming: Registered wool breeds including Columbias, Corriedales, Rambouillets and Targhees shall be shown with two inches of wool or less. All meat breeds shall have been completely shorn not more than 2 months nor less than 2 weeks prior to show date.
- I. Breeding animals may not be exhibited in Market Class.

Age Definitions per DATCP, ATCP 160.07(1):

- **Individual Classes**

- (a) A spring lamb is one born on or after February 16 of the exhibit year.
- (b) A fall lamb is one born between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- (c) A winter lamb is one born between January 1 and February 15 of the exhibit year.
- (d) A yearling ram or ewe is one born outside the date of birth limitations in pars. (a) through (c). The age of yearlings may be subject to verification by a veterinarian's examination whose findings shall be final.

- **Group Classes**

- (a) A get of sire shall consist of 4 lambs or yearlings, or both, of either sex, from one sire, which were bred and are owned by the exhibitor.
- (b) An exhibitor's flock shall consist of one yearling or ram lamb, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs which are owned by the exhibitor.
- (c) A junior division pair of lambs may include a spring or fall ram and spring or fall ewe lamb owned by the exhibitor.
- (d) A junior division flock shall be comprised of 3 sheep consisting of a yearling or lamb ram, an ewe lamb, and a yearling ewe, all of which are owned by the exhibitor.

Department Open Sheep #04

Division A: Suffolk

Division B: Hampshire

Division C: Dorset

Division D: Shropshire

Division E: Southdown

Division F: Tunis

Division G: Dorset Advantage

Division H: Wether Style

Division I: Natural Color

Division J: Any Other Breed, Meat Type Registered

Division K: Any Other Breed, Wool Type Registered

Division L – Commercial Ewes

Open Sheep Class # - Description

Premium

1st =\$6

2nd =\$5

3rd =\$4

4th =\$3

1. Yearling Ram (previous year before 8/31)
2. Fall Ram Lamb (previous year 9/1 to 12/31)
3. Winter Ram Lamb (1/1 to 2/15)
4. Spring Ram (after 2/16)

Champion Ram, any age

Ribbon

Reserve Champion Ram, any age

Ribbon

5. Yearling Ewe (previous year before 8/31)
6. Fall Ewe Lamb (previous year 9/1 to 12/31)
7. Winter Ewe Lamb (1/1 to 2/15)
8. Spring Ewe Lamb (after 2/16)
9. Mature Ewe

Champion Ewe, any age

Ribbon

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Reserve Champion Ewe, any age	Ribbon
Overall	
Grand Champion Ram	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Ram	Rosette
Grand Champion Ewe	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe	Rosette

Division M: Sheep Group Classes

Premium 1st =\$6 2nd =\$5 3rd =\$4 4th =\$3

1. Get of Sire (4 lambs or yearlings owned by the exhibitor from same sire)
2. Exhibitors Flock (5 animals: 1 ram lamb or yearling, 2 ewe yearlings, 2 ewe lambs)

Division N - Market

Premium 1st =\$6 2nd =\$5 3rd =\$4 4th =\$3

Class # - Description

1. All Market Sheep
 - **All animals should enter Class 1. Entries will be moved to other Classes after weighing.**
 - Approximate weight classes will be
 - Light (90 pounds or less)
 - Medium (91-120 pounds)
 - Heavy (121 pounds and up)

Supreme Champion Market Sheep, overall,

Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Sheep, overall

Banner

Division O – Open Sheep Showmanship Ribbon Only

Sheep Class # - Description

1. Junior Showmanship (8-11)
2. Youth Showmanship (12-18)
3. Adult Showmanship (19+)

Division P – Open Displays related to Sheep

Premium 1st =\$5 2nd =\$4 3rd =\$3 4th =\$2

Class # - Description

1. Display sheep fleece
2. Display of wool
3. Wool Apparel, handmade
4. Wool item, handmade (not apparel)
5. Art item, related to Sheep wool/fleece

** Consider entering apparel, wool items and art in Department A28 Home Furnishings or A26 Clothing, or A16 Cultural Arts. These Departments have display space in Building A and are on display throughout the fair.

Open Goats – Department A05

****Fair goers would love to see goats through the weekend. Talk to the Department Leader for details.**

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6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:

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- All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
 8. Premiums & Ribbons
 9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
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 13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
 14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
 15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
 16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
 17. Liability Information

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- A. A fee of \$10 per head is required. This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments.
- B. Exhibitors must be Wisconsin residents.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. ATCP 160.07(1), which allows for the combining of classes due to insufficient entry numbers, does not apply to Dairy classes when the national breed association certifies that the animals are recorded in that association's qualified herd book.
- E. Health documentation is required for this species, including scrapie identification as applicable.
- F. An Animal Identification Form must be completed with the full scrapie, registration, or tattoo number. Forms are available online or at the fair office.
- G. Original registration or recordation certificates, or a duplicate application stamped by the registry office, are required for all animals under six (6) months of age and must be presented to the show secretary prior to the start of the show. Copies, telegrams, phone calls, or other substitutes will not be accepted in place of original documents.
- H. All goats, regardless of age, must be free of open skin wounds or abrasions, including cuts, punctures, or open horn scabs. Animals with any abscess, at any stage of progression, will not be permitted to unload. Previous abscess sites must be dry, scab-free, and show evidence of hair regrowth. No exceptions will be made.
- I. The base date for determining animal age is the opening day of the fair.
- J. Animals with full natural horns that have not been disbudded or dehorned may not be shown.

Department Open Goats #05 : Dairy Goats

Division A: Alpine

Division B: LaMancha

Division C: Nigerian

Division D: Nubian

Division E: Any Other Purebred

Division F: Recorded Grade

Open Goat Class # - Description

Premium	1 st =\$6	2 nd =\$5	3 rd =\$4	4 th =\$3
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1. Junior Doe Kid (less than 4 months)
2. Senior Doe Kid (4 months but less than 7 months)
3. Junior Yearling Doe (7 months but less than 12 months)
4. Senior Yearling Doe (12 months but less than 24 months, not in milk)

Champion Junior Doe

Ribbon

Reserve Champion Junior Doe

Ribbon

Grand Champion Junior Doe

5. Yearling Milker (under 2 years)

6. Junior Milker (2 years but less than 3 years)

7. Mature Milker (3 years and under 5 years)

8. Aged Milker (5+ years)

Champion Senior Doe

Ribbon

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Reserve Champion Senior Doe

Ribbon

Division G: Non-Dairy Goats

1. Pet under 1 year (females only)
2. Pet over 1 year (females & wether only that are not in milk)
3. Meat goat, doe, under 1 year
4. Meat goat, doe, over 1 year
5. Meat goat, wether, under 1 year
6. Meat goat, wether, over 1 year

Champion Non-Dairy Goat

Ribbon

Reserve Champion Non-Dairy Goat

Ribbon

Overall – All Classes

Supreme Champion

Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion

Banner

Division H – Dam & Daughter

Premium 1st=\$6 2nd=\$5 3rd=\$4 4th=\$3

- Any age dam/daughter, goat may be entered in their individual breed class for placement.

1. Dairy Breeds
2. Meat Breeds
3. Fiber Breeds

Division I - Goats Showmanship

Ribbon Only

1. Youth Showmanship (8-18)
2. Adult Showmanship (19+)

Open Draft Horses – Department A06

By registering for the NWSF you are committing to be on-site for 3 days. Draft horses must arrive by 2pm on Friday. Shows take place on Saturday and Sunday. Animals may leave after 4pm on Sunday.

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3. Perks of Registering
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5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
 - All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
8. Premiums & Ribbons
9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
10. Removal of Exhibits
11. Camping
12. Leadership Structure
13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)

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15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. Every time an animal enters the arena in the Hitch Division an appearance payout of \$10 will be added.
- B. Pay a charge per stall (per head). This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments. Exhibitors will receive one season pass per animal registered, up to a maximum of six; the number of passes needed must be entered during online registration. Refer to the registration worksheet for detailed pricing for box, tie, or tack stalls. Department Leaders will determine the availability of tack stall space after registration closes, and verification will be sent at that time. If a tack stall is not available, the fee will be refunded at the end of the fair.
- C. During registration, provide the main contact person's first and last name and the farm name.
- D. Reserve a campsite if camping in a tack trailer or camper. Livestock camping reservation forms are available online or at the fair office. Completed paper forms and payment must be delivered to the office. Campsites are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Information regarding the type of vehicle, trailer length, and related details must be included on the camping form. The goal is to have all trailers located off-site.
- E. Provide records showing a negative Coggins test for each animal used in the show. Health forms should be provided to Department Leaders before unloading. Only submit paperwork for horses entered in this exhibit. General health rules apply, and any horse found to be infected with a contagious or infectious disease may be ordered removed from the fairgrounds at any time during the fair.
- F. Provide proof of ownership upon request. All animals must be the legal property of the exhibitor as of July 1 of the fair year.
- G. Acknowledge and comply with the following rules: No more than two prizes may be awarded to any exhibitor in a single class. All youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult in all Hitch Classes. Youth must be at least eight years old as of January 1 of the show year to participate in this department.
- H. Abide by arrival and release times. Participants must enter through the East Gate and check in at the Coliseum Office upon arrival, using State Street to North Street (next to the cemetery) to access the grounds. Departure is permitted after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Order of release will be determined by distance to travel and under the direction of the Department Leaders. Traffic considerations play a significant role in arrival scheduling; exhibitors must adhere to designated arrival times for the safety of animals and visitors.

If unable to arrive before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, exhibitors must contact the Department Leaders for instructions on entering the grounds between midnight and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Department Leaders are Tammy E., 715-651-7837, belgians12@yahoo.com, or Joe B., 715-577-3688, JLBohlinger@yahoo.com.

Department Open Draft Horse #06

Division A – Youth Draft

Class # - Description	Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1. Showmanship age 8-13		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
2. Showmanship age 14-19		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
3. Cart age 8-13		\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
4. Cart age 14-19		\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
5. Team age 8-13		\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15
6. Team ages 14-19		\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15

Three Best of Show Ribbons will be awarded in this class.

