



2026 FAIR BOOK

SEPTEMBER 11-19, 2026

2026 Cabarrus County Fair Book

September 11th - 19th



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Plus countless seasonal staff and volunteers ready to welcome YOU!

2026 Cabarrus County Fair Hours of Operation

Friday September 11th, 2026:	4:00 pm - Midnight
Saturday September 12th, 2026:	1:00 pm - Midnight
Sunday September 13th, 2026:	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Monday September 14th, 2026:	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Tuesday September 15th, 2026 :	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Wednesday September 16th, 2026:	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Thursday September 17th, 2026:	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Friday September 18th, 2026:	4:00 pm - Midnight
Saturday September 19th, 2026:	1:00 pm - Midnight

The Cabarrus County Fair is a member of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, and the National Independent Concessionaires Association.

The Fair is licensed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture

All Midway rides are inspected by the North Carolina Department of Labor

2026 Cabarrus County Fair Advisory Commission

Marvin Bost- Chairman

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Barbara Strang- Secretary

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John Cline

To the Cabarrus County Fair Advisory Commission,

Thank you for the time, energy and heart you pour into the Cabarrus County Fair and the greater community. Your ideas and insight help us grow and improve the fair each year, making it a better experience for everyone who walks through the gates. We appreciate your commitment and the impact you make. The fair wouldn't be what it is without you!



2026 Agricultural Fair, Inc Board of Directors

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To the Cabarrus County Agricultural Fair, Inc. Board of Directors,

Thank you for continuing the legacy of the fair through your stewardship of the scholarship program. Your commitment to honoring this tradition ensures that young people in our community have access to meaningful opportunities that extend far beyond the fairgrounds. We appreciate all you do to support the fair and Cabarrus County.



Welcome to the 2026 Cabarrus County Fair!



Fair season is here! Each year the Cabarrus County Fair hosts approximately 60,000 people during the 9 days of the fair.

Our Mission

Rooted in agriculture and fueled by community spirit, the Cabarrus County Fair showcases rodeo thrills, livestock shows, competitive exhibits, rides, food, and fun. Our mission is to create lasting memories for the whole family.

Background

The Cabarrus County Agricultural Fair was organized in 1953. For forty-nine years the fairs were held at the intersection of Cabarrus Avenue and Union Cemetery Road. In December 2000, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners agreed to assume responsibility for managing the annual fair in exchange for ownership of the original fairgrounds. The county purchased a 70-acre parcel located at Highway 49 and Old Airport Road in Concord; and in June 2001, ground was broken on the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. The 50th Annual Cabarrus County Fair was held at the new facility in 2001. For the first time in its history, the Fair was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic public health concerns. In 2025 the Cabarrus County Fair began a new chapter under new leadership. We remain dedicated to honoring our agricultural traditions, while continuing to grow, improve, and serve our community.

Safety is our #1 Priority

At the Cabarrus County Fair, we pride ourselves on being family friendly, safe, and fun.

- No alcohol, drugs, weapons or disruptive behavior permitted on Fair grounds
- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Be respectful of others, animals, and property at all times.
- The Cabarrus County Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- For the safety and enjoyment of all guests, Fair management reserves the right to ask anyone to leave the fairgrounds at any time if deemed necessary.

Pursuant to NC GS 14-208.18., registered sex offenders are prohibited from attending the fair or entering any fairgrounds during the period of time that an agricultural fair is being conducted.

Notice: This catalog supersedes any previously issued catalogs or inconsistent policy statements. We reserve the right to revise, modify, delete, or add to any and all programs, practices, policies or procedures described in this catalog at any time with or without advance notice and in the Fair's sole discretion.



Cabarrus County Fair

Located at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center

4759 NC Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025

Phone: 704-920-3992



Minutes from UNCC, I-85, Charlotte Motor Speedway and Concord Mills Mall. The Cabarrus County Fair is easily accessible and strategically located in Cabarrus County, offering convenient access from Charlotte and other surrounding cities.

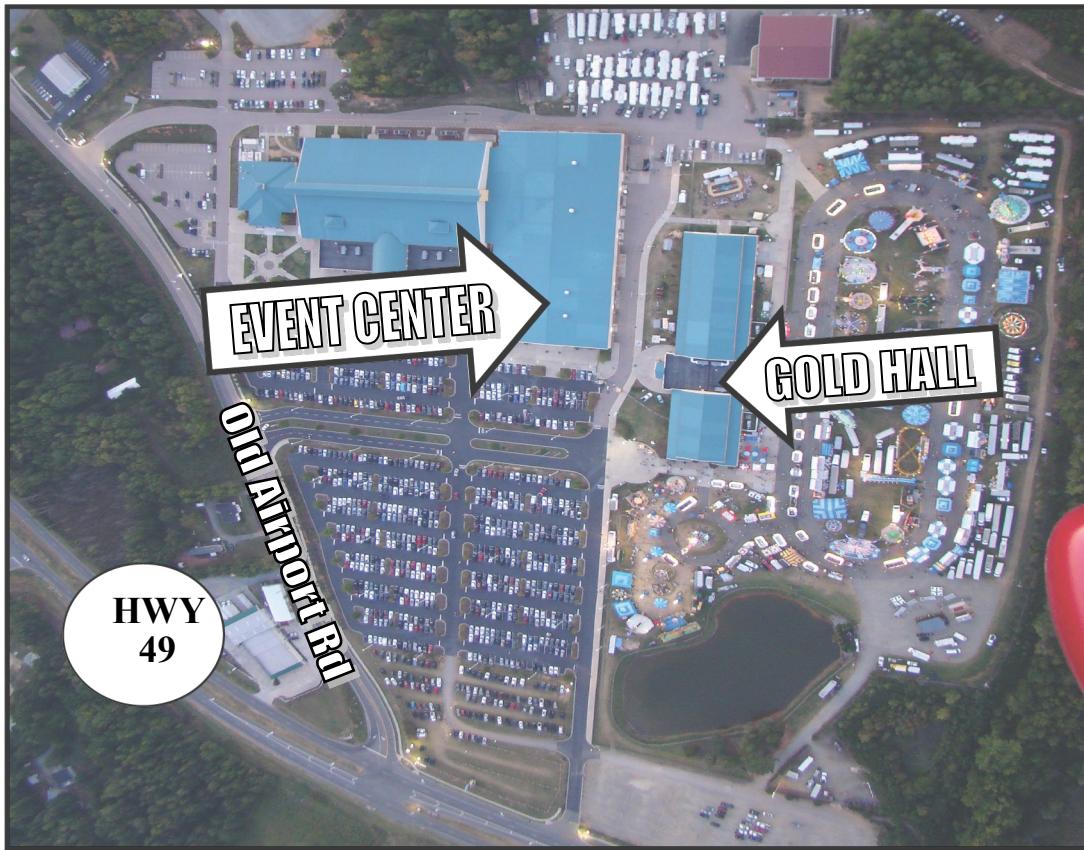


All parking at the Cabarrus County Fair is FREE.

Traffic can be heavy at times, please plan accordingly.



Entry & Exhibitor Drop-Off and Pick-Up Information



1. Lobby of Gold Hall : Individual Fair Entries and Educational Booths

Entry Drop-Off:

- Tuesday, September 8th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 9th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Please see Educational Booth Display Department C page for set-up times

Entry Pick-Up/ Educational Booth Teardown:

- Sunday, September 20th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

2. Event Center A: All Livestock Entries:

Entry Drop - Off & Pick - Up

- See Entry & Exhibit Program Schedule for all registration/check-in schedules.

Exhibitors with many entries may request to pick up their tags the week prior to Entry Drop -Off. Please include this request when submitting your Entry Form and W9. The Fair may not be able to approve all requests for early entry tag pick-up. The Fair is not responsible and is unable to replace lost tags that are picked up prior to Entry Drop-Off.

Exhibitors are reminded that they may have a friend/family member drop off or pick up their item(s), if that is more convenient.

Thank you!

Exhibitors are responsible for placing their own entry tags on their items. Please plan ahead.



2026 Entry & Exhibit Program Schedule

Information and program schedules are subject to change without notice



MONDAY - AUGUST 24TH

4:00 pm: ALL ENTRY FORMS, ENTRY FEES & W9 FORMS DUE

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Drop-off of Individual Entries

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Drop-off of individual Entries

Please see the Educational Booth Display Department C page for booth set-up times

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 10TH

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Judging of Individual Entries and Educational Booths.

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Check-in for Poultry and Rabbit Entries, Event Center B

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 11th

9:00 am: Judging of Poultry and Rabbits, Event Center B

6:30 pm: Rodeo, Arena

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

6:30 pm: Rodeo, Arena

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

9:00 am: Check-in for Open Horse, Mule & Donkey Show begins, Event Center A

1:00 pm: Open Horse, Mule & Donkey Show, Arena

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

10:00 am - 12:00 am: Check-in for Youth Sheep Show, Event Center A

4:30 pm: Youth Sheep Show, Arena

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

10:00 am - 12:00 am: Check-in for Youth Goat Show, Events Center A

4:30 pm: Youth Goat Show, Arena

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

10:00 am - 12:00 am: Check-in for Open Dairy Show, Event Center A

4:00 pm: Open Dairy Show Herdsman Award Judging, Livestock Barn

4:30 pm: Open Dairy Show, Arena

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

10:00 am - 12:00 am: Check-in for Open Beef Show, Event Center A

4:00 pm: Open Beef Show Herdsman Award Judging, Livestock Barn

4:30 pm: Open Beef Show, Arena

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

6:30 pm: Rodeo, Arena

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

6:30 pm: Rodeo, Arena

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm: All individual Entry and Educational Booth pick-up

