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## Giant Hay Bale Competition - Sponsored by Farm Credit Knowledge Center

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Theme: "Down on the Farm"

### REGISTRATION

**Deadline: September 16th** - To enter, contact Glenn Martin by phone or email above.

**Location:** State Fair of Virginia, Harvest Landing

**Date:** Set Up: 9/22 (between the hours of 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

Judging: 9/23 at 9:00 AM

**Criteria:** Judges will be asked to consider the artistic quality of the work as well as the likeness to an actual animal or farm equipment that is being depicted.

**Participants must have a \$5.00 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds. 4-H Agent/FFA Coach is responsible for ordering tickets. Go here for more information:**

<https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia>

### RULES

1. The competition is open to 4-H and FFA groups that want to meet the challenge of making a giant hay bale look like an animal or farm equipment. The bales will be provided by the State Fair of Virginia.
2. Bales are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries will be closed when all bales are assigned. Only **10** bales are available for 2022.
3. The State Fair of Virginia will provide one large round bale of hay. All other items used will be provided by the group. Bales will be assigned by number upon your arrival.
4. Design and installation of these bales shall reflect the work of the students as assisted by the instructor and sponsors as appropriate, through the classroom or 4-H program.
5. **Each group is responsible for providing a laminated sign** for their bale that includes group name, sponsors/donors, explanation of design, participating youth names, and a title for the bale. **Signs are to be given to the Superintendent to be displayed after judging to ensure a "blind" judging process.**
6. No creation can be taller than 8 feet when completed.
7. All items attached to the bale to complete the work of art have to be securely attached to the bale and be weather resistant. Your work needs to remain attractive throughout the 10 days of the fair. All bales will be on display in the Harvest Landing area of the fair.
8. The size of the finished structure can be no larger than 12' long x 12' wide x 8' high.
9. All items used in the design should be picked up on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Any items left after this date will be considered abandoned by the fair staff.

### PREMIUMS

Ribbons will also be awarded to the winning bales.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$25</b>