Division B - Halter-Breeders (All Breeds)

Class # - Description	Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1. Stallion Foal		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
2. Stallion 1-2 years		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
3. Stallion 3+ years		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
4. Gelding 1-2 years		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
5. Gelding 3+ years		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
6. Filly Foals		\$16	\$14	\$12	\$8
7. Mare 1 year		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
8. Mare 2 years		\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16

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9. Mare 3 years	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
10. Mare 4+ years	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16
11. Mare and Foal	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$8
12. Produce of Dam (2 horses any age, either sex, by same dam)	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$8
13. Get of Sire (2 horses any age, either sex, by same stallion)	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$8

Grand Champion – Mare – Gelding - Stallion

Reserve Grand Champion – Mare – Gelding – Stallion

Supreme Champion

Division C – Hitches

Each animal entering the arena in the Hitch Division will receive an appearance payout of \$10.

Class # - Description	Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
• Men's Single Cart (This horse cannot be in Class 2)		\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30
• Ladies Single Cart (This horse cannot be used in Class 1)		\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30
• Tandem		\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30
• Team on Wagon (Must have one horse different than #5,6,7)		\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50
• Ladies Team on Wagon (Must have one horse different than #4,6,7)		\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50
• Gelding Team on Wagon (Must have one horse different than #4,5,7)		\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50
• Mare Team on Wagon (Must have one horse different than #4,5,6)		\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50
• Unicorn Hitch		\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50
• Four Horse Hitch		\$100	\$85	\$70	\$55
• Six Horse Hitch		\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75
• Eight Horse Hitch		\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100

Division D - Light Draft

Class # - Description	Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1. Four Horse Hitch		\$100	\$85	\$70	\$55
2. Unicorn Hitch		\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65
3. Team Hitch		\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50
4. Single Cart (Men) (Horse cannot be used in Class 5*)		\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30
5. Single Cart (Ladies) (Horse cannot be used in Class 4*)		\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Division E - Presentation Awards

All exhibitors will be included in the presentation awards. **Premium** \$25.00 Award per Class.

Class # - Description

1. Best Dressed Driver-Men's Cart
2. Best Dressed Driver-Woman's Cart
3. Best Decorated Stall & Barn Display (1-4 horses)
4. Best Decorated Stall & Barn Display (5 or more horses)
5. Best Shod

Open Poultry – Department A07

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3. Perks of Registering
 4. Exhibit Tags
 5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
 6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
 - All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fair-goers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
 7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
 8. Premiums & Ribbons
 9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
 10. Removal of Exhibits
 11. Camping
 12. Leadership Structure
 13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
 14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
 15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
 16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
 17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. Pay a charge of \$1 per bird. This fee also determines the number of birds eligible for staging purposes. Plastic must be placed on tables prior to display. Shavings may be used; hay or straw is not permitted.
- B. All birds must be entered in the name of the owner. More than one bird per class may be entered; however, no more than two premiums per class will be paid to any exhibitor.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. Health paperwork is required for this species. Poultry and waterfowl need ONE of the following:
 - For eggs and birds of all ages, documentation that the flock of origin is either a Wisconsin Tested Flock and has tested negative for pullorum-typhoid and for turkeys Mycoplasma gallisepticum, Wisconsin Associate Flock, or an NPIP flock.
 - Visit the DATCP website for forms and more information. https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryFlockPrograms.aspx
 - For sexually mature birds (turkeys over 6 months, all other birds over 4 months) that do not qualify as part of a flock status, individual tests within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band identification (ID). All birds must test negative for pullorum-typhoid, and turkeys must test negative for Mycoplasma gallisepticum.
 - Eggs and sexually immature birds are not eligible for individual testing and cannot be shown unless they originate from an enrolled NPIP, NPIP affiliate, Wisconsin Tested, or Wisconsin Associate flock.
 - Flock of origin means the flock in which the birds currently reside.
 - For more information about Showing Poultry and Farm-Raised Game Birds in WI, visit: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/2026ShowingPoultryinWisconsin.pdf>

Age Definitions

- All cockerel, pullet, and waterfowl entries must be hatched on or after January 1 in the exhibit year and are referred to as young birds.
- Hens must be hatched prior to January 1 of the exhibit year and referred to as old birds.

Department Open Poultry #07 Standard Chickens

Premium	1 st =\$2	2 nd =\$1.75	3 rd =\$1.50	4 th =\$1.25
Division A - American	Class # - Description			

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- Plymouth Rock
- Wyandottes
- Rhode Island Reds
- Any Other American Class

Division B - Asiatic

- Brahmas
- Cochins
- Any Other Asiatic Class

Division C - English

- Orpingtons
- Australorps
- Any Other English

Division D - Mediterranean

- Leghorns
- Any Other Mediterranean Class

Division E - Continental

- Polish
- Northern European
- French
- Any Other Continental Class

Division F - Any Other Standard Breed

- Orientals (Sumatra, Malay, Yokohama, etc.)
- Misc (Sultan, Naked Neck, Araucana, Ameraucana)
- Frizzles
- All Other Standard Breeds

Division G - Game

- Moderns
- Old English

Poultry - Bantam

Division H - Single Comb Clean Legged

- Leghorns
- Plymouth Rocks
- Orpingtons
- Any Other Single Comb Clean Legged

Division I - Rose Comb Clean Legged

- Belgian Bearded D'Aners
- Rosecombs
- Sebrights
- Wyandottes
- Any Other Rose Comb Clean Legged

Division J - All Other Comb Clean Legged

- Ameraucanas
- Polish
- Any Other All Other Comb Clean Legged

Division K - Feather Legged

- Booted
- Belgian Bearded D'Uccle
- Brahamas
- Cochins
- Silkies
- Sultans
- Any other Feather Legged

Poultry - Pet

A01 Cock, A02 Hen, A03 Cockerel, A04 Pullet
A05 Cock, A06 Hen, A07 Cockerel, A08 Pullet
A09 Cock, A10 Hen, A11 Cockerel, A12 Pullet
A13 Cock, A14 Hen, A15 Cockerel, A16 Pullet

Class # - Description

B01 Cock, B02 Hen, B03 Cockerel, B04 Pullet
B05 Cock, B06 Hen, B07 Cockerel, B08 Pullet
B09 Cock, B10 Hen, B11 Cockerel, B12 Pullet

Class # - Description

C01 Cock, C02 Hen, C03 Cockerel, C04 Pullet
C05 Cock, C06 Hen, C07 Cockerel, C08 Pullet
C09 Cock, C10 Hen, C11 Cockerel, C12 Pullet

Class # - Description

D01 Cock, D02 Hen, D03 Cockerel, D04 Pullet
D05 Cock, D06 Hen, D07 Cockerel, D08 Pullet

Class # - Description

E01 Cock, E02 Hen, E03 Cockerel, E04 Pullet
E05 Cock, E06 Hen, E07 Cockerel, E08 Pullet
E09 Cock, E10 Hen, E11 Cockerel, E12 Pullet
E13 Cock, E14 Hen, E15 Cockerel, E16 Pullet

Class # - Description

F01 Cock, F02 Hen, F03 Cockerel, F04 Pullet
F05 Cock, F06 Hen, F07 Cockerel, F08 Pullet
F09 Cock, F10 Hen, F11 Cockerel, F12 Pullet
F13 Cock, F14 Hen, F15 Cockerel, F16 Pullet

Class # - Description

G01 Cock, G02 Hen, G03 Cockerel, G04 Pullet
G05 Cock, G06 Hen, G07 Cockerel, G08 Pullet

Class # - Description

H01 Cock, H02 Hen, H03 Cockerel, H04 Pullet
H05 Cock, H06 Hen, H07 Cockerel, H08 Pullet
H09 Cock, H10 Hen, H11 Cockerel, H12 Pullet
H13 Cock, H14 Hen, H15 Cockerel, H16 Pullet

Class # - Description

I01 Cock, I02 Hen, I03 Cockerel, I04 Pullet
I05 Cock, I06 Hen, I07 Cockerel, I08 Pullet
I09 Cock, I10 Hen, I11 Cockerel, I12 Pullet
I13 Cock, I14 Hen, I15 Cockerel, I16 Pullet
I17 Cock, I18 Hen, I19 Cockerel, I20 Pullet

Class # - Description

J01 Cock, J02 Hen, J03 Cockerel, J04 Pullet
J05 Cock, J06 Hen, J07 Cockerel, J08 Pullet
J09 Cock, J10 Hen, J11 Cockerel, J12 Pullet

Class # - Description

K01 Cock, K02 Hen, K03 Cockerel, K04 Pullet
K05 Cock, K06 Hen, K07 Cockerel, K08 Pullet
K09 Cock, K10 Hen, K11 Cockerel, K12 Pullet
K13 Cock, K14 Hen, K15 Cockerel, K16 Pullet
K17 Cock, K18 Hen, K19 Cockerel, K20 Pullet
K21 Cock, K22 Hen, K23 Cockerel, K24 Pullet
K25 Cock, K26 Hen, K27 Cockerel, K28 Pullet

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Division L - Any Pet Chicken / Mixed

- Standard Breed
- Bantam Breed

Class # - Description

L01 Cock, L02 Hen, L03 Cockerel, L04 Pullet
L05 Cock, L06 Hen, L07 Cockerel, L08 Pullet

Overall Chicken Awards

Grand Champion Standard

Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Standard

Rosette

Grand Champion Bantam

Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Bantam

Rosette

Poultry - Waterfowl – Ducks & Geese

Premium 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

Division M - Ducks-Heavy

Class # - Description

- Pekins M01 Drake Young, M02 Drake Old, M03 Duck Young, M04 Duck Old
- Rouens M05 Drake Young, M06 Drake Old, M07 Duck Young, M08 Duck Old
- Muscovy M09 Drake Young, M10 Drake Old, M11 Duck Young, M12 Duck Old
- Any Other Heavy M13 Drake Young, M14 Drake Old, M15 Duck Young, M16 Duck Old