All livestock must be removed from Event Center

***Please note that some entries have special registration requirements. Carefully review all information.**



Competitive Exhibit Rules and Regulations



- All exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Cabarrus County Fair Rules & Regulations.
- Pay special attention to the information listed under each department for department specific rules & regulations.
- There is no entry fee for competitive exhibit entries.
- **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED** (unless otherwise specified within the department rules.)
- All entries should be produced within the last year (after September 13th, 2025)
- **Use the Official Competitive Exhibits Entry Form for all exhibit entries.** Livestock, poultry and rabbit entries must use the Livestock & Equine Official Entry Form.
- Entry forms with fully completed W9 form can be submitted online, by mail, email, or brought to the Fair Office.
 - **Mail:** 4759 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025
 - **Email:** fair@cabarruscounty.us
 - **Fair Office:** 4759 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025
- NC Substitute W-9 Form must be completed annually.
- **The Social Security number MUST be that of the entrant NOT the parent or guardian.**
- **If an exhibitor does not wish to be paid, please note "Do not pay" on the entry form.**
- **NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID WITHOUT THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE EXHIBITOR OR TAX ID NUMBER OF SCHOOL OR CLUB.**
- **All Entry Forms due: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**
- **Entry Drop Off:** Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm in the Gold Hall Lobby
- Please see the Education Booth Display Department C page for set-up times
- **Judging:** Thursday, September 10th, 2026.
- **Entry Pick-Up:** Sunday, September 20th, 2026 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Entries will remain on display for the duration of the fair
- Baked goods or items that begin to spoil or deteriorate will be disposed of at the discretion of the Gold Hall Superintendent/Fair staff

Visit cabarruscountyfair.com - Competitions - Competitive Exhibits - for more details

Notice: All exhibits will be under the supervision and care of the Cabarrus County Fair. Proper attention will be given to prevent theft or damage, but we assume no responsibility for damage or loss of personal property of the exhibitors.



2026 Best in Show Competitive Exhibits



Rules and Regulations

Arts and Crafts entries can include, but are not limited to, paintings, furniture, woodworking, cross-stitch, metalwork, pottery, dolls and baskets.

Due to space limitations, exhibits must meet the following requirements:

- Exhibits larger than 40x25x25 inches in size are subject to not be accepted.
 - If your item is larger than this, contact the Fair Office ahead of submitting your entry form to confirm if the fair will be able to accept it or not.
- Quilts, Afghans, etc. may be displayed folded to meet size specifications.
- All drawings, paintings, photographs, etc. must be framed or mounted to support proper display.

**Each Department will award a Best in Show winner- \$20 premium. (Excluding Department C)
Department N will award a Best in Show winner for ages 9-13 & ages 14-18.**

**The winning items will be displayed in the Best in Show Booth for the entirety of the Fair and compete for the
Overall Best in Show.**

Overall Best in Show

1 Adult & 1 Youth item will be awarded "Overall Best in Show"

Premium: \$100.00—Adult

Premium: \$100.00—Youth

**Adult and Youth Overall Best in Show winning pieces, with permission from the exhibitor,
will be taken to compete at the
2026 North Carolina State Fair**

Fair Director Award

This award is given by the Fair Director to one lucky youth exhibitor within Department M or N.

Premium: \$ 50.00

Judging for these awards will take place Thursday, September 10th, 2026

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulates Fairs to ensure they meet minimum exhibit and premium requirements.



2026 Cabarrus County Fair Competitive Exhibit Entry Form



Please accept the entries indicated below subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits at the Cabarrus County Fair, as published in the Fair Book, and by which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting.

Exhibitor Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Age of Exhibitor (if under 18): _____ Date of Birth of Exhibitor (if under 18): _____

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
EXAMPLE: B-14-1	TOMATOES	TOMATOES, BEST 5

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following:

1. The Fair and Cabarrus County will not be responsible for any claims, losses, injuries, or damages done to, occasioned by, or arising from any item exhibited and the exhibitor shall release, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair, Cabarrus County, its agents, employees, officers and contractors from all claims, losses, injuries and damages including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees.
2. The Fair does not provide refunds. No exceptions.
3. That I have read, am familiar with, and agree to abide by ALL rules, regulations and all other information as provided in the 2026 Fair Book.
4. All premium checks will be mailed to the name and address on the W-9 Form within 60 days of the close of the Fair.
5. **TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY, THE W-9 FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED (social security number, signed and dated)**
6. An Entry Form and W9 are required to be submitted under the name and address of the individual exhibiting and must match. Social Security number must match the exhibitors legal name and address.
7. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to stock or other exhibit from any cause; and upon this condition only are entries received. The exhibitor agrees to hold the Cabarrus County Fair harmless from all liabilities. Exhibitors are urged not to exhibit any items having personal or sentimental value.
8. I certify that these entries were made or produced this year, since the last Fair, and represent my participation in producing the final product.
9. No exhibits may be removed before September 20th at 12:00 pm. My signature below indicates I understand that items not picked up by 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 20th will be considered abandoned.
10. Premiums may be withheld for misrepresentation or failure to comply with the rules. There is zero tolerance for ANY conduct deemed inappropriate by the Fair whether it be in-person, electronically, and/or via telephone Those demonstrating behavior deemed inappropriate may be required to leave the fairgrounds and risks loss of premiums, current and future participation and/or any ribbons.

I understand that rules are subject to change without notice as a result of changing mandates, guidelines, and safest practice recommendations.

ALL ENTRY FORMS, W-9 FORMS, AND ENTRY FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FAIR OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON AUGUST 24th, 2026

MAIL: CABARRUS COUNTY FAIR PO BOX 707, CONCORD, NC 28026 | EMAIL: fair@cabarruscounty.us or

Fair Office Drop Box located at 4759 NC HWY 49 N CONCORD, NC 28025

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature is required below for anyone under the age of 18

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Exhibitor (i.e. Mother): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Select 1 method for sending in your paperwork. Using more than 1 method can result in duplication & disqualification.

Double Check Your Entry Form and W-9: FORMS MISSING SIGNATURES AND DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Did you remember to include your W-9? Sign & date it?

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**
Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.		
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions) _____		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions ☐		
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.		Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person	Date

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they



BAKED GOODS

Department A



Premiums: 1st \$6.00 | 2nd \$5.00 | 3rd \$4.50

Entry Deadline for Department A: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department A Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. Baked goods are to be dropped off only on Wednesday September 9th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm to ensure their eligibility and keep quality.
4. All cake entries should be able to be carried into the Exhibit Hall. Cakes will be moved for judging to take place. Judges DO cut into the cake/cookie.
5. Judging is based on taste, texture and overall appearance.
6. Entries which have spoiled may be removed at the discretion of the Fair.
7. ALL DIABETIC ENTRIES MUST HAVE A RECIPE RECORDED ON A 4X6 INDEX CARD. Foods in this section will be judged according to their diabetic standards, texture and overall appearance.
8. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
A-1-1	BREAD	AUTOMATIC BREAD MACHINE, SAMPLE
A-1-2	BREAD	BUTTERMILK BISCUITS, BEST 6
A-1-3	BREAD	CHEESE BISCUITS, BEST 6
A-1-4	BREAD	CINNAMON BUNS, BEST 6
A-1-5	BREAD	CORNBREAD, 1/4 CAKE
A-1-6	BREAD	MUFFINS, ANY VARIETY, BEST 6
A-1-7	BREAD	QUICK BREAD, 1/4 LOAF
A-1-8	BREAD	QUICK BREAD, SAMPLE
A-1-9	BREAD	YEAST BREAD, 1/4 LOAF
A-1-10	BREAD	YEAST ROLLS, BEST 6
A-1-11	BREAD	ANY OTHER BREAD, SAMPLE
A-2-1	CAKES	ANGEL FOOD, 1/4 CAKE
A-2-2	CAKES	CHOCOLATE POUND CAKE, 1/4 CAKE
A-2-3	CAKES	DECORATED CAKE
A-2-4	CAKES	DECORATED CUPCAKES, BEST 6
A-2-5	CAKES	"DOCTORING MIX", 1/4 CAKE



BAKED GOODS

Department A (continued)



ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
A-2-6	CAKES	LAYER CAKE, 1/4 CAKE
A-2-7	CAKES	NUT CAKE, 1/4 CAKE
A-2-8	CAKES	POUND CAKE, 1/4 CAKE
A-2-9	CAKES	SPICE, 1/4 CAKE
A-2-10	CAKES	ANY OTHER CAKE, 1/4 CAKE
A-3-1	CANDIES	CARMEL, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-2	CANDIES	COCONUT, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-3	CANDIES	DIPPED CHOCOLATE, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-4	CANDIES	DIVINITY, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-5	CANDIES	FUDGE, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-6	CANDIES	HOLIDAY SWEETS
A-3-7	CANDIES	PEANUT BRITTLE, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-8	CANDIES	ANY OTHER CANDY, 6-8 PIECES
A-3-9	CANDIES	EXHIBIT OF HOMEMADE CANDIES, 6-8 PIECES AT LEAST 3 KINDS
A-4-1	COOKIES	BAR COOKIES, BEST 6
A-4-2	COOKIES	BROWNIES, BEST 6
A-4-3	COOKIES	DROPPED COOKIES, BEST 6
A-4-4	COOKIES	FANCY COOKIES, BEST 6
A-4-5	COOKIES	PRESSED COOKIES, BEST 6
A-4-6	COOKIES	ROLLED COOKIES, BEST 6
A-4-7	COOKIES	ANY OTHER COOKIE, BEST 6
A-5-1	DIABETIC	BREAD, ANY VARIETY
A-5-2	DIABETIC	CAKES, ANY VARIETY
A-5-3	DIABETIC	CANDY, ANY VARIETY
A-5-4	DIABETIC	COOKIES, ANY VARIETY
A-5-5	DIABETIC	MUFFINS, ANY VARIETY, BEST 6
A-5-6	DIABETIC	ROLLS, ANY VARIETY, BEST 6



CRAFTS

Department B



Premiums: 1st \$5.50 | 2nd \$4.50 | 3rd \$3.50

Entry Deadline for Department B: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department B Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. All work done on paper must be mounted on cardboard.
5. All work done in charcoal or pastel should be sprayed with a fixative.
6. All framed pictures must have attached hanger on back suitable for hanging.
7. All coloring submissions must be framed and no larger than 12" by 12".
8. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