Division N - Ducks-Medium

Class # - Description

- Buffs N01 Drake Young, N02 Drake Old, N03 Duck Young, N04 Duck Old
- Cayugas N05 Drake Young, N06 Drake Old, N07 Duck Young, N08 Duck Old
- Any Other Medium N09 Drake Young, N10 Drake Old, N11 Duck Young, N12 Duck Old

Division O - Ducks-Light

Class # - Description

- Runners O01 Drake Young, O02 Drake Old, O03 Duck Young, O04 Duck Old
- Any Other Light O05 Drake Young, O06 Drake Old, O07 Duck Young, O08 Duck Old

Division P – Ducks Bantam Class # - Description

- Calls P01 Drake Young, P02 Drake Old, P03 Duck Young, P04 Duck Old
- East Indies P05 Drake Young, P06 Drake Old, P07 Duck Young, P08 Duck Old
- Mallards P09 Drake Young, P10 Drake Old, P11 Duck Young, P12 Duck Old

Division Q – Geese Class # - Description

- Q01 Goose Young
- Q02 Goose Old
- Q03 Gander Young
- Q04 Gander Old

Poultry - Other Birds

Premium 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

Division R – Turkey Class # - Description

- R01 Turkey Tom
- R02 Turkey Hen

Division S - Guinea Fowl Class # - Description

- S01 Guinea Cock
- S02 Guinea Hen

Division T – Pigeons Class # - Description

- T01 All Breeds

Reserve Champion – Other Birds

Ribbon

Champion – Other Birds

Ribbon

Overall Awards – Divisions M-T

Grand Champion

Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion

Rosette

Division U – Eggs

Premium 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

One dozen, uniform size, and color, in egg carton, clean

- U01 Brown
- U02 Blue
- U03 White

Division V - Poultry Showmanship Ribbon Only

Class # - Description

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- V01 Youth (8-18)
- V02 Adult (19+)

Overall Awards

Supreme Champion

Reserved Supreme Champion

Trophy

Trophy

*Would you be interested in having Open Rabbits – Department A08
~ Let us know ~*

Open Llama & Alpaca – Department A11

A.K.A. Domesticated Exotic Animals

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17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. A charge of \$10 per head is required. This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments.
- B. Exhibitors must be Wisconsin residents.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. Only one animal per halter class may be entered, except in group classes. Animal age will be determined by the show date.
- E. Each animal may only earn two premiums, one for exhibition and one for performance. Any other entries will be for ribbon only.

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- F. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own animal feed and bedding.
- G. Proof of registration with the International Llama Registry must be provided upon request.
- H. Llamas must be dewormed within seven (7) days prior to the show.
- I. Each animal may earn two premiums: one for exhibition and one for performance.
- J. Exhibitors agree to accept the decisions of the Department Leaders and the judge if a llama is removed from the show for disruptive behavior.

Department - Llama & Alpaca #11 A.K.A: Domesticated Exotic Animals

Division A - Showmanship Llama & Alpaca

Class # - Description Premium Ribbon Only

1. Youth Showmanship, exhibitor up to age 16
2. Adult Showmanship, exhibitor 16 and over

Exhibition Divisions

Division B - Llama Light to Medium Wool

Division C - Llama Heavy Wool

Division D - Llama Suri Wool

Division E - Alpaca Huacaya

Division F - Alpaca Suri

Premium 1st =\$10 2nd =\$8 3rd =\$7 4th =\$6

Class # - Description

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. 18-24 mo. Registered Nonbreeder | 12. 13-24 mo. Nonregistered, Male |
| 2. 25-36 mo. Registered Nonbreeder | 13. 25-36 mo. Nonregistered, Male |
| 3. 37 mo.+ Registered Nonbreeder | 14. 36 mo.+ Nonregistered, Male |
| 4. 18-24 mo. Nonregistered Nonbreeder | 15. 5-12 mo. Registered, Juvenile Female |
| 5. 25-36 mo. Nonregistered Nonbreeder | 16. 13-24 mo. Registered, Female |
| 6. 37 mo.+ Nonregistered Nonbreeder | 17. 25-36 mo. Registered, Female |
| 7. 5-12 mo. Registered, Juvenile Male | 18. 36 mo.+ Registered, Female |
| 8. 13-24 mo. Registered, Male | 19. 5-12 mo. Nonregistered, Juvenile Female |
| 9. 25-36 mo. Registered, Male | 20. 13-24 mo. Nonregistered, Female |
| 10. 36 mo.+ Registered, Male | 21. 25-36 mo. Nonregistered, Female |
| 11. 5-12 mo. Nonregistered, Juvenile Male | 22. 36 mo.+ Nonregistered, Female |

Llama Awards:

Champion, given for each wool type	Ribbon
Llama Grand Champion Llama	Rosette
Llama Reserve Grand Champion Llama	Rosette

Alpaca Awards:

Champion, given for each wool type	Ribbon
Alpaca Grand Champion Llama	Rosette
Alpaca Reserve Grand Champion Llama	Rosette

Overall Awards

Llama / Alpaca Supreme Champion	Banner
Llama / Alpaca Reserve Supreme Champion	Banner

Division G – Group Classes

Premium 1st =\$10 2nd =\$8 3rd =\$7 4th =\$6

Class # - Description

1. Llama Get of Sire - two offspring (either sex) Same Sire
2. Llama Produce of Dam-2 offspring (either sex) Same Dam
3. Alpaca Get of Sire - two offspring (either sex) Same Sire
4. Alpaca Produce of Dam-2 offspring (either sex) Same Dam

Division H - Performance Divisions – Combined Llama and Alpaca

Premium 1st =\$5 2nd =\$4 3rd =\$3 4th =\$2

Class # - Description

1. Pleasure Driving, single hitch, exhibitors of all ages
2. Junior Obstacle course, exhibitors 13 years and under
3. Intermediate Obstacle course, exhibitors 14-21 years
4. Senior Obstacle course, exhibitors 22 and up

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5. Junior Pack, exhibitor 16 and under
6. Senior Pack, exhibitor 17 and over
7. Costume, exhibitor of all ages

Division J – Displays related to Llama & Alpaca

Premium 1st =\$5 2nd =\$4 3rd =\$3 4th =\$2

Class # - Description

1. Display of wool
2. Llama Fleece, one full, light, medium or heavy
3. Llama Suri Fleece, one full
4. Alpaca Huacaya Fleece, one full
5. Alpaca Suri Fleece, one full
6. Wool Apparel, handmade
7. Wool item, handmade (not apparel)
8. Art item, related to Llamas or Alpaca

** Consider entering apparel, wool items and art in Department A28 Home Furnishings or A26 Clothing, or A16 Cultural Arts. These Departments have display space in Building A and are on display throughout the fair.

Open Plants & Soils – Department A14

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- A. Because of the early date of this fair, some exhibits may not have made enough growth to make a fair showing. No awards will be given to exhibits of this kind.
- B. **Produce and plant materials are to be grown by exhibitors. No purchased items.**
- C. All entries must be labeled with the name(s) of the variety.
- D. The class descriptions indicate the number of specimens needed for the exhibit and other display information.
- E. All threshed and sheaf grain will be subject to germination test.
- F. All threshed samples of grains or grasses germinating 70% or less will be retained by NWSF and no award will be given.

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- G. All exhibits should be displayed on a non-decorated plate or non-decorative container appropriate to the size of the product.
- H. All corn must be at mature stage. These may be from last year's crop. Immature exhibits will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
- I. Hybrid corn will be judged on the following points: Germination, Disease, Maturity, Uniformity, and General Quality.
- J. All sheaves and bundles shall be shown in cured stage. Green (uncured) exhibits will be disqualified. Sheaves will be retained by the fair upon the close of the fair.
- K. Grains may be dyed or marked with food grade food dye after judging.
- L. All sheaves of grain shall be 2 ½ inches in diameter at upper band
- M. All bundle grasses, hay and forage crops shall be 4 inches in diameter at the lower band.
- N. **Items not picked up on the designated date will be disposed of by the Department Leaders.**

Department Open Plants & Soils #14

Premiums All Divisions 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

Awards:

Best of Show Vegetable	Ribbon
Best of Show Fruit	Ribbon
Best of Show Herb	Ribbon
Best of Show Field Crop	Ribbon
Sweepstakes – Overall A14 & A15	Rosette + \$15

Division A – Vegetables - Class # - Description

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Beans, Wax, 15-cut beans from stalk, do not pull. Leave 1/2 inch of stem | |
| 2. Beans, Green, 15- cut beans from stalk, do not pull. Leave 1/2 inch of stem | |
| 3. Beets, Pickling, 4 (with 1" top) | 19. Potatoes, Norland, 6 |
| 4. Broccoli, 1 head | 20. Potatoes, Red Pontiac, 6 |
| 5. Carrots, Any variety, 6 | 21. Potatoes, Any other named variety, 6 |
| 6. Cucumbers, Dill, 3 (3 to 4 inches) | 22. Radishes, Red, bunch of 4 (with 1" top) |
| 7. Cucumbers, Pickling, 6 | 23. Radishes, White, bunch of 4 (with 1" top) |
| 8. Garlic, (5 bulb), 1" stems | 24. Rhubarb, 6-trim top to 1 inch of leaf, clean root end (Stalk should be pulled, not cut) |
| 9. Kale, 1 plant in water | 25. Squash, Summer zucchini, 2 |
| 10. Kohlrabi 2"-4", 4-6 top leaves ½" | 26. Squash, Summer, any other |
| 11. Leaf Lettuce, 1 plant in water | 27. Sweet Corn, Early, 3 ears (husked) |
| 12. Onions, White, 4 | 28. Swiss Chard, 2 plants in water with roots (unpotted) |
| 13. Onions, Yellow, 4 | 29. Tomatoes, Cherry, 5 (with stem) |
| 14. Onions, Red, 4 | 30. Tomatoes, Green 4 (with stem) |
| 15. Peas, Edible pods, 10 | 31. Tomatoes, Red, 3 (with stem) |
| 16. Peas, Snow, 10 | 32. Other Vegetable/Miscellaneous |
| 17. Peppers, Green, 3 | |
| 18. Peppers, Any other named variety, 3 | |

Division B – Fruits - Class # - Description - Cut stem from tree, do not pull

- 1. Apples, Delicious, 5 - with stem, and a couple leaves.
- 2. Apples, Haralson, 5 - with stem, and a couple leaves.
- 3. Apples, McIntosh, 5 - with stem, and a couple leaves.
- 4. Apples, Oldenberg (Duchess), 5-with stem and a couple leaves.
- 5. Apples, Gala, 5-with stem, and a couple of leaves.
- 6. Apples, Any other standard variety, 5- with stem and a couple leaves.
- 7. Crab Apples, Whitney, 10 (with stem & leaves)
- 8. Crab Apples, Any other variety, 10 (with stem & leaves)
- 9. Grapes, 4 bunches
- 10. Plums, 10
- 11. Raspberries, 1 pint
- 12. Strawberries, 1 pint
- 13. Blueberries, 1 pint
- 14. Other fruit not listed/Miscellaneous

Division C - Herbs - Class # - Description

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All herbs are to be in a clean jar of water, sized for the exhibit. Add sand, pebbles, marbles, etc. to add weight to make it as stable as possible.

1. Basil, 3 stems
2. Chive, 6 stems
3. Cilantro, 3 stems
4. Dill, 1 head in water plant and roots
5. Mint, 3 stems
6. Oregano, 3 stems
7. Parsley, 3 stems
8. Rosemary, 3 stems
9. Sage, 3 stems
10. Thyme, 3 stems

11. Any Other Herb not listed, (identify variety) 3 stems/Miscellaneous

Division D - Field Crops - Class # - Description

1. Soybeans, 1-previous year crop, put in a one-gallon zip-lock style bag, leaving 1" headspace
2. Hybrid Corn, 10 cobs-previous year crop
3. Yellow Dent Corn, 6 stalks (no roots) bundled in 3 places-current year
4. Alfalfa
5. Timothy Hay
6. Any other Field Crop/Miscellaneous

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16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. Exhibitors are expected to know which one class to enter each item. If a single plant is entered in more than one class, it will be disqualified. Department Leaders may choose to move an item to a different class during check-in.
- B. The class descriptions indicate the number of stems, sprays or spikes needed for the exhibit and other display information.
- C. Natural foliage should remain on stems, unless otherwise indicated. Cut flowers should not be displayed with foliage immersed in water. Remove the foliage below the water line. No additional foliage is allowed.
- D. Cut flowers should be shown in clear containers of appropriate size. Decorative vases are not allowed.
- E. Hosta leaves are measured in square inches (length x width) from tip to base, omitting the stem portion. See www.americanhostasociety.org for more information.

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- F. Hybrid Tea roses are exhibited as one single bloom, on stem, without side buds, with natural foliage.
- G. Plant material for horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor except for Floral Design where plant material can be gathered from nature. In all other classes, flowers must be garden grown but not necessarily by the designer/exhibitor. **Commercially grown plant materials and potted plants are not allowed.**
- H. Artificial or artificially dyed plants are not allowed.
- I. Potted plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least ninety (90) days.
- J. Patio plantings (planters) must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least six (6) weeks. Primary consideration is given to cultural perfection in judging combination plantings, and secondary consideration is given to effectiveness, color harmony, and suitability of container.
- K. All plants should be free from insects, disease, and injury. Any exhibit with such will be disqualified and removed from the exhibition area.
- L. Use of artificial leaf enhancements (leaf shine) is not allowed.
- M. Plants from the Wisconsin Endangered Species list are prohibited.
- N. Decorative ribbons should not be used in floral designs unless noted in the class description.
- O. If a US Flag is used in any floral design, proper flag etiquette must be used.
- P. Floral designs can use fresh and/or dried plant materials including weathered wood.
- Q. Lillies may be brought in 30 minutes prior to judging (15-17 and 30-35)
- R. **Items not picked up on the designated date will be disposed of by the Department Leaders.**

Department Open Flowers & Houseplants #15

Premiums All Divisions 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

Awards

Best of Show - Annuals	Ribbon
Best of Show - Perennials	Ribbon
Best of Show - Potted Plants	Ribbon
Best of Show - Floral Design	Ribbon
Sweepstakes – Overall A14 & A15	Rosette + \$15

Division A: Annuals - Class # - Description

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Ageratum, 3 | 21. Nasturtium, 3 (no foliage) |
| 2. Aster, 3 | 22. Nicotiana, 1 |
| 3. Bachelor Button, blue, 5 | 23. Petunias, Single Pink, 1 |
| 4. Bachelor Button, any other, 5 | 24. Petunias, Single Red, 1 |
| 5. Calendula, 3 | 25. Petunias, Single White, 1 |
| 6. Calibrachoa, 1 (million bells/super bells) | 26. Petunia, Single Bicolor, 1 |
| 7. Celosia, 1 (plume type) | 27. Petunia, Single, Any other color, 1 |
| 8. Celosia, 1 (crested type) | 28. Petunia, Double, 1 |
| 9. Cosmos, 3 | 29. Salvia (<i>Salvia splendens</i>) 1 |
| 10. Geranium, Single Red, 1 | 30. Snapdragon, 1 |
| 11. Geranium, Double Red, 1 | 31. Sweet Pea, 3 |
| 12. Geranium, Single Pink, 1 | 32. Verbena, Red or Pink, 1 |
| 13. Geranium, Double Pink, 1 | 33. Verbena, Any other color, 1 |
| 14. Geranium, Single or Double Bi-color, 1 | 34. Viola/Pansy, (<i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>), 3 (no foliage) |
| 15. Geranium, Single, Any other color, 1 | 35. Viola-Johnny Jump Up (<i>Viola tricolor</i>), 1 |
| 16. Geranium, Double Any other color | 36. Zinnia, 3 (larger than 3" in size) |
| 17. Marigold, mini, (less than 1" in size) 3 | 37. Zinnia, 3 (less than 3" size) |
| 18. Marigold, single, (1-3" in size) 3 | 38. Any other annual not listed above, |
| 19. Marigold, double, (1-3" in size) 3 | 1/Miscellaneous |
| 20. Marigold (larger than 3" in size) 3 | |

Division B: Perennials, Biennials, Bulbs and Tubers - Class # - Description

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. Astilbe, 1 | 7. Daisy, Shasta Single, 1 |
| 2. Calla lily, 1 (no foliage) | 8. Delphinium, 1 |
| 3. Coreopsis, Double, 3 | 9. Dianthus, 1 |
| 4. Coreopsis, Single, 3 | 10. Echinacea (coneflower), Purple, 1 |
| 5. Dahlia, 1 | 11. Echinacea (coneflower), Any other color, 1 |
| 6. Daisy, Shasta Double, 1 | 12. Gaillardia, 1 |

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13. Gladiolus, 1
14. Gypsophila (Baby's Breath), 1

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15. Hemerocallis (Daylily), Yellow, 1
16. Hemerocallis (Daylily), Any other color, 1
17. Hemerocallis (Daylily), Stella de Oro, 1
18. Heuchera (Coral Bells) Leaf Only
19. Hosta, Green, (leaf), Miniature Species & Cultivars (less than 6 square inches), 1
20. Hosta, Green, (leaf), Small Species & Cultivars (6 to less than 30 square inches), 1
21. Hosta, Green (leaf), Medium Species & Cultivars (30 to less than 64 square inches), 1
22. Hosta, Green(leaf), Large Species & Cultivars, (64 to less than 120 square inches), 1
23. Hosta, Green (leaf), Giant-Leaved Species & Cultivars (greater than 120 square inches), 1
24. Hosta, Variegated, (leaf), Miniature Species & Cultivars (less than 6 square inches), 1
25. Hosta, Variegated, (leaf), Small Species & Cultivars (6 to less than 30 square inches), 1
26. Hosta, Variegated (leaf), Medium Species & Cultivars (30 to less than 64 square inches), 1
27. Hosta, Variegated (leaf), Large Species & Cultivars, (64 to less than 120 square inches), 1
28. Hosta, Variegated (leaf), Giant-Leaved Species & Cultivars (greater than 120 square inches), 1
29. Hydrangea, 1

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30. Lilium, Asiatic, up facing, 1
31. Lilium, Asiatic, outfacing, 1
32. Lilium, Asiatic, pendent/downfacing, 1
33. Lilium, Oriental, 1
34. Lilium, Species (including Tiger Lily), 1
35. Lilium, any species, or hybrid not listed above, 1
36. Monarda, 1
37. Perovskia, 1 (Russian sage)
38. Phlox, 1
39. Rose, Miniature & Climbing Miniature 1
40. Rose, Hybrid Tea & Climbing Hybrid Tea, 1
41. Rose, Floribunda & Climbing Floribunda, 1
42. Rose, Grandiflora & Climbing Grandiflora, 1
43. Rose, Shrub, 1
44. Rose, any other species, or hybrid not listed above, 1
45. Rudbeckia, Black Eyed Susan, 1
46. Rudbeckia, Double, 1
47. Salvia, Garden Sage, 1
48. Scabiosa, 1
49. Yarrow, 1
50. Any other perennial not listed/Miscellaneous

Division C: Indoor Potted Plants - Class # - Description

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. African Violet, Blue tones-must be in bloom | 11. Philodendron |
| 2. African Violet, White- must be in bloom | 12. Sedum & Succulents |
| 3. African Violet, Red tones- must be in bloom | 13. Spider Plant |
| 4. African Violet, Bicolor- must be in bloom | 14. Foliage Plant, Any other |
| 5. Cacti | 15. Flowering Plant, Any other |
| 6. Rhipsalidopsis gaertnera, Easter Cactus | 16. Trailing Plant, Any other |
| 7. Schlumbergera bridgesii, Christmas Cactus | 17. Container Garden, Single variety |
| 8. Schlumbergera truncate, Thanksgiving Cactus | 18. Container Garden, Multi varieties |
| 9. Fern, Any variety | 19. Hanging Planter, Foliage |
| 10. Ivy, Any variety | 20. Hanging Planter, Blooming |
| 21. Dish Garden, minimum of 3 species or varieties (one container) | |
| 22. Terrarium, minimum of 3 species or varieties in a clear glass container | |
| 23. Any other indoor potted plant/Miscellaneous | |

Division D: Outdoor Potted Plants - Class # - Description

Plant material may be gathered from nature and ribbon used.