SCORECARD: Good Craftsmanship 40pts | Originality and Creativity 30pts | Practicality and Usefulness 30pts

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES
B-1-1	CRAFTS	BEADWORK
B-1-2	CRAFTS	CERAMICS
B-1-3	CRAFTS	CERAMICS, PORCELAIN
B-1-4	CRAFTS	CHRISTMAS DECORATION, ONE ITEM OF A SET
B-1-5	CRAFTS	COLLAGE
B-1-6	CRAFTS	COLLECTION
B-1-7	CRAFTS	DECORATED BASKET
B-1-8	CRAFTS	EGG CRAFT
B-1-9	CRAFTS	FABRIC CRAFT
B-1-10	CRAFTS	FLORAL CRAFT
B-1-11	CRAFTS	GLASS CRAFT
B-1-12	CRAFTS	HOBBY
B-1-13	CRAFTS	HOLIDAY DECORATION
B-1-14	CRAFTS	HOLIDAY TREE TRIMMER
B-1-15	CRAFTS	JEWELRY
B-1-16	CRAFTS	LEATHER WORK
B-1-17	CRAFTS	MODEL KIT, ANY VARIETY
B-1-18	CRAFTS	PAPER CRAFT
B-1-19	CRAFTS	PICTURE, DRAWINGS OR PRINTS



CRAFTS

Department B (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES
B-1-20	CRAFTS	PICTURE, MIXED MEDIA
B-1-21	CRAFTS	PICTURE, OIL
B-1-22	CRAFTS	PICTURE, ANY VARIETY
B-1-23	CRAFTS	PICTURE FRAME
B-1-24	CRAFTS	SEED CRAFT
B-1-25	CRAFTS	SHELL CRAFT
B-1-26	CRAFTS	WATERCOLOR
B-1-27	CRAFTS	WOOD BURNING
B-1-28	CRAFTS	WOOD CARVING
B-1-29	CRAFTS	WOOD WORKING
B-1-30	CRAFTS	WOVEN BASKET
B-1-31	CRAFTS	WREATHS
B-1-32	CRAFTS	ANY OTHER CRAFT
B-2-1	ADULT COLORING (AGES 19-64)	ANIMALS
B-2-2	ADULT COLORING (AGES 19-64)	NATURE
B-2-3	ADULT COLORING (AGES 19-64)	PATTERNS
B-2-4	ADULT COLORING (AGES 19-64)	PLACES
B-2-5	ADULT COLORING (AGES 19-64)	ANY OTHER COLORING ITEM
B-3-1	ADULT COLORING (AGES 65+)	ANIMALS
B-3-2	ADULT COLORING (AGES 65+)	NATURE
B-3-3	ADULT COLORING (AGES 65+)	PATTERNS
B-3-4	ADULT COLORING (AGES 65+)	PLACES
B-3-5	ADULT COLORING (AGES 65+)	ANY OTHER COLORING ITEM
B-4-1	RECYCLED ARTICLES	CLOTHING ITEM- Use an item of clothing to create a new usable product. Examples- jeans or slacks to make a handbag or skirt, etc.
B-4-2	RECYCLED ARTICLES	FAIR THEME- Use recycled materials to create entries that resemble something from the Fair. Examples- livestock, rides, food, etc.
B-4-3	RECYCLED ARTICLES	SCULPTURE- Use plastic bottles, cans, corks, bottle caps, wire, wood, etc. to create a sculpture of any kind, no larger than 3 ft in width or height.



EDUCATIONAL BOOTH DISPLAY

Department C



Premiums: 1st \$160.00 | 2nd \$135.00 | 3rd \$110.00 | 4th \$105.00

All others who qualify will receive honorable mention: \$95.00

Entry Deadline for Department C: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

The Fair will furnish your exhibit space with the following:

Booth (10' x 10') Backdrop Curtain (min of 7' from floor) Side Curtain Dividers (3' from floor)

One 6' table

Department C Rules:

1. Space is available on first-come first-serve basis.
2. **All W-9's submitted in this department MUST include the organization's EIN number NOT a personal SS#.** Premium checks will be sent to the organization designated on W9 form.
3. **Only one booth may be submitted for judging per group.** Additional booths may be accepted by Fair Management for display only (not to be judged) if space allows. Include all booths on the entry form and note which one is to be judged.
4. **Booth Set-Up: Tuesday, September 8th and/or Wednesday September 9th from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.**
5. Booths cannot be an advertisement for the group or a business and must be structured on an educational topic ONLY.
6. Group must have 3 or more active participants.
7. Booths cannot be an advertisement for the group or a business and must be structured on an educational topic ONLY.
8. Group must have 3 or more active participants.
9. Entry tags must be attached to the front curtain of the exhibit.
10. Exhibits should not exceed 7' in height.
11. No advertising materials/literature may be displayed in exhibit. Brand names must be covered & generic labeling used.
12. All hanging signage provided by the fair will be turned over for judging. Additionally, signs provided by the fair will be collected at the completion of the fair. A \$30 replacement fee will be subtracted from the exhibitors premium for signs not returned.
13. No liquids are allowed in booths.
14. Judging will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.
15. Judges may determine that a booth does not meet minimum standards, which will disqualify it from receiving the honorable mention premium.
16. Booths CANNOT BE TORN DOWN PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE FAIR ON September 19th. Booths torn down early will be disqualified. Exhibits must be removed Sunday, September 20th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- **EDUCATION:** Clear, fact-based, positive message that teaches and inspires action.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Clear, focused, unified story that connects with the intended audience.
- **CREATIVITY:** Fresh, engaging, easy to understand, and sparks interest.
- **DESIGN & MECHANICS:** Professional, balanced, visually effective, and supports the message.

SCORE CARD: Education: 30pts | Communication to Viewers: 30pts | Creativity: 20pts |
Design & Mechanics: 20pts

ENTRY CODE	DESCRIPTION
C-1-1	4-H EXHIBITS
C-2-1	ECA CLUBS
C-3-1	SCHOOLS
C-4-1	FFA
C-5-1	BOY SCOUTS
C-6-1	GIRL SCOUTS



FIELD CROPS

Department D



Premiums: 1st \$5.00 | 2nd \$4.00 | 3rd \$3.00

Entry Deadline for Department D: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department D Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. All exhibits must be this year's products. This does not apply to field corn.
3. Each entry must be grown, cared for from seed to harvest, and exhibited by the grower.
4. All entries will be discarded when unsuitable for display.
5. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
6. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

JUDGE SCORE CARD: Plumpness of Kernel: 30pts | Soundness: 30pts | Uniformity: 10pts | Color: 10pts
Freedom from foreign matter & insect injury: 20pts

ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
D-1-1	BARLEY	ANY VARIETY, BEST QUART
D-2-1	CORN	SHELLED, BEST QUART
D-2-2	CORN	ANY VARIETY, 3 EARS
D-3-1	COTTON	BEST 10 BOLLS
D-4-1	OATS	BROOKS, BEST QUART
D-5-1	RYE	ANY VARIETY, BEST QUART
D-6-1	SOYBEANS	ANY VARIETY, BEST QUART
D-7-1	WHEAT	ANY VARIETY, BEST QUART
D-8-1	ANY OTHER GRAIN	ANY VARIETY, BEST QUART
D-9-1	HAY - ALFALFA	12" THICKNESS TIED WITH BALER TWINE
D-9-2	HAY - FESCUE	12" THICKNESS TIED WITH BALER TWINE
D-9-3	HAY - ORCHARD GRASS	12" THICKNESS TIED WITH BALER TWINE
D-9-4	HAY - TIMOTHY GRASS	12" THICKNESS TIED WITH BALER TWINE
D-9-5	HAY - ANY OTHER	12" THICKNESS TIED WITH BALER TWINE
D-10-1	HAYLAGE OR SILAGE	BEST 1 GALLON PLASTIC BAG



FLOWERS

Department E



Premiums: 1st \$5.00 | 2nd \$4.00 | 3rd \$3.50

Entry Deadline for Department E: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department E Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's product.
4. **NO ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ARE PERMITTED.**
5. Last minute watering and arranging may be done in a designated area away from the registration table.
6. Exhibitors will be responsible for placing large, heavy items.
7. Exhibits will be watered by volunteers during the week. The Fair reserves the right to discard any exhibit that has deteriorated.
8. **Accessories are permitted in Category E-4-1 thru E-4-3 only.**
9. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
E-1-1	CUT FLOWERS	AGERATUM, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-2	CUT FLOWERS	ASTERS, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-3	CUT FLOWERS	CELOSIA, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-4	CUT FLOWERS	CHRYSANTHEMUMS, LARGE, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-5	CUT FLOWERS	CHRYSANTHEMUMS, SMALL, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-6	CUT FLOWERS	COCKSCOMB, BEST, ONE VARIETY
E-1-7	CUT FLOWERS	COSMOS, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-8	CUT FLOWERS	DAHLIAS, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-9	CUT FLOWERS	DAISIES, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-10	CUT FLOWERS	HYDRANGEA, BEST
E-1-11	CUT FLOWERS	LILIES, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-12	CUT FLOWERS	MARIGOLD, LARGE, BEST 6, ONE VARIETY
E-1-13	CUT FLOWERS	MARIGOLD, SMALL, BEST 3, ONE VARIETY
E-1-14	CUT FLOWERS	ROSE, PINK, BEST ONE VARIETY
E-1-15	CUT FLOWERS	ROSE, RED, BEST ONE VARIETY
E-1-16	CUT FLOWERS	ROSE, WHITE , BEST ONE VARIETY
E-1-17	CUT FLOWERS	ROSE, YELLOW, BEST ONE VARIETY
E-1-18	CUT FLOWERS	ROSE, ANY OTHER COLOR, BEST ONE VARIETY
E-1-19	CUT FLOWERS	SNAPDRAGON, BEST