1. Begonia, Tuberous
2. Begonia, Any other
3. Coleus
4. Geranium Foliage Plant, Any other (label with botanical name and variety)
5. Flowering Plant, Any other (label with botanical name and variety)
6. Trailing Plant, Any other (label with botanical name and variety)
7. Container Garden, Single variety
8. Container Garden, Multi varieties
9. Hanging Planter, Foliage

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Best of Show Class I-J	Ribbon
Best of Show Class K-L	Ribbon
Sweepstakes	Rosette + \$15

Division A: Oil Painting

Division B: Watercolor and/or Tempera Painting

Division C: Acrylic Painting

Division D: Crayon and/or Pastel

Division E: Mixed Media and/or Media not listed

- For Classes A-E (media type) choose appropriate Class numbers 1-15 (subject type) to enter.

Class # - Description

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Abstract | 9. Animal(s) |
| 2. Portrait | 10. Bird(s) |
| 3. Portrait (2 or more people) | 11. Floral |
| 4. Landscape | 12. Any subject not listed. |
| 5. Buildings | 13. Textile painting |
| 6. Scenic | 14. Painting not on canvas |
| 7. Still Life | 15. Miscellaneous Painting/not listed. |
| 8. Seascape | |

Division F: Drawing - Pencil, Charcoal, Pen, or Ink - Class # - Description

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|---------------|--|
| 1. Portrait | 5. Seascape |
| 2. Landscape | 6. Animal(s) |
| 3. Buildings | 7. Any subject not listed/Miscellaneous. |
| 4. Still Life | |

Division G: Paper craft - Class # - Description

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Scrapbook, Album/non-digital | 5. Stamp Art-other than greeting card. |
| 2. Scrapbook, single page/non-digital | 6. Stenciling |
| 3. Stamp Art Greeting Card | 7. Decoupage |
| 4. Envelope for greeting card. | 8. Any other paper craft not listed/Miscellaneous. |

Division H: Jewelry - Class # - Description

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| 1. Earrings | 3. Rings |
| 2. Necklace or Choker | 4. Any other jewelry not listed |

Division I: Miscellaneous Crafts - Class # - Description

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Art from Recycled Materials | 7. Rock art |
| 2. Basketry | 8. Sculpture, Any media. |
| 3. Doll and/or toy making. | 9. Soap making |
| 4. Leatherwork-not for outdoor use | 10. Stained Glass |
| 5. Mason Jar Art/Craft | 11. Wire Art-not jewelry |
| 6. Miniature Room Model/Dollhouse Room-decorated | 12. Wine Bottle Art |
| | 13. Wine Cork Art |
| 14. Yard Art. <u>All exhibits must be constructed by the exhibitor.</u> There are no size limits in this class, however, keep in mind that you will be responsible for setting up and removing the exhibit. | |
| 15. Any other craft not listed above/Miscellaneous. | |

Division J: Ceramics - Class # - Description

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Free formed. | 4. Glazed |
| 2. Wheel thrown. | 5. Dry brushed. |
| 3. Molded | |
| 6. Any other ceramic or pottery not listed above/Miscellaneous. | |

Division K: Woodcraft - Class # - Description

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Scrollwork | 4. Woodcarving |
| 2. Article made on Lathe. | 5. Barn Quilt on wood |
| 3. Wood Burning | 6. Any other woodcraft not listed /Miscellaneous. |

Division L: Outdoor Gear - Class # - Description

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Leathercraft for outdoor use | 4. Handmade camping gear |
| 2. Handmade fishing gear | 5. Canvas item |
| 3. Handmade hunting gear | |

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6. Any other outdoor gear not listed/Miscellaneous.

Division M: Youth Cultural Arts - Class # - Description

- Exhibitors must be aged 14 years or under and not showing in Junior Fair.
 - Additional Classes may be created to group like exhibits together.
1. Paintings
 2. Drawings
 3. Jewelry
 4. Ceramics
 5. Woodcraft

Open Antiques – Department A19

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- A. **LIMIT OF 25 ITEMS PER EXHIBITOR. Choose your best items to bring.**
- B. **No article or work previously exhibited at this fair will be accepted for five years.**
- C. Judging will be closed to the public due to space limitations.
- D. Items must be at least fifty (50) years old. (Made or produced earlier than **1976**)
- E. Items **MUST** be clean.
- F. Item should be complete-not broken or missing pieces.
- G. Exhibit tags should be attached prior to delivery.
- H. A brief explanation of interesting facts pertaining to the exhibit on a 3x5 card may be included.
- I. Articles of a collection, display or group cannot be entered separately for individual premiums.
- J. Collections shall be limited to 3 pieces.
- K. No large items will be accepted and no furniture due to space limitations.
- L. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits; however, the NWSF will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.

Judging Criteria

- Design and general appearance
- Beauty Color
- Value in point of interest

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- Quality Material
- Technique
- Condition

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Premiums All Divisions 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

Awards

Best of Show Class A	Ribbon
Best of Show Class B	Ribbon
Best of Show Class C	Ribbon
Best of Show Class D	Ribbon
Best of Show Class E	Ribbon
Best of Show Class F	Ribbon
Best of Show Class G	Ribbon
Best of Show Class H	Ribbon
Best of Show Class I	Ribbon
Sweepstakes (one)	Rosette + \$15

Division A: Glass - Class # - Description

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|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basket, any kind 2. Blown Glass 3. Bottle-Medicine 4. Bottle-Any other 5. Bowl 6. Butter Dish 7. Candy Dish 8. Carnival Glass 9. Cobalt Item 10. Cranberry Item 11. Cream and Sugar Set 12. Cruet 13. Custard Glass Item 14. Cut glass Item 15. Depression Bowl 16. Depression Glass, any kind | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Etched Item 18. Hobnail Item 19. Milk Glass 20. Pickle Dish 21. Pitcher 22. Plate 23. Pressed Glass item 24. Ruby Glass 25. Salt and Pepper Set 26. Shaving mug 27. Souvenir or Advertising Item 28. Toothpick Holder 29. Tumblers (1-3 pieces) 30. Vase 31. Vaseline Glass 32. Any other item not listed |
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Division B: Ceramic, China, Porcelain - Class # - Description

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|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bisque Item 2. China Plate 3. Cookie Jar 4. Cream and sugar 5. Cup and Saucer 6. Flow Blue Ware 7. Gilded Item 8. Hand painted item 9. Pickle Dish 10. Platter or Tray | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Salt and Pepper 12. Shaving Mug (with or without brush) 13. Souvenir or Advertising Item 14. Stein 15. Teapot 16. Toothpick holder 17. Vase 18. Vegetable bowl uncovered 19. Water pitcher and basin 20. Any other Ceramic and/or China Item |
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Division C: Stoneware, Pottery, Crockery - Class # - Description

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|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Art Pottery (i.e., McCoy, Redwing, Rookwood, Roseville, or Weller) 2. Cookie Jar 3. Crock 4. Jug 5. Crockery Bowl | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Fiesta Ware (up to 3 pieces) 7. Souvenir or Advertising Item 8. Stein 9. Any other Stoneware 10. Any other Crockery |
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Division D: Children's Items - Class # - Description

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|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Book, Children's (copyright 50 years old) 2. Car, Truck or Tractor 3. Cast Iron Toy | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Child's Chair 5. Dishes, Child's plate, cup, or bowl 6. Doll |
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7. Doll Furniture & Accessories
8. Lunch Box/Pail
9. Tea set-child's miniature play
10. Toy with wheels (Not Trucks, cars, tractors)
11. Any other type of toy not listed

Division E: Home/Kitchen - Class # - Description

1. Butter churn
2. Candlestick/ Candle Holder(s)
3. Cast Iron Kitchen Item
4. Coffee Grinder
5. Clock
6. Cookie Cutters
7. Lamp, Complete, Oil (OIL REMOVED)
8. Lamp, Complete, electric
9. Lamp Base, Ceramic, oil (OIL REMOVED)
10. Lamp base, Ceramic, electric
11. Paperweight
12. Pot, pan, coffee pot or teapot, not cast iron
13. Silver serving pieces-tea set, sugar, creamer, platter, etc.
14. Silver Flatware-eating/serving utensils, "silverware"
15. Wooden Butter Mold
16. Wooden Kitchen Item
17. Any Other Kitchen Item not listed

Division F: Clothing, Home, Linens, Dressing Accessories - Class # - Description

1. Clothing
2. Clothing Accessories (shoes, hat, gloves, etc.)
3. Linen for kitchen or dining - doily, tablecloth, table runner, tablecloth, napkin set, dishcloth
4. Linen for bedroom - sheets, pillowcases, blanket, throws, sheets
5. Jewelry
6. Needlework-sampler, needlecraft (not kitchen or bedroom linens in classes #106, #107)
7. Vanity Item or set
8. Buttons, Collection, fancy (no more than 36)
9. Perfume Bottle
10. Any other clothing, linen or dressing item not listed

Division G: Paper Items - Class # - Description

1. Artwork-painting, watercolor, drawing-no paint by number
2. Book, not children's
3. Certificate (diploma, wedding, etc.)
4. Comic Book
5. Paper Fan
6. Photo Album
7. Photograph/Picture
8. Poster or Print
9. Post Cards and/or Greeting Cards
10. Souvenir or Advertising Item FRAMED
11. Sports cards
12. Any other paper item not listed

Division H: Metal - Class # - Description

1. Brass Item
2. Cast Iron for outdoor use
3. Cast Iron not listed in other classes
4. Copper Item
5. Pewter Item
6. Silver, Ornamented-Not kitchen item
7. Souvenir or Advertising Item
8. Tin Item
9. Any other metal not listed or described