FLOWERS

Department E (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
E-1-20	CUT FLOWERS	SEDUM, BEST
E-1-21	CUT FLOWERS	SUNFLOWER, BEST 3
E-1-22	CUT FLOWERS	PETUNIAS
E-1-23	CUT FLOWERS	ZINNIAS, BEST
E-1-24	CUT FLOWERS	BLOOMING, BEST 3, ANY ONE VARIETY
E-1-25	CUT FLOWERS	ANY OTHER CUT FLOWER, BEST
E-2-1	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	AGERATUM
E-2-2	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	ASTERS
E-2-3	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	CELOSIA
E-2-4	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	CHRYSANTHEMUMS
E-2-5	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	COSMOS
E-2-6	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	GRASS SEED HEAD
E-2-7	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	CASTER BEAN
E-2-8	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	ELEPHANT EAR
E-2-9	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	DAHLIAS
E-2-10	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	MARIGOLDS
E-2-11	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	MIXED FLOWERS, AT LEAST 3 VARIETIES
E-2-12	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	ROSES, ANY VARIETY
E-2-13	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	WILDFLOWERS
E-2-14	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	ZINNIAS
E-2-15	CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	ANY OTHER ONE VARIETY
E-3-1	POTTED PLANTS	AFRICAN VIOLET
E-3-2	POTTED PLANTS	AGAVE
E-3-3	POTTED PLANTS	ALOE
E-3-4	POTTED PLANTS	BEGONIA, BLOOMING, PINK
E-3-5	POTTED PLANTS	BEGONIA, BLOOMING, RED
E-3-6	POTTED PLANTS	BEGONIA, BLOOMING, WHITE
E-3-7	POTTED PLANTS	BEGONIA, ANY OTHER VARIETY



FLOWERS

Department E (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
E-3-8	POTTED PLANTS	CACTUS, COLLECTION
E-3-9	POTTED PLANTS	CACTUS, INDIVIDUAL
E-3-10	POTTED PLANTS	CALADIUM
E-3-11	POTTED PLANTS	COLEUS, LARGE LEAF
E-3-12	POTTED PLANTS	COLEUS, SMALL LEAF
E-3-13	POTTED PLANTS	CRASSULA (EXCEPT JADE PLANT
E-3-14	POTTED PLANTS	DISH GARDEN
E-3-15	POTTED PLANTS	ECHEVERIA
E-3-16	POTTED PLANTS	EUPHORBIA (CROWN OF THORNS)
E-3-17	POTTED PLANTS	FERN, ANY VARIETY
E-3-18	POTTED PLANTS	FOLIAGE, HOUSE PLANT
E-3-19	POTTED PLANTS	GIZZARD PLANT, IRESINE DIFFUSA
E-3-20	POTTED PLANTS	HANGING BASKET
E-3-21	POTTED PLANTS	HAWORTHIA
E-3-22	POTTED PLANTS	HERB, ANY POTTED
E-3-23	POTTED PLANTS	JADE PLANT
E-3-24	POTTED PLANTS	JOSEPH'S COAT (CODIAEUM VARIEGATUM)
E-3-25	POTTED PLANTS	KALANCHOE
E-3-26	POTTED PLANTS	LANTANA
E-3-27	POTTED PLANTS	NEPHTHYTIS
E-3-28	POTTED PLANTS	ORCHIDS
E-3-29	POTTED PLANTS	PEACE LILY (SPATHIPHYLLUM)
E-3-30	POTTED PLANTS	PEPPER PLANT, ANY VARIETY
E-3-31	POTTED PLANTS	PHILODENDRON (VINING PLANT)
E-3-32	POTTED PLANTS	PORCH BOX
E-3-33	POTTED PLANTS	SANSEVIERIA (SNAKE PLANT) DWARF
E-3-34	POTTED PLANTS	SANSEVIERIA (SNAKE PLANT) TALL
E-3-35	POTTED PLANTS	SCHEFFELERA
E-3-36	POTTED PLANTS	SEDUM
E-3-37	POTTED PLANTS	SEMPERVIVUM (HENS & CHICKS)
E-3-38	POTTED PLANTS	SUCCULENTS, ANY OTHER VARIETY



FLOWERS

Department E (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
E-3-39	POTTED PLANTS	SULTANA, BLOOMING
E-3-40	POTTED PLANTS	TOPIARY, BEST ONE
E-3-41	POTTED PLANTS	VINING PLANT, ANY VARIETY
E-3-42	POTTED PLANTS	WANDERING JEW (TRADESCANTIA SPECIES)
E-4-1	SMALL TREES	BONSAI, ANY VARIETY
E-4-2	SMALL TREES	FICUS, ANY VARIETY
E-4-3	SMALL TREES	ANY OTHER VARIETY
E-5-1	FRESH MASS ARRANGEMENT	24" X 20" ARRANGEMENT OF LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS OR VEGETABLES AND FRESH PLANTS. PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS USED FOR DESIGN.
E-6-1	GO GREEN ARRANGEMENT	18' X 15" ARRANGEMENT OF LOCALLY GROWN HERBS THAT CAN UTILIZED IN COOKING OR AS A GARNISH. PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS USED FOR DESIGN
E-7-1	CELEBRATE CABARRUS ARRANGEMENT	A MINIATURE DESIGN, NO MORE THAN 10" IN HEIGHT, WEIGHT OR DEPTH. PLANT MATERIALS MUST BE SMALL AS SCALE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS USED FOR DESIGN.



FOOD PRESERVATION

Department F



Premiums: 1st \$6.00 | 2nd \$5.00 | 3rd \$4.50

Entry Deadline for Department F: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department F Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
- 2. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation, processing method and length of processing time.
5. Entries must be heat-processed following canning recommendations in the USDA (Cooperative Extension) guide.
6. Canned fruit must be processed in boiling water bath or pressure canner. Canned vegetables must be processed in steam pressure canner.
7. Soft Spreads– Jams, Butter, Preserves, Marmalades, Jellies must be processed in boiling water bath, no paraffin should be used.
8. Dried Food Products should be fresh vegetables dried in a dehydrator, oven or by natural means.
9. Pickled Foods should be in a standard canning jar and processed in a boiling water bath.
10. An appropriate amount of headspace should be allowed: 1/4-inch for jams, jellies and pickled foods; 1/2-inch for fruits and tomatoes; 1-inch for vegetables.
11. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
F-1-1	CANNED FRUIT	APPLES
F-1-2	CANNED FRUIT	APPLESAUCE
F-1-3	CANNED FRUIT	BLACKBERRIES
F-1-4	CANNED FRUIT	FIGS
F-1-5	CANNED FRUIT	PEACHES
F-1-6	CANNED FRUIT	PEARS
F-1-7	CANNED FRUIT	PLUMS
F-1-8	CANNED FRUIT	ANY OTHER FRUIT
F-2-1	CANNED VEGETABLES	BBQ SAUCE
F-2-2	CANNED VEGETABLES	CHILI SAUCE
F-2-3	CANNED VEGETABLES	CORN
F-2-4	CANNED VEGETABLES	FIELD PEAS
F-2-5	CANNED VEGETABLES	GREEN BEANS, BEST QUART
F-2-6	CANNED VEGETABLES	GREEN BEANS, SHELLY
F-2-7	CANNED VEGETABLES	LIMA BEANS
F-2-8	CANNED VEGETABLES	OKRA



FOOD PRESERVATION

Department F (continued)



ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
F-2-9	CANNED VEGETABLES	PIMENTO PEPPERS
F-2-10	CANNED VEGETABLES	SOUP
F-2-11	CANNED VEGETABLES	SPAGHETTI SAUCE (NO MEAT)
F-2-12	CANNED VEGETABLES	SWEET POTATOES
F-2-13	CANNED VEGETABLES	TOMATOES, BEST QUART
F-2-14	CANNED VEGETABLES	ANY OTHER CANNED VEGETABLES
F-3-1	JAMS & BUTTER	APPLE BUTTER
F-3-2	JAMS & BUTTER	BLACKBERRY JAM
F-3-3	JAMS & BUTTER	PLUM JAM
F-3-4	JAMS & BUTTER	STRAWBERRY JAM
F-3-5	JAMS & BUTTER	ANY OTHER BUTTER
F-3-6	JAMS & BUTTER	ANY OTHER JAM
F-4-1	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	CHERRY
F-4-2	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	FIG
F-4-3	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	PEACH
F-4-4	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	STRAWBERRY
F-4-5	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	ANY OTHER MARMALADE
F-4-6	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	PEAR PRESERVES
F-4-7	PRESERVES & MARMALADES	ANY OTHER PRESERVES
F-5-1	JELLIES	APPLE
F-5-2	JELLIES	BLACKBERRY
F-5-3	JELLIES	CRABAPPLE
F-5-4	JELLIES	GRAPE
F-5-5	JELLIES	PEACH
F-5-6	JELLIES	PEPPER
F-5-7	JELLIES	PLUM
F-5-8	JELLIES	ANY OTHER JELLY



FOOD PRESERVATION

Department F (continued)



ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
F-6-1	DRIED FRUIT	APPLES
F-6-2	DRIED FRUIT	PEACHES
F-6-3	DRIED FRUIT	FIGS
F-6-4	DRIED FRUIT	ANY OTHER DRIED FRUIT
F-7-1	DRIED HERBS	ANY VARIETY DRIED HERBS
F-8-1	DRIED VEGETABLES	BEANS
F-8-2	DRIED VEGETABLES	CORN
F-8-3	DRIED VEGETABLES	PEAS
F-8-4	DRIED VEGETABLES	PEPPERS
F-8-5	DRIED VEGETABLES	TOMATOES
F-8-6	DRIED VEGETABLES	ANY OTHER DRIED VEGETABLES
F-9-1	RELISH	CHOW-CHOW
F-9-2	RELISH	CORN RELISH
F-9-3	RELISH	PEPPER RELISH
F-9-4	RELISH	ANY OTHER RELISH
F-10-1	PICKLED FOODS	BEETS
F-10-2	PICKLED FOODS	CUCUMBER PICKLES, BREAD & BUTTER
F-10-3	PICKLED FOODS	CUCUMBER PICKLES, DILL
F-10-4	PICKLED FOODS	CUCUMBER PICKLES, SOUR
F-10-5	PICKLED FOODS	CUCUMBER PICKLES, SWEET
F-10-6	PICKLED FOODS	ANY OTHER CUCUMBER PICKLES
F-10-7	PICKLED FOODS	OKRA
F-10-8	PICKLED FOODS	PICKLED GREEN TOMATOES
F-10-9	PICKLED FOODS	SALSA
F-10-10	PICKLED FOODS	PICKLED PEPPERS
F-11-1	JUICES	APPLE, BEST QUART OR PINT
F-11-2	JUICES	GRAPE, BEST QUART OR PINT
F-11-3	JUICES	TOMATO, BEST QUART OR PINT
F-11-4	JUICES	ANY OTHER JUICE, BEST QUART OR PINT



HOME ARTS

Department G



Premiums:	Home Arts (GA)	1st \$8.00 2nd \$ 6.00 3rd \$5.00
	Creative Celebration (GB)	1st \$8.00 2nd \$ 6.00 3rd \$5.00
	Scrapbooking (GC)	1st \$10.00 2nd \$8.00 3rd \$6.00

Entry Deadline for Department G: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department G Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. Gift baskets should be packaged neatly and wrapped accordingly.
5. Invitations must be ready to mail and accompanied with an envelope.
6. Whole scrapbooks are ineligible to enter. Pages should be 12" x 12". 2 pages may be used but must be the same subject, attached together and placed in protective covering.
7. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

SCORECARD HOME ARTS: Creativity—40pts | Attractiveness/Appeal—40pts | Theme Conformance—20pts **SCORECARD**

CREATIVE CELEBRATION: Creativity—50pts | Attractiveness—50pts

SCORECARD SCRAPBOOKING: Creativity—40pts | Photo Enhancement—25pts | Story Journaling—20pts | Title—15pts

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
GA-1-1	GIFT BASKET	HOLIDAY (ANY HOLIDAY)
GA-1-2	GIFT BASKET	BIRTHDAY, BABY SHOWER, WEDDING
GA-1-3	GIFT BASKET	HOME GOODS
GB-1-1	GIFT WRAP	BIRTHDAY GIFT
GB-1-2	GIFT WRAP	CHRISTMAS GIFT
GB-1-3	GIFT WRAP	WEDDING, BABY SHOWER GIFT
GB-1-4	GIFT WRAP	ANY OTHER GIFT
GB-2-1	INVITATION	BIRTHDAY PARTY
GB-2-2	INVITATION	HOLIDAY PARTY
GB-2-3	INVITATION	WEDDING, BABY SHOWER
GB-2-4	INVITATION	ANY OTHER INVITATION
GB-3-1	CENTERPIECE	BIRTHDAY PARTY
GB-3-2	CENTERPIECE	CHRISTMAS
GB-3-3	CENTERPIECE	WEDDING, BABY SHOWER
GB-3-4	CENTERPIECE	ANY OTHER CENTERPIECE



HOME ARTS

Department G (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
GC-1-1	SCRAPBOOKING	FAMILY
GC-1-2	SCRAPBOOKING	FESTIVITIES
GC-1-3	SCRAPBOOKING	HOLIDAY
GC-1-4	SCRAPBOOKING	MUSIC, SCHOOL, SPORTS
GC-1-5	SCRAPBOOKING	SEASONS
GC-1-6	SCRAPBOOKING	VACATIONS
GC-1-7	SCRAPBOOKING	ANY OTHER



HOME SEWING

Department H



Premiums: 1st \$6.50 | 2nd \$5.50 | 3rd \$4.50

Entry Deadline for Department H: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department H Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. Garments should be on a wooden or heavy plastic hanger.
5. All articles should demonstrate hand or machine sewing techniques.
6. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
H-1-1	WOMEN & GIRLS	APRON
H-1-2	WOMEN & GIRLS	BLOUSE
H-1-3	WOMEN & GIRLS	CHILD'S DRESS
H-1-4	WOMEN & GIRLS	COSTUME
H-1-5	WOMEN & GIRLS	DRESS
H-1-6	WOMEN & GIRLS	HANDBAG
H-1-7	WOMEN & GIRLS	SKIRT
H-1-8	WOMEN & GIRLS	SPECIAL OCCASION
H-1-9	WOMEN & GIRLS	TOY/DOLL
H-1-10	WOMEN & GIRLS	VEST
H-1-11	WOMEN & GIRLS	ANY OTHER SEWN ITEM
H-2-1	MEN & BOYS	ANY BOTTOM, PANTS, SHORTS, ETC.
H-2-2	MEN & BOYS	ANY TOP, SHIRT, JACKET, ETC.
H-2-3	MEN & BOYS	ANY OTHER SEWN ITEM
H-3-1	HOUSEHOLD FASHIONS	HOME ACCESSORY
H-3-2	HOUSEHOLD FASHIONS	PILLOW OR CUSHION
H-3-3	HOUSEHOLD FASHIONS	ANY OTHER SEWN ITEM



HORTICULTURE

Department I



Premiums: 1st \$5.00 | 2nd \$4.00 | 3rd \$3.00

Entry Deadline for Department I: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department I Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. All exhibits must be this year's products.
3. Each entry must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. All entries will be discarded when unsuitable for display.
5. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
6. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**
7. Apples and pears should consist of 5 items in your basket of any shape, color or size. Plums should consist of 10 items in your basket of any shape, color or size. **Hulls or husks should be removed on all nuts. Nuts should be in shell unless noted.**

Judge Score Card: Size: 10pts | Uniformity: 40pts | No Blemishes: 20pts | Quality: 20pts | Color: 10pts

ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
I-1-1	APPLES	YELLOW, BEST 5
I-1-2	APPLES	RED, BEST 5
I-1-3	APPLES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 5
I-2-1	CANTALOUPE	BEST
I-3-1	FIGS	BEST BASKET OF 10
I-4-1	GRAPES	MUSCADINE, BLACK, BEST QUART
I-4-2	GRAPES	MUSCADINE, BRONZE, BEST QUART
I-4-3	GRAPES	MUSCADINE, ANY VARIETY, BEST QUART
I-5-1	PERSIMMONS	BEST BASKET OF 10
I-6-1	PLUMS	ANY VARIETY, BEST 10
I-7-1	PUMPKINS	BEST
I-7-2	PUMPKINS	SMALLEST
I-7-3	PUMPKINS	LARGEST
I-8-1	WATERMELON	BEST
I-8-2	WATERMELON	LARGEST
I-9-1	MELON	ANY OTHER VARIETY
I-10-1	ANY OTHER FRUIT	MOST UNUSUAL FRUIT OR NUT



HORTICULTURE

Department I (continued)



ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
I-11-1	NUTS	BLACK WALNUTS, BEST QUART
I-11-2	NUTS	CHESTNUTS, BEST QUART
I-11-3	NUTS	HICKORY NUTS, BEST QUART
I-11-4	NUTS	PEANUTS, BEST QUART
I-11-5	NUTS	PECANS, BEST QUART
I-11-6	NUTS	PECANS, SHELLED, BEST QUART
I-11-7	NUTS	STUART PECANS, BEST QUART
I-11-8	NUTS	ANY OTHER NUT, BEST QUART
I-12-1	IRISH POTATOES	LARGEST, BEST
I-12-2	IRISH POTATOES	RED PONTIAC, BEST 5
I-12-3	IRISH POTATOES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 5
I-13-1	ONIONS	ANY VARIETY, BEST 5
I-14-1	PEPPERS	BANANA PEPPERS, BEST 5
I-14-2	PEPPERS	BELL PEPPER, GREEN, BEST 5
I-14-3	PEPPERS	BELL PEPPER, RED, BEST 5
I-14-4	PEPPERS	BELL PEPPER, ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 5
I-14-5	PEPPERS	CAYENNE PEPPER, BEST 5
I-14-6	PEPPERS	HOT PEPPER CULTIVAR, BEST 5
I-14-7	PEPPERS	JALAPENO, BEST 5
I-14-8	PEPPERS	SWEET PEPPER CULTIVAR, BEST 5
I-14-9	PEPPERS	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 5
I-15-1	SWEET POTATOES	LARGEST, BEST
I-15-2	SWEET POTATOES	ANY VARIETY CULTIVAR, BEST 5
I-16-1	TOMATOES	CHERRY TOMATO, BEST PINT
I-16-2	TOMATOES	RED TOMATO, BEST 5
I-16-3	TOMATOES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 5
I-17-1	BEANS	LIMA, NOT SHELLED, BEST 10 PODS
I-17-2	BEANS	LIMA, SHELLED, BEST QUART
I-17-3	BEANS	SNAP, GREEN, ANY CULTIVAR, BEST 10 PODS
I-18-1	EGGPLANT	BEST



HORTICULTURE

Department I (continued)



ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
I-19-1	GOURDS	BEST VARIETY OF 5
I-19-2	GOURDS	LARGEST
I-20-1	HERBS	BEST BUNCH
I-21-1	OKRA	BEST 10 PODS
I-22-1	PEAS	NOT SHELLLED, BEST 10 PODS
I-23-1	SQUASH	ACORN, BEST
I-23-2	SQUASH	BUTTERNUT, BEST
I-23-3	SQUASH	PATTY PAN, BEST
I-23-4	SQUASH	YELLOW, BEST
I-23-5	SQUASH	ZUCCHINI, BEST
I-24-1	SUNFLOWER	SUNFLOWER HEAD, BEST
I-24-2	SUNFLOWER	SUNFLOWER HEAD, LARGEST
I-25-1	MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES	ANY OTHER VARIETY VEGETABLE
I-25-2	MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES	MOST UNUSUAL VEGETABLE
I-26-1	BEST & LARGEST COLLECTION	BEST & LARGEST COLLECTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES NEATLY ARRANGED, NO LESS THAN 6 KINDS 1ST- \$8.00 , 2ND- \$6.00, 3RD- \$4.00



MISCELLANEOUS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Department J



Premiums: 1st \$5.00 | 2nd \$4.00 | 3rd \$3.00

Entry Deadline for Department J: Monday, August 24, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department J Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. All exhibits must be this year's products.
3. Each entry must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. All entries will be discarded when unsuitable for display.
5. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
6. ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.

ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
J-1-1	EGGS	WHITE EGGS, BEST DOZEN
J-1-2	EGGS	BROWN EGGS, BEST DOZEN
J-1-3	EGGS	ASSORTED COLORS, BEST DOZEN
J-2-1	SORGHUM MOLASSES	HOMEMADE, BEST QUART
J-3-1	HONEY	LIGHT HONEY, ONE PINT OR ONE POUND JAR
J-3-2	HONEY	COMB HONEY, ANY JAR
J-3-3	HONEY	AMBER HONEY, ONE PINT OR ONE POUND JAR
J-3-4	HONEY	DISPLAY BEESWAX ONE-HALF POUND
J-3-5	HONEY	"BLACK JAR" HONEY ANY JAR JUDGED ON TASTE ONLY, DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PAINTED BLACK



NEEDLEWORK

Department K



Premiums: 1st \$5.50 | 2nd \$4.50 | 3rd \$3.50

Entry Deadline for Department K: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department K Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
K-1-1	CROCHETED	AFGHAN, 1 COLOR
K-1-2	CROCHETED	AFGHAN, 2 OR MORE COLORS
K-1-3	CROCHETED	BABY ITEM
K-1-4	CROCHETED	DOLL CLOTHES
K-1-5	CROCHETED	HAT/SCARF
K-1-6	CROCHETED	HOLIDAY DECORATION
K-1-7	CROCHETED	PILLOW
K-1-8	CROCHETED	ANY OTHER CROCHETED ITEM
K-2-1	KNITTED	AFGHAN, 1 COLOR
K-2-2	KNITTED	AFGHAN, 2 OR MORE COLORS
K-2-3	KNITTED	BABY ITEM
K-2-4	KNITTED	DOLL CLOTHES
K-2-5	KNITTED	HAT/SCARF
K-2-6	KNITTED	HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
K-2-7	KNITTED	PILLOW
K-2-8	KNITTED	ANY OTHER KNITTED ITEM
K-3-1	LINEN	NAPKINS, BEST 4
K-3-2	LINEN	PILLOW CASE, SET OF 2
K-3-3	LINEN	PLACE MATS, SET OF 4
K-3-4	LINEN	POT HOLDER
K-3-5	LINEN	TOWEL, KITCHEN
K-3-6	LINEN	ANY OTHER TOWEL
K-3-7	LINEN	ANY OTHER LINEN ITEM



NEEDLEWORK

Department K (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
K-4-1	OTHER HANDIWORK	APPLIQUE ARTICLE
K-4-2	OTHER HANDIWORK	COUNTED CROSS STITCH, PICTURE
K-4-3	OTHER HANDIWORK	COUNTED CROSS STITCH, ANY OTHER VARIETY
K-4-4	OTHER HANDIWORK	CROSS STITCH, PILLOW
K-4-5	OTHER HANDIWORK	CROSS STITCH, WALL HANGING
K-4-6	OTHER HANDIWORK	CREATIVE STITCHERY
K-4-7	OTHER HANDIWORK	EMBROIDERED ITEM
K-4-8	OTHER HANDIWORK	LATCH HOOKED ITEM
K-4-9	OTHER HANDIWORK	NEEDLEPOINT, ANY VARIETY
K-4-10	OTHER HANDIWORK	PICTURES, ANY VARIETY
K-4-11	OTHER HANDIWORK	PILLOW, ANY VARIETY
K-4-12	OTHER HANDIWORK	TOY
K-4-13	OTHER HANDIWORK	ANY OTHER HANDIWORK ITEM

QUILT PREMIUMS: 1st \$7.50 | 2nd \$6.50 | 3rd \$5.50

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
K-5-1	QUILTS - HAND STITCHED	APPLIQUES
K-5-2	QUILTS - HAND STITCHED	PATCHWORK
K-5-3	QUILTS - HAND STITCHED	PIECED
K-5-4	QUILTS - HAND STITCHED	INFANT
K-5-5	QUILTS - HAND STITCHED	WALL HANGING 24" X 24"
K-5-6	QUILTS - HAND STITCHED	WALL HANGING 36" X 36"
K-6-1	QUILTS - MACHINE STITCHED	APPLIQUES
K-6-2	QUILTS - MACHINE STITCHED	PATCHWORK
K-6-3	QUILTS - MACHINE STITCHED	PIECED
K-6-4	QUILTS - MACHINE STITCHED	INFANT
K-6-5	QUILTS - MACHINE STITCHED	WALL HANGING 24" X 24"
K-6-6	QUILTS - MACHINE STITCHED	WALL HANGING 36" X 36"



PHOTOGRAPHY

Department L



Premiums: 1st \$5.50 | 2nd \$ 4.50 | 3rd \$3.50

Entry Deadline for Department L: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department L Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 19 years of age or older. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M and all youth (9-18) enter in Department N.
2. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. All pictures must not exceed 11" x 14" and no less than 5" x 7" (not including the mount). Glass is not required however each entry must be secured in its mounting.
5. No tinted or hand-colored pictures accepted.
6. All pictures entered must be taken by the individual entering them and taken since the last Fair.
7. No computer generated, enhanced or altered pictures will be accepted, except for category L-4-3.
8. All pictures must be framed and wired for hanging or able to stand alone. No serrated hooks or string will be accepted. Please adjust wire to frame so that it is not too tight or too loose.
9. Professional photographers are required to attach a business card to the back of all entries.
10. Lighting, contrast, enlargement quality, etc. will be considered in the judging.
11. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
L-1-1	PORTRAITS	SINGLE ADULT OR COUPLE, BLACK & WHITE
L-1-2	PORTRAITS	SINGLE ADULT OR COUPLE, COLOR
L-1-3	PORTRAITS	SINGLE CHILD, BLACK & WHITE
L-1-4	PORTRAITS	SINGLE CHILD, COLOR
L-1-5	PORTRAITS	SINGLE ANIMAL, BLACK & WHITE
L-1-6	PORTRAITS	SINGLE ANIMAL, COLOR
L-2-1	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	BUILDINGS: DOORS, WINDOWS, DOORKNOBS, KEYS, HINGES, ETC.
L-2-2	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	FARM EQUIPMENT: TRACTOR, COMBINE, BALER, ETC.
L-2-3	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	HUNTING, FISHING, WILD ANIMALS, ETC.
L-2-4	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	LANDSCAPE, BLACK & WHITE
L-2-5	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	LANDSCAPE, COLOR
L-2-6	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	MILITARY: UNIFORM, VEHICLES, FLAGS, ETC.
L-2-7	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	NATURE, BLACK & WHITE
L-2-8	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	NATURE, COLOR
L-2-9	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	RAILWAYS: RAILS, ENGINES, CABOOSE, ETC.
L-2-10	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	SEASONAL: CHRISTMAS, EASTER, HALLOWEEN, 4TH OF JULY, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER, ETC.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Department L (continued)



ENTRY CODES	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
L-2-11	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	SCENE, BLACK & WHITE
L-2-12	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	SCENE, COLOR
L-2-13	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	SPORTS: ACTION
L-2-14	PICTORIAL SUBJECT	TELEPHONES: ANTIQUE, UNUSUAL, ETC.
L-3-1	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	ANIMAL (ANTICS OR EXPRESSION) BLACK & WHITE
L-3-2	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	ANIMAL (ANTICS OR EXPRESSION) COLOR
L-3-3	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	GROUP (TWO OR MORE) BLACK & WHITE
L-3-4	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	GROUP (TWO OR MORE) COLOR
L-3-5	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	HOUSEHOLD PET
L-3-6	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	HOUSEHOLD PETS (TWO OR MORE)
L-3-7	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	HUMAN (ANTICS OR EXPRESSION) BLACK & WHITE
L-3-8	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	HUMAN (ANTICS OR EXPRESSION) COLOR
L-3-9	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	UNUSUAL OR "BY CHANCE", BLACK & WHITE
L-3-10	PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS	UNUSUAL OR "BY CHANCE", COLOR
L-4-1	ENHANCED	ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY BY A COMPUTER OR APP
L-5-1	CABARRUS COUNTY FAIR	BEST FAIR PICTURE, BLACK & WHITE
L-5-2	CABARRUS COUNTY FAIR	BEST FAIR PICTURE, COLOR
L-6-1	OPEN	ANY OTHER PHOTO



YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 5-8)

Department M



Premiums: \$1.00 honorarium and green participation ribbon per entry

Entry Deadline for Department M: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department M Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 5-8 years of age.
2. Participants can enter multiple items having the same entry code in this department. No maximum.
3. All exhibits must be this year's products.
4. Baked goods are to be dropped off only on Wednesday, September 10th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm to ensure their eligibility and keep quality.
5. Entries or items which have spoiled due to age, insect, bacteria or fungi may be removed/discarded at the discretion of the Fair.
6. Baked goods are to be dropped off only on Wednesday, September 3 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm to ensure their eligibility and keep quality.
7. Home Sewing garments should be entered on a wooden or heavy plastic hanger.
8. Model Kits (including Legos) should be one item or affixed to a board measuring no more than 1.5' x 1.5'.
9. **ALL exhibitors and their parent/legal guardian are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/ Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
M-1-1	HANDWORK	HAIR ACCESSORY
M-1-2	HANDWORK	PILLOWS
M-1-3	HANDWORK	STUFFED ARTICLE
M-1-4	HANDWORK	ANY OTHER HANDWORK
M-2-1	DECORATION	CHRISTMAS DECORATION
M-2-2	DECORATION	DECORATED ARTICLE
M-2-3	DECORATION	DECORATED TREE
M-3-1	ARTS & CRAFTS	CERAMICS
M-3-2	ARTS & CRAFTS	CLAY OBJECTS
M-3-3	ARTS & CRAFTS	COLLAGE
M-3-4	ARTS & CRAFTS	JEWELRY
M-3-5	ARTS & CRAFTS	MODEL, ANY VARIETY
M-3-6	ARTS & CRAFTS	PAPER CRAFT
M-3-7	ARTS & CRAFTS	PHOTOGRAPHY
M-3-8	ARTS & CRAFTS	PICTURE
M-3-9	ARTS & CRAFTS	SEED CRAFT
M-3-10	ARTS & CRAFTS	TIN PUNCH
M-3-11	ARTS & CRAFTS	TOY
M-3-12	ARTS & CRAFTS	ANY OTHER CRAFT



YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 5-8)

Department M



ENTRY CODE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
M-4-1	BREAD	BISCUITS, ANY VARIETY, BEST 6
M-4-2	BREAD	MUFFINS, ANY VARIETY, BEST 6
M-4-3	BREAD	BREAD, ANY VARIETY, SAMPLE
M-5-1	CAKES	CUPCAKES, ANY VARIETY, BEST 6
M-5-2	CAKES	DECORATED CAKE
M-5-3	CAKES	1/4 CAKE, ANY VARIETY
M-6-1	COOKIES	BROWNIES, BEST 6
M-6-2	COOKIES	DROPPED COOKIES, BEST 6
M-6-3	COOKIES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 6
M-7-1	HOME SEWING	DRESS
M-7-2	HOME SEWING	SKIRT
M-7-3	HOME SEWING	SLACKS
M-7-4	HOME SEWING	TOP, CASUAL
M-7-5	HOME SEWING	WOOL
M-7-6	HOME SEWING	ANY OTHER GARMENT
M-8-1	FRESH FRUIT	APPLES, ANY VARIETY, BEST PLATE OF 5
M-8-2	FRESH FRUIT	WATERMELON
M-8-3	FRESH FRUIT	ANY OTHER FRUIT
M-9-1	FRESH VEGETABLES	BEANS, SNAP, UNSHELLED, BEST 12 PODS
M-9-2	FRESH VEGETABLES	GOURD
M-9-3	FRESH VEGETABLES	PEPPERS, BEST 6 PODS
M-9-4	FRESH VEGETABLES	PUMPKIN, BEST
M-9-5	FRESH VEGETABLES	ANY OTHER VEGETABLE
M-10-1	NUTS	ANY VARIETY, BEST
M-11-1	POTTED PLANTS	SEMPERVIVUM- HENS AND CHICKS
M-11-2	POTTED PLANTS	SUCCULENTS, ANY OTHER VARIETY



YOUTH DIVISION

Department N



Premiums: 1st \$4.50 | 2nd \$3.50 | 3rd \$3.00

Entry Deadline for Department N: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Department N Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be 9-18 years of age. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department M.
2. **EXHIBITORS AGES 9-13 USE ENTRY CODES COLORED BLUE**
3. **EXHIBITORS AGES 14-18 USE ENTRY CODES COLORED RED.**
4. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED.**
5. All exhibits must be this year's products.
6. Baked goods are to be dropped off only on Wednesday September 10th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm to ensure their eligibility and keep quality.
7. Entries or items which have spoiled due to age, insect, bacteria or fungi may be removed at the discretion of the Fair.
8. Home sewing garments should be on a wooden or heavy plastic hanger.
9. Model Kits (including Legos) should be one item or affixed to a board measuring no more than 1.5' x 1.5'.
10. **ALL exhibitors and their parent/legal guardian are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/ Required Reading.**

ENTRY CODE AGES 9-13	CLASS AGES 9-13	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 9-13
N-1-1	SUNFLOWER	BEST
N-2-1	GOURDS	BEST 3
N-3-1	OKRA	BEST 10 PODS
N-4-1	PUMPKINS	BEST
N-5-1	SQUASH	ANY VARIETY, BEST 5
N-6-1	TOMATO	CHERRY TOMATO, BEST 5
N-6-2	TOMATO	RED TOMATO, BEST 5
N-7-1	UNLISTED VEGETABLE	ANY VARIETY, BEST
N-8-1	APPLES	ANY VARIETY, BEST PLATE OF 5
N-9-1	GRAPES	MUSCADINES, BRONZE, BEST QUART
N-9-2	GRAPES	MUSCADINES, BLACK, BEST QUART
N-10-1	WATERMELON	BEST
N-11-1	UNLISTED FRUIT	ANY VARIETY, BEST
N-12-1	NUTS	BLACK WALNUTS, BEST QUART
N-12-2	NUTS	HICKORY NUTS, BEST QUART
N-12-3	NUTS	PEANUTS, BEST QUART
N-12-4	NUTS	PECANS, BEST QUART



YOUTH DIVISION

Department N (continued)



ENTRY CODE AGES 9-13	CLASS AGES 9-13	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 9-13
N-13-1	DRIED FRUIT	ANY VARIETY
N-14-1	DRIED VEGETABLE	ANY VARIETY
N-15-1	CANNED FRUIT	ANY VARIETY
N-16-1	CANNED VEGETABLE	ANY VARIETY
N-17-1	PICKLED FOODS	PICKLED PEPPERS, ANY VARIETY
N-17-2	PICKLED FOODS	PICKLED RELISH, ANY VARIETY
N-17-3	PICKLED FOODS	ANY VARIETY
N-18-1	CANNED SOFT SPREADS	JAMS, ANY VARIETY
N-18-2	CANNED SOFT SPREADS	JELLIES, ANY VARIETY
N-18-3	CANNED SOFT SPREADS	ANY OTHER VARIETY
N-19-1	BREADS	BISCUITS, ANY VARIETY
N-19-2	BREADS	BREAD, SAMPLE
N-19-3	BREADS	SWEET BREAD
N-19-4	BREADS	MUFFINS, BEST 6
N-20-1	CAKES	CUPCAKES, BEST 6
N-20-2	CAKES	1/4 CAKE
N-20-3	CAKES	1/4 CAKE FROM A MIX
N-20-4	CAKES	DECORATED CAKE
N-21-1	COOKIES	BAR COOKIES
N-21-2	COOKIES	BROWNIES, BEST 6
N-21-3	COOKIES	DROPPED COOKIES, BEST 6
N-21-4	COOKIES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 6
N-22-1	CANDIES	FUDGE, BEST 6-8 PIECES
N-22-2	CANDIES	PEANUT BRITTLE, BEST 6-8 PIECES
N-22-3	CANDIES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 6-8 PIECES
N-23-1	HOME SEWING	DRESS
N-23-2	HOME SEWING	SKIRT
N-23-3	HOME SEWING	SLEEPWEAR
N-23-4	HOME SEWING	TOP
N-23-5	HOME SEWING	VEST
N-23-6	HOME SEWING	WOOL
N-23-7	HOME SEWING	ANY OTHER SEWN ITEM



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Department N (continued)



ENTRY CODE AGES 9-13	CLASS AGES 9-13	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 9-13
N-24-1	HANDWORK	ACCESSORY
N-24-2	HANDWORK	HAIR ACCESSORY
N-24-3	HANDWORK	HATS
N-24-4	HANDWORK	HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES
N-24-5	HANDWORK	JEWELRY
N-24-6	HANDWORK	KNITTED ITEMS
N-24-7	HANDWORK	PILLOWS
N-24-8	HANDWORK	QUILTED ITEMS
N-24-9	HANDWORK	STUFFED ITEMS
N-24-10	HANDWORK	WALL HANGINGS
N-24-11	HANDWORK	ANY OTHER HANDWORK
N-25-1	CRAFTS	BASKETRY
N-25-2	CRAFTS	BROCHURE, COMPUTER DESIGN
N-25-3	CRAFTS	CARD, HOMEMADE
N-25-4	CRAFTS	CERAMICS
N-25-5	CRAFTS	CLAY OBJECTS
N-25-6	CRAFTS	COLLAGE
N-25-7	CRAFTS	CREATIVE LETTERING
N-25-8	CRAFTS	LEATHER ARTICLES
N-25-9	CRAFTS	METAL CRAFT
N-25-10	CRAFTS	MODEL BUILDS, KIT
N-25-11	CRAFTS	MODEL BUILDS, ORIGINAL
N-25-12	CRAFTS	PAPER CRAFT
N-25-13	CRAFTS	POTTERY
N-25-14	CRAFTS	SCRAPBOOK PAGE
N-25-15	CRAFTS	SEED CRAFT
N-25-16	CRAFTS	TIE DYEING
N-25-17	CRAFTS	TIN PUNCH
N-25-18	CRAFTS	WOOD CRAFT
N-25-19	CRAFTS	ANY OTHER CRAFT



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Department N (continued)



ENTRY CODE AGES 9-13	CLASS AGES 9-13	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 9-13
N-26-1	DECOR	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
N-26-2	DECOR	FLORAL DECORATIONS
N-26-3	DECOR	ANY OTHER DECORATED ITEMS
N-27-1	PICTURE PAINTINGS	ACRYLIC
N-27-2	PICTURE PAINTINGS	CHARCOAL
N-27-3	PICTURE PAINTINGS	DRAWINGS
N-27-4	PICTURE PAINTINGS	PASTEL
N-27-5	PICTURE PAINTINGS	WATERCOLOR
N-27-6	PICTURE PAINTINGS	ANY OTHER
N-28-1	PHOTOGRAPHY	ANIMALS
N-28-2	PHOTOGRAPHY	BLACK & WHITE
N-28-3	PHOTOGRAPHY	CITY & LANDSCAPE
N-28-4	PHOTOGRAPHY	NATURE
N-28-5	PHOTOGRAPHY	PEOPLE
N-28-6	PHOTOGRAPHY	PETS
N-28-7	PHOTOGRAPHY	ANY OTHER
N-29-1	POTTED PLANTS	SEMPERVIVUM, HENS AND CHICKS
N-29-2	POTTED PLANTS	SUCCULENTS, ANY OTHER VARIETY
N-30-1	DECORATED POTATO	DECORATED SWEET POTATO