Division I: Miscellaneous-NOT glass or ceramic - Class # - Description

1. Bakelite item
2. Bank
3. Basket-woven-natural material
4. Celluloid item
5. Commemorative Item, dated
6. Ethnic Item
7. Fan-electric
8. Farm item-small
9. Figurine, Animal
10. Figurine, People
11. Hand Sewing Tools
12. Holiday/Seasonal (produced more than 50 years ago)
13. Logging item
14. Mid-century Modern (produced 1939-1969)
15. Military Item
16. Musical Instrument
17. Phonograph
18. Radio
19. Records (vinyl/shellac)
20. Railroad item
21. Salesman samples
22. Sewing machine
23. Souvenir or Advertising Item – not listed
24. Sports Equipment
25. Tool, hand
26. Any antique, any other not listed
27. Any antique collection, any other not listed

Open Photography – Department A20

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Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. Limit of 15 photos per exhibitor.
- B. All photos must have been taken by the exhibitor themselves.
- C. Amateurs only. A person who derives their income from the sale of their photos may not enter this department.
- D. All photos must be 5x7. Any larger or smaller will be disqualified.
- E. All photos must be mounted securely on a 7x9 tagboard backing.
 - May be black, white, or complementary colors.
 - Backing must be 90-to-110-pound weight.
 - Lighter weight backing may result in the Department Leaders' decision not to display the work.
 - No frames are allowed. Photos in frames will be disqualified.
 - No foam board is allowed as a backing.
- F. Photo collections should be 5x7 photos mounted on 9x21 tagboard backing.
- G. Exhibit tag should be attached to the upper right corner on the back of the tagboard.
- H. No text is allowed on photographs. This includes dates, names, signatures, etc.
- I. Digital enhancement for Divisions A & B is limited to color enhancement, color correction filtering, highlighting, cropping, clarity and other non-pixel removing or adding actions. Think basic settings on your camera or phone.
- J. Division C enhancements may include removal of pixels (remove unwanted items from the photo), additional actions (adding a person or animal to make the image better), or other actions done through software programs or apps.

Department Open Photography #20

Premiums All Divisions 1st =\$2 2nd =\$1.75 3rd =\$1.50 4th =\$1.25

Awards

Best of Show - Class A	Ribbon
Best of Show - Class B	Ribbon
Best of Show - Class C	Ribbon

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Best of Show - Class D
Sweepstakes (one)

Ribbon
Rosette & \$15.00

Choose your division, then choose the class number.

Division A: Black & White photography - Use contrasts and shadows to give the photos a realistic and beautiful look.

Division B: Color Photography – Use color to convey emotion, tell a story, etc.

Division C: Digitally Enhanced Photos - Black and White or Color - see definition above.

Class # - Description

1. Action-capturing a decisive moment in an event.
2. Animal(s), domestic
3. Apples
4. Architectural- structures, houses, or buildings from different angles to create pleasing attractive photos.
5. Baby
6. Barn-photo in which a barn is the primary subject.
7. Bird (s)
8. Botanical / flowers, in natural environment
9. Candid photo-picture of completely natural state of subjects without prior preparation
10. Chippewa County event or attraction
11. Clouds
12. Colors of Spring
13. Drone photography
14. Fall Colors
15. Family photo - either candid or posed-photo that reflects the atmosphere and mood and relationship between those in the photo.
16. Flag (s)
17. Food-still life arrangement of food
18. Industrial, mechanical
19. Insect
20. Macro Photography-photo shot of a tiny subject at close range to highlight details of the subject matter.
21. NWSF (Northern Wisconsin State Fair) photo
22. Rain
23. Reflections
24. Rust
25. Selfie
26. Shadows
27. Silhouette-people or animals
28. Snow
29. Space, stars, moon
30. Still Life - an inanimate subject matter, typically a small group of objects. Lighting and framing are important aspects of still life photography composition.
31. Storm
32. Sunrise or Sunset
33. Vintage vehicles
34. Water
35. Wildlife-animals in their natural habitat
36. Collection of 3 of same person
37. Collection of 3 of a group of people or three different people
38. Collection of 3 of same subject, (no people) (could be any of the above topics)
39. Any other subject not listed.

Division D: Youth - Class # - Description

- Exhibitors must be aged 14 years or under and not showing in Junior Fair.
 - Additional Classes may be created to group like exhibits together.
1. Black & White

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2. Color
3. Digitally Enhanced

Open Beer & Wine – Department A21

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Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. All exhibitors must be 21 years of age or older.
- B. Only one exhibit per Class per exhibitor
- C. Bottles may be picked up on Monday after the fair. Unclaimed bottles will be recycled after 1 week.
- D. Bottles will be chilled and opened for judging. A locked cooler is provided by NWSF.
- E. Bottles must be free from labels.
- F. Exhibit tag should be tied to the neck of the bottle.

Department Open Beer & Wine #21

Premiums All Divisions 1st =\$5.50 2nd =\$4.50 3rd =\$3.50 4th =\$2.50

Awards

Best of Show- Wine	Ribbon
Best of Show- Ale/Beer	Ribbon

Division A: Wine - Class # - Description

- Wine must be bottled in clear wine bottle with cork, screw, or crown cap.
 - Exhibits must include an index card or small paper with the following information:
 - o Description of contents, including variety of grapes, berries etc. And if raw fruit or mix was used
 - o Date (month and year) fermentation began.
1. Grape Wine-Red
 2. Grape Wine-White
 3. Fruit Wine- (Tree fruits, apple, peach, pear, etc.)
 4. Berry Wine (Strawberry, Blueberry, Raspberry, Blackberry, Cranberry)
 5. Mixed Wine (2 or more fruits, berries etc. blended)
 6. Other Wine (mead, dandelion, rhubarb, any not already listed)

Division B: Beer & Ale - Class # - Description

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- Submit a minimum of 24 ounces for each class entered.
- Beer may be made from malt, hops, grains, fruit/ vegetable/juice, or any other product commonly used in brewing beer
- 1. Light Lager (Pilsner, Helles, etc.)
- 2. Dark Lager (Schwarzbier, Dunkel Bock, etc.)
- 3. Amber Ale (Amber, Red Ale, etc.)
- 4. Light Ale (Pale Ale, Cream Ale, IPA, etc.)
- 5. Dark Ale (Stout, Porter, etc.)
- 6. Amber Lager (Oktoberfest, Vienna, Red Lager, etc.)
- 7. Wheat/Rye
- 8. Specialty Beer (Fruit, Smoked, Sour, etc.)

Open Culinary Arts – Department A25

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16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. Exhibitors must be amateurs except entrants in the Commercial class. An amateur is defined as someone who prepares food products for personal reasons, with no monetary compensation from any related source. Commercial enterprises and businesses are those deriving income from the sale of food products or from any related source
- B. All entries must be pre-registered.
- C. The use of prepared mixes (brownies, cake, pudding, etc.) is allowed only in Class J: Prepared Mixes.
- D. Each exhibit—except for Commercial—must include a clearly written or printed recipe that includes instructions and oven temperature. Do not include your name on the recipe but DO include your exhibit number. Commercial exhibitors are exempt from this requirement.

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- E. Each baked exhibit shall be placed on a 7 or 9-inch white foam plate inserted in a clear zipper style bag. No paper plates as they absorb oil. The recipe should be placed in the bag, under the plate. Exhibit tag string should be inserted and taped to the plate, with the tag hanging outside and the zipper securely closed.
- F. An item and its recipe may be exhibited ONLY once by the same individual. Pick the best category; each item/recipe should be in only one class and one class. Class changes will be allowed only at the department supervisor's discretion.
- G. Plan Ahead. Bring items to the exhibit hall already cool, cut, plated, and ready for exhibit.
- H. All foods will be considered unsafe for consumption at the close of the fair, and will be disposed of, except for unopened canned goods.
- I. Recipes will remain property of NWSF (Northern Wisconsin State Fair).
- J. How much to bring for each exhibit: See instructions for individual classes below.
- K. NOTE: Maple syrup and honey can be entered in Department A-16, Natural Sciences. Beer and wine can be entered Department A-21.



Department Open Culinary Arts #25

Premiums All Divisions 1st =\$2.50 2nd =\$2.25 3rd =\$2 4th =\$1.50

Awards:

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|---|----------------|
| Best in Show - Baked Goods, Bars and Cookies | Ribbon |
| Best in Show - Baked Goods, Yeast, and Quick Breads | Ribbon |
| Best in Show - All other Baked Goods and Candy | Ribbon |
| Best in Show - Canned Goods, Preserves | Ribbon |
| Best in Show - Canned Goods, all other canned goods | Ribbon |
| Best in Show – Youth | Ribbon |
| Sweepstakes (one) | Rosette & \$15 |

Baked Goods, Candy, and Confections Department Open Culinary Arts #25

Division A: Quick Breads-No Yeast - Class # - Description

- Bread exhibits shall consist of ½ of a standard size loaf, including end piece. No mini loaves accepted. Other exhibit requirements are specified.
- 1. Fruit bread (applesauce, cranberry, date, etc.)
- 2. Vegetable bread (pumpkin, zucchini, etc.)
- 3. Coffee cake- ½ of whole, including end piece if applicable
- 4. Muffins (bran, corn, fruit, vegetable, etc.) -3, no paper liners
- 5. Any other quick bread not listed (biscuits, cake donuts/fry cakes, cornbread, scones, etc.)-3

Division B: Yeast Breads-Oven and Bread Machine - Class # - Description

- Bread exhibits shall consist of ½ of a standard size loaf, including end piece. Other exhibit requirements are specified. No mini loaves accepted.
- 1. Bread, White
- 2. Bread, Whole Grain (oat, wheat, rye, etc.)
- 3. Artisan (sour dough, no knead, etc.)
- 4. Dinner Rolls, plain or fancy - 3
- 5. Sweet dough, coffee cake, or tea ring- ½ of whole, including end piece, or 4" wedge.
- 6. Sweet dough, rolls (cinnamon, caramel, fruit, etc.) - 3
- 7. Raised pastry (cronut, Danish, donut, etc.) - 3
- 8. Any other yeast bread not listed

Division C: Cookies - Class # - Description

- Exhibits shall consist of 3 pieces. No frosting unless noted; however, powdered sugar glaze may be used.
- 1. Chocolate Chip
- 2. Molasses
- 3. Oatmeal
- 4. Peanut Butter
- 5. Sugar
- 6. Fancy (filled, pinwheel, spritz, etc.) May be frosted.
- 7. Refrigerator (rolled, chilled, and sliced)
- 8. Rolled, cut out, and decorated (molasses, sugar, etc.) May be frosted.
- 9. Any other not listed

Division D: Bars - Class # - Description

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- Exhibits shall consist of 3 pieces. Bars shall be cut into 2"X2" squares. No frosting: however powdered sugar glaze may be used.
- 1. Fruit (applesauce, date, lemon, etc.)
- 2. Vegetables (carrot, pumpkin, zucchini, etc.)
- 3. Brownies, chocolate
- 4. Brownies, any other variety (blondies, peanut butter, etc.)
- 5. Layer
- 6. No bake
- 7. Any other not listed

Division E: Candy - Class # - Description

- Exhibits shall consist of 3 pieces
- 1. Caramels, no coating and wrapped in waxed paper
- 2. Fudge, any variety (chocolate, peanut butter, etc.) 1"x1" squares
- 3. Nut (brittle, clusters, spiced, etc.)
- 4. Truffles
- 5. Molded chocolate
- 6. Molded candy, any other variety (hard, melting wafers, mints, etc.).
- 7. Edible bombs
- 8. Popcorn (not plain) candied, caramel, etc.
- 9. Any other not listed

Division F: Cakes- Class # - Description

- Cake exhibits shall consist of a 4"x4" corner piece of cake or wedge, right side up. No frosting: however powdered sugar glaze may be used.
- 1. Cake using fruit (applesauce, fruitcake, lemon, etc.)
- 2. Cake using vegetables (carrot, rhubarb, zucchini, etc.)
- 3. Chocolate or devil's food
- 4. White or yellow
- 5. Spice or gingerbread
- 6. Angel food
- 7. Tube (Bundt, other molded cakes, etc.)
- 8. Cupcakes - 3, no paper liners
- 9. Any other not listed

Division G: Decorated Cakes, Whole or Cardboard Forms - Class # - Description

- Judging will be on decoration ONLY; therefore, cardboard or Styrofoam forms are allowed. No recipe(s) required.
- 1. Single layer cake or form
- 2. Two-layer cake or form
- 3. Tiered cake or form
- 4. Cupcakes, baked-3, no paper liners
- 5. Any other not listed (cake pop, etc.)

Division H: Pies - Class # - Description

- Baked pies only. (No puddings, custards, meringues, or whipped cream.) All crusts and fillings shall be made from scratch.
- Pie exhibits shall consist of one mini pie in 5" disposable pan or 3 pieces where applicable.
- 1. Apple
- 2. Berry (blueberry, cranberry, mixed berry, etc.)
- 3. Stone fruit (apricot, cherry, peach, etc.)
- 4. Vegetables (green tomato, rhubarb, zucchini, etc.)
- 5. Savory (empanada, pastie, etc.)
- 6. Any other not listed (fried, mince/mincemeat, "mock," etc.)

Division I: Ethnic Heritage - Class # - Description

- Exhibits should reflect unique ethnic heritage.
- 1. Yeast bread (julekakka, limpa, potica, etc.)-½ of standard size loaf, including end piece, or piece of comparable size where applicable
- 2. Pastries (kolache, paczki, strudel, etc.)-3
- 3. Cookies (alfajore, pfeffernusse, rosette, etc.)-3
- 4. Cake (Black Forest/Kirsch torte, marzipan, gateau)-4"x4" corner piece of cake or wedge
- 5. Any other not listed (aebleskiver, lefse, spanakopita, etc.)-3

Division J: Prepared Commercial Mixes Class # - Description

- Exhibits shall be made using a prepared commercial mix (brownies, cake, pudding, etc.). Specify the mix used in the recipe. Please check other classes for amounts to be exhibited. No frosting: however, powdered sugar glaze may be used.
- 1. Any (quick bread, yeast bread, bars, cake, candy, cookies, pie, etc.).

Division K: Specialty Diet Class # - Description

- Gluten free, keto, sugar free, vegan, etc. Check other classes for amounts to be exhibited.
- 1. Any (quick bread, yeast bread, bars, cake, candy, cookies, pie, etc.)

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Department Open Culinary Arts #25 - Canned Foods

Rules & Regulations:

- A. All entries must be processed after the previous year's Northern Wisconsin State Fair
- B. A recipe with your exhibit number (not your name) shall accompany all canned goods. NEW: Attach completed food preservation label to recipe and attach recipe to the jar with a rubber band. Failure to present the recipe will result in disqualification.
- C. Clear standard or regulation half pint, pint, or quart jars with two-piece lids, with rings removed are required. No wax permitted.
- D. All low acidic foods must be pressure canned. For further information on safely processing canned foods, contact the Chippewa County Extension Office, 715-726-7950. The UW Extension's Safe Food Preservation Series can be consulted by visiting <https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/collections/food-preservation-and-safety>.
- E. Hot-water bath processing is required.
- F. Open kettle canning methods are not acceptable
- G. Any canned goods passing the appearance test may be opened by the judge for final placing.
- H. If there are fewer than 3 entries in a class, they will be moved to "any other not listed" in the same class at the time of judging.
- I. Amount for each exhibit = 1 jar

Product: _____
Month/day/year canned: _____
Canning method (check one): hot pack <input type="checkbox"/> cold pack <input type="checkbox"/>
Processing method (check one):
boiling water bath <input type="checkbox"/>
pressure canner <input type="checkbox"/> pound pressure _____
dial <input type="checkbox"/> jiggle <input type="checkbox"/>
Processing time: quart _____ pint _____
Recipe source: _____

Division L: Canned Fruits - Class # - Description

1. Apples
2. Applesauce
3. Berries (blackberry, blueberry, grape, raspberry, etc.)
4. Stone fruit (cherry, plum, peach, etc.)
5. Any others not listed (fruit blends, pie filling, etc.)

Division M: Preserves - Class # - Description

- Jams must contain mashed or whole fruit. Jellies must not contain pieces of fruit.
1. Berry jam (blueberry, raspberry, strawberry, etc.)
 2. Stone fruit jam (cherry, plum, peach, etc.)
 3. Any other jam not listed (fruit blend, marmalade, rhubarb, etc.)
 4. Apple jelly
 5. Berry jelly (boysenberry, cranberry, grape, etc.)
 6. Stone fruit jelly (apricot, cherry, plum, etc.)
 7. Any other jelly not listed
 8. Miscellaneous (conserves, chutney, etc.)

Division N: Canned Vegetables - Class # - Description

1. Tomatoes (cut or whole, seasoned, or unseasoned)
2. Tomato juice
3. Tomato sauce
4. Beans, any variety
5. Corn
6. Any other not listed

Division O: Pickles, Relishes, and Sauerkraut - Class # - Description

1. Cucumber pickles, sour (spears and whole, fresh pack and fermented)
2. Cucumber pickles, sweet (spears and whole, fresh pack and fermented)
3. Fruit pickles (melon and melon rind, etc.)
4. Vegetable pickles, sour (beans, beets, peppers, etc.)
5. Vegetable pickles, sweet (beans, beets, peppers, etc.)
6. Any other pickle not listed
7. Cucumber relish
8. Fruit relish (cranberry, mango, peach, etc.)
9. Vegetable relish (corn, pepper, tomato, zucchini, etc.)
10. Sauerkraut
11. Any other relish not listed (chow-chow, kimchi, piccalilli, etc.)

Division P: Miscellaneous Canned Foods - Class # - Description

1. Barbecue sauce
2. Meat, any variety
3. Salsa
4. Soup (including broth, stock, and chili)
5. Spaghetti sauce
6. Any other not listed (juice, ketchup, butters, syrup, etc.)

Department Open Culinary Arts #25 - Other Classes & Contests

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Division Q: Dehydrated Foods - Class # - Description

- Entries must be dried after the previous year's Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibits shall be displayed in sealed, clear, zipper style sandwich bags clearly labeled with the following information: method of processing, date of drying, and length of processing time. Exhibits shall consist of 3 tablespoons or 3 pieces, as applicable.
1. Edible flowers (lavender, nasturtium, rose, etc.)
 2. Fruits, any variety
 3. Vegetable, any variety
 4. Herbs and herb blends, any variety
 5. Soup mix, any variety
 6. Any other not listed

Division R: Meats and Fish - Class # - Description

- Only amateur hobbyists are eligible to enter. Exhibits shall be displayed in sealed zipper style bags of suitable size, clearly labeled with a list of ingredients, processing method, and length of time, and date of processing.
1. Dried jerky, any variety
 2. Sausage, any variety
 3. Smoked fish, any variety
 4. Smoked meat, any variety
 5. Any other not listed

Division S: Same Recipe Challenge - Class # - Description

- Open to amateur exhibitors aged 18+ only. All exhibitors will prepare the same recipe provided by the Northern Wisconsin State Fair.
1. Same Recipe Challenge

The 2026 recipe is "Sour Cream Raisin Bars"	
INGREDIENTS:	
Bars 2 cups raisins 1 ½ cups water 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour 1 ½ cups old-fashioned rolled oats 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar ¾ cup butter, softened 1 tsp. baking soda	Filling 1 ½ cups sour cream 1 cup granulated sugar 3 large eggs, yolks only 3 tbsp. cornstarch
HOW TO MAKE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preheat oven to 350°.• Place raisins and water in 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat 10-12 minutes or until raisins are soft and plump. Drain. Set aside and allow to cool 30 minutes.• Combine flour, oats, brown sugar, butter and baking soda in bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press 3 cups crumb mixture into bottom of ungreased 9x13" pan.• Combine granulated sugar, sour cream, egg yolks and cornstarch in 2-quart saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, 15-20 minutes or until mixture comes to a boil. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in raisins.• Spread filling over crumb crust. Sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture. Bake 25-35 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely. Cut into bars.	

Division U: Commercial - Class # - Description

- Commercial exhibitors earn income from the sale of food products or from any related source. Recipes are not required.
1. Quick bread, any variety-½ standard size loaf, including end. No mini loaves.
 2. Muffins, any variety - 3, no paper liners
 3. Scones, any variety - 3
 4. Yeast bread, any variety-½ standard size loaf, including end. No mini loaves.
 5. Yeast pastries (cronut, danish, donut, etc.)-3
 6. Sweet rolls (cinnamon, caramel, fruit, etc.)-3
 7. Cookies, rolled, cut out, and decorated-3
 8. Cookies, any other not listed-3
 9. Brownies, chocolate – 2, 2"x2"
 10. Brownies, any other variety (blondies, peanut butter, etc.) - 3, 2"x2"
 11. Bars, any kind variety (not brownies) - 3, 2"x2"

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12. Fudge, any variety - 3 pieces 1"x1"
13. Truffles, any variety - 3
14. Chocolate, molded - 3
15. Edible bombs, any variety - 3
16. Decorated cake or form-whole (judged strictly on decoration)
17. Decorated cupcakes, baked - 3, no paper liners
18. Pie, fruit, any variety-whole 8" or 9", single or double crust
19. Gluten free, any baked good variety (see similar classes for quantity and size)
20. Vegan, any baked good variety (see similar classes for quantity and size)

Division V: Youth Culinary Arts - Class # - Description

- Exhibitors must be aged 14 years or under.
 - **Youth who are also entered into Junior Fair will pay an additional registration fee for the Open Class Department.**
 - No frosting except under rolled, cut-out and decorated cookies and decorated cake and cupcakes; however, powdered sugar glaze may be used.
 - The incorporation of prepared mixes is allowed.
1. Quick Bread, any variety ½ standard size loaf, including end. No mini loaves.
 2. Muffins, any variety - 3, no paper liners
 3. Yeast bread, any variety ½ standard size loaf, including end. No mini loaves.
 4. Sweet rolls (cinnamon, caramel, fruit, etc.) - 3
 5. Cookies, rolled, cut-out, and decorated - 3
 6. Cookies, any other not listed - 3
 7. Bars, brownies (blondies, chocolate, peanut butter, etc.) - 3, 2"x2"
 8. No bake cookies or bars, any variety - 3 cookies, 3 bars 2"x2"
 9. Fudge, any variety - 3 pieces 1"x1"
 10. Candy, (no fudge) - 3 pieces
 11. Cake, any variety - 4"x4" corner piece or wedge, no frosting; however, powdered sugar glaze may be used
 12. Cake, decorated. Baked cake or inedible form. Judging is on decoration only.
 13. Cupcakes, decorated. Baked cupcakes only. Judging is on decoration only. - 3
 14. Pie, any baked variety – one 5" mini pie

Open Clothing – Department A26

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Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. The exhibit must have been made within the past 2 years.
- B. Exhibits must be products of the exhibitor.
- C. All exhibits must be blocked.

Department Open Knitting & Crocheting #27

Premiums All Division 1st =\$2.50 2nd =\$2.25 3rd =\$2 4th =\$1.50

Awards

Best of Show (one)

Ribbon

Sweepstakes will include Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting

Rosette + \$15.00

Division A: Knitting - Class # - Description

1. Individual knitted item (scarf, hat, or cap) (1 item)
2. Scarf, hat & mitten set (all 3 items)
3. Multiple needle mittens or socks
4. Doll Clothes
5. Baby Sweater or Vest
6. Baby Sweater Set (2 or more pieces) sweater, cap, booties, bottom
7. Child's sweater size 4-12
8. Children's Garment not listed above (cape, shawl, bunting, dress etc.)
9. Adult Pullover sweater
10. Adult cardigan sweater
11. Other Adult miscellaneous garments (vest, cape, shawl, camisole)
12. Baby Afghan, less than 36" in any direction
13. Sampler Afghan (3 or more different stitches)
14. Ripple Afghan or variation of
15. Fisherman Afghans or Aran Design (Multiple Cables)
16. Other Miscellaneous Designs of Afghans
17. Dish Cloths
18. Any knitted personal accessory (purse, tote, scarf, etc.)
19. Any knitted item using hand spun yarn
20. Any other knitted item not listed above
21. First time knitting exhibitor-Any Article-Open to anyone who has not entered in the past.

Division B: Crocheting - Class # - Description

1. Individual Crocheted item (1 item, scarf, hat, cap, mittens, etc.)
2. Scarf-hat-mitten set (2 or more items)
3. Socks or Slippers
4. Doll clothes
5. Baptismal Dress
6. Baby Sweater
7. Child's bunting, cape, shawl, or dress
8. Adult Miscellaneous Clothing (vest, cape, shawl, camisole)
9. Adult Sweater (Cardigan or pullover)
10. Any crocheted personal item (purse, tote, etc.)
11. Doilies 15" or less
12. Doilies 16"-36"
13. Tablecloth
14. Bedspread

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15. Baby Afghan, less than 36" in any direction
16. Sampler Afghan, any size, 3 or more varied stitches
17. Afghan-Granny Squares or variation of
21. First Time crocheting exhibitor-any article-Open to anyone who has not entered Open Crocheting in the past.
18. Afghan, ripple, or variation of
19. Other Miscellaneous Crocheted Afghans
20. Any Crocheted item not listed above

Division C: Youth Knitting & Crocheting Class # - Description

- Exhibitors must be aged 14 years or under and are not showing in the Junior Fair.
 - Additional Classes may be created to group like exhibits together.
1. Knitting
 2. Crocheting

Open Home Furnishings – Department A28 *Including Quilts*

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17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. Cross Stitch sizes refer to the area that is stitched.
- B. All Cross-Stitch pictures must be framed and ready to hang.
- C. Only clean items will be accepted. Soiled articles and articles showing wear will be disqualified.
- D. The exhibit must have been made within the past 2 years.
- E. Exhibits must be made by the exhibitor.

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Premiums All Divisions (except D) 1st =\$2.50 2nd =\$2.25 3rd =\$2 4th =\$1.50

Awards

Best of Show – Classes A, B, C, E, F, G (one)	Ribbon
Best of Show – Class D Quilts	Ribbon
Sweepstakes	Rosette & \$15

Division A: Embroidery - Class # - Description

1. Pillowcases

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2. Dish Towel set, 3
3. Placemats and/or Tablecloth
4. Any other embroidered item

Division B: Counted Cross Stitch - Class # - Description

1. Picture, Linen (less than 48 square inches)
2. Picture, Linen (more than 48 square inches)
3. Picture, 18-22 count (less than 48 square inches)
4. Picture, 18-22 count (more than 48 square inches)
5. Picture, 14-16 count (less than 48 square inches)
6. Picture, 14-16 count (more than 48 square inches)
7. Counted Cross Stitch Picture with embellishments (beads, ribbons, etc.) (more than 48 square inches)
8. Christmas ornaments, set of 4
9. Decoration for kitchen, accessory
10. Pillow
11. Any other Cross Stitch not listed above

Division C: Needlepoint - Class # - Description

1. Needlepoint, kit
2. Needlepoint, other than kit
3. Any other not listed

Division D: Quilting - Class # - Description

Premiums Division D 1st =\$4.50 2nd =\$3.50 3rd =\$2.50 4th =\$1.50

1. Hand Appliquéd or embroidered, hand quilted
2. Hand Appliquéd or embroidered, machine quilted
3. Hand Appliquéd or embroidered, tied
4. Machine Appliquéd or embroidered, hand quilted
5. Machine Appliquéd or embroidered, machine quilted
6. Machine Appliquéd or embroidered, tied
7. Hand Pieced, hand quilted
8. Hand Pieced, machine quilted
9. Hand Pieced, tied
10. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/computerized, crib size 36x60
11. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/computerized, lap size 54x78
12. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/computerized, twin size 70x90
13. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/computerized, full size 84x90
14. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/computerized, queen size 90x95
15. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/computerized, king size 108x95
16. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/hand guided, crib size 36x60
17. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/hand guided, lap size 54x78
18. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/hand guided, twin size 70x90
19. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/hand guided, full size 84x90
20. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/hand guided, queen size 90x95
21. Machine Pieced, hand quilted/hand guided, king size 108x95
22. Machine Pieced, machine quilted, crib size 36x60
23. Machine Pieced, machine quilted, lap size 54x78
24. Machine Pieced, machine quilted, twin size 70x90
25. Machine Pieced, machine quilted, full size 84x90
26. Machine Pieced, machine quilted, queen size 90x95
27. Machine Pieced, machine quilted, king size 108x95
28. Machine Pieced, tied, crib size 36x60
29. Machine Pieced, tied, lap size 54x78
30. Machine Pieced, tied, twin size 70x90
31. Machine Pieced, tied, full size 84x90
32. Machine Pieced, tied, queen size 92x95
33. Machine Pieced, tied, king size 108x95
34. Quilted Home Accessory
35. Quilted Wall Hanging

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36. Commemorative Quilt, any technique

38. Table Topper

37. Table Runner

39. Any other quilting technique not listed above

Division E: Rugs - Class # - Description

Premiums All Divisions (except D)

1st =\$2.50

2nd =\$2.25

3rd =\$2

4th =\$1.50

1. Braided Rug, Cotton, Wool, or blend

4. Woven Rug

2. Crocheted Rug

5. Any Other Rug not listed above

3. Knitted Rug

Division F: Crafts - Class # - Description

1. Latch hook

7. Diamond Art

2. Hardanger

8. Mason Jar Art

3. Macramé

9. Pillow

4. Tatting

10. Soft Sculpture

5. Weaving

11. Christmas or Holiday Craft

6. Paint by Number

12. Accessory for Personal or Home Use

13. Felted projects

14. Reupholstered home furnishing (including statement of what has been done)

15. Refinished home furnishing (including statement of what has been done)

Division G: Youth - Class # - Description

- Exhibitors must be aged 14 years or under and are not showing in the Junior Fair.

- Additional classes may be created to group like exhibits together.

1. Embroidery

4. Quilting

2. Counted Cross Stitch

5. Rugs

3. Needlepoint

6. Crafts