RECYCLED ENTRY RULES:

1. Recycled Articles should consist of recycled materials that resemble something from the Cabarrus County Fair. (Examples: Livestock, rides, food, etc.)
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ENTRY CODE AGES 9-13	CLASS AGES 9-13	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 9-13
N-31-1	RECYCLED ARTICLES	FAIR THEME
N-31-2	RECYCLED ARTICLES	CLOTHING ITEM
N-31-3	RECYCLED ARTICLES	SCULPTURE



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ENTRY CODE AGES 14-18	CLASS AGES 14-18	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 14-18
N-32-1	SUNFLOWER	BEST
N-33-1	GOURDS	BEST 3
N-34-1	OKRA	BEST 10 PODS
N-35-1	PUMPKINS	BEST
N-36-1	SQUASH	ANY VARIETY, BEST 5
N-37-1	TOMATO	CHERRY TOMATO, BEST 5
N-37-2	TOMATO	RED TOMATO, BEST 5
N-38-1	UNLISTED VEGETABLE	ANY VARIETY, BEST
N-39-1	APPLES	ANY VARIETY, BEST PLATE OF 5
N-40-1	GRAPES	MUSCADINES, BRONZE, BEST QUART
N-40-2	GRAPES	MUSCADINES, BLACK, BEST QUART
N-41-1	WATERMELON	BEST
N-42-1	UNLISTED FRUIT	ANY VARIETY, BEST
N-43-1	NUTS	BLACK WALNUTS, BEST QUART
N-43-2	NUTS	HICKORY NUTS, BEST QUART
N-43-3	NUTS	PEANUTS, BEST QUART
N-43-4	NUTS	PECANS, BEST QUART
N-44-1	DRIED FRUIT	ANY VARIETY
N-45-1	DRIED VEGETABLE	ANY VARIETY
N-46-1	CANNED FRUIT	ANY VARIETY
N-47-1	CANNED VEGETABLE	ANY VARIETY
N-48-1	PICKLED FOODS	PICKLED PEPPERS, ANY VARIETY
N-48-2	PICKLED FOODS	PICKLED RELISH, ANY VARIETY
N-48-3	PICKLED FOODS	ANY VARIETY
N-49-1	CANNED SOFT SPREADS	JAMS, ANY VARIETY
N-49-2	CANNED SOFT SPREADS	JELLIES, ANY VARIETY
N-49-3	CANNED SOFT SPREADS	ANY OTHER VARIETY
N-50-1	BREADS	BISCUITS, ANY VARIETY
N-50-2	BREADS	BREAD, SAMPLE
N-50-3	BREADS	SWEET BREAD



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ENTRY CODE AGES 14-18	CLASS AGES14-18	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 14-18
N-50-4	BREADS	MUFFINS, BEST 6
N-51-1	CAKES	CUPCAKES, BEST 6
N-51-2	CAKES	1/4 CAKE
N-51-3	CAKES	1/4 CAKE FROM A MIX
N-51-4	CAKES	DECORATED CAKE
N-52-1	COOKIES	BAR COOKIES
N-52-2	COOKIES	BROWNIES, BEST 6
N-52-3	COOKIES	DROPPED COOKIES, BEST 6
N-52-4	COOKIES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 6
N-53-1	CANDIES	FUDGE, BEST 6-8 PIECES
N-53-2	CANDIES	PEANUT BRITTLE, BEST 6-8 PIECES
N-53-3	CANDIES	ANY OTHER VARIETY, BEST 6-8 PIECES
N-54-1	HOME SEWING	DRESS
N-54-2	HOME SEWING	SKIRT
N-54-3	HOME SEWING	SLEEPWEAR
N-54-4	HOME SEWING	TOP
N-54-5	HOME SEWING	VEST
N-54-6	HOME SEWING	WOOL
N-54-7	HOME SEWING	ANY OTHER SEWN ITEM
N-55-1	HANDWORK	ACCESSORY
N-55-2	HANDWORK	HAIR ACCESSORY
N-55-3	HANDWORK	HATS
N-55-4	HANDWORK	HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES
N-55-5	HANDWORK	JEWELRY
N-55-6	HANDWORK	KNITTED ITEMS
N-55-7	HANDWORK	PILLOWS
N-55-8	HANDWORK	QUILTED ITEMS
N-55-9	HANDWORK	STUFFED ITEMS
N-55-10	HANDWORK	WALL HANGINGS
N-55-11	HANDWORK	ANY OTHER HANDWORK



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ENTRY CODE AGES 14-18	CLASS AGES 14-18	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 14-18
N-56-1	CRAFTS	BASKETRY
N-56-2	CRAFTS	BROCHURE, COMPUTER DESIGN
N-56-3	CRAFTS	CARD, HOMEMADE
N-56-4	CRAFTS	CERAMICS
N-56-5	CRAFTS	CLAY OBJECTS
N-56-6	CRAFTS	COLLAGE
N-56-7	CRAFTS	CREATIVE LETTERING
N-56-8	CRAFTS	LEATHER ARTICLES
N-56-9	CRAFTS	METAL CRAFT
N-56-10	CRAFTS	MODEL BUILDS, KIT
N-56-11	CRAFTS	MODEL BUILDS, ORIGINAL
N-56-12	CRAFTS	PAPER CRAFT
N-56-13	CRAFTS	POTTERY
N-56-14	CRAFTS	SCRAPBOOK PAGE
N-56-15	CRAFTS	SEED CRAFT
N-56-16	CRAFTS	TIE DYEING
N-56-17	CRAFTS	TIN PUNCH
N-56-18	CRAFTS	WOOD CRAFT
N-56-19	CRAFTS	ANY OTHER CRAFT
N-57-1	DECOR	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
N-57-2	DECOR	FLORAL DECORATIONS
N-57-3	DECOR	ANY OTHER DECORATED ITEMS
N-58-1	PICTURE PAINTINGS	ACRYLIC
N-58-2	PICTURE PAINTINGS	CHARCOAL
N-58-3	PICTURE PAINTINGS	DRAWINGS
N-58-4	PICTURE PAINTINGS	PASTEL
N-58-5	PICTURE PAINTINGS	WATERCOLOR
N-58-6	PICTURE PAINTINGS	ANY OTHER
N-59-1	PHOTOGRAPHY	ANIMALS
N-59-2	PHOTOGRAPHY	BLACK & WHITE



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ENTRY CODE AGES 14-18	CLASS AGES 14-18	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 14-18
N-59-3	PHOTOGRAPHY	CITY & LANDSCAPE
N-59-4	PHOTOGRAPHY	NATURE
N-59-5	PHOTOGRAPHY	PEOPLE
N-59-6	PHOTOGRAPHY	PETS
N-59-7	PHOTOGRAPHY	ANY OTHER
N-60-1	POTTED PLANTS	SEMPERVIVUM, HENS AND CHICKS
N-60-2	POTTED PLANTS	SUCCULENTS, ANY OTHER VARIETY
N-61-1	DECORATED POTATO	DECORATED SWEET POTATO

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(Examples: plastic bottles, cans, corks or bottle caps, wire, wood, etc.)

ENTRY CODE AGES 14-18	CLASS AGES 14-18	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE AGES 14-18
N-62-1	RECYCLED ARTICLES	FAIR THEME
N-62-2	RECYCLED ARTICLES	CLOTHING ITEM
N-62-3	RECYCLED ARTICLES	SCULPTURE



LIVESTOCK & EQUINE RULES AND REGULATIONS



- **Use the Livestock & Equine Entry Form for all livestock entries, including poultry and rabbits.**
(Livestock entries listed on the Competitive Exhibits Entry Form will not be accepted.)
- **All animals must be treated humanely and with respect at all times. Any mistreatment will result in immediate disqualification.**
- All exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by all general and show specific rules and regulations.
- No alcohol, profanity, food or drinks in the livestock areas.
- Pay special attention to the information listed under each department for show specific rules, regulations, premium amounts and entry fees. (if applicable)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED (unless otherwise specified within the department rules.)
- No one under the age of 5 may enter.
- **All Entry Forms due: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**
- Entry forms with fully completed W9 form can be submitted online, by mail, email, or brought to the Fair Office.
 - **Mail:** 4759 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025
 - **Email:** fair@cabarruscounty.us
 - **Fair Office:** 4759 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025
- NC Substitute W-9 Form must be completed annually.
- **The Social Security number MUST be that of the entrant NOT the parent or guardian.**
- **If an exhibitor does not wish to be paid, please note "Do not pay" on the entry form.**
- **NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID WITHOUT THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE EXHIBITOR OR TAX ID NUMBER OF SCHOOL OR CLUB.**



LIVESTOCK & EQUINE RULES AND REGULATIONS(continued)



- Entries are accepted in the order in which they are received. In the event a show reaches capacity, priority will be given to Cabarrus County residents.
- Premium checks will be mailed within 60 days of the fair. Contact the Fair Office if you have not received your check by December 1st.
- Any artificial alterations (steroids, dyeing, lifting, etc.) are strictly prohibited.
- Showing under another persons name will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.
- Animals, stalls and staging areas must be kept clean and well cared for at all times. Exhibitors who leave stalls unclean upon departure will forfeit all premiums. (If you are unsure whether your area is in acceptable condition, see the Livestock Superintendent.)
- Exhibitors must be able to safely handle their animal.
- Exhibitors ages 5-8 may be accompanied by an adult to ensure the safety of both the animals and the exhibitors.
- Good sportsmanship and respectful behavior are expected at all times.
- All entries are subject to current North Carolina health regulations in effect at the time of the fair.
- All animals will be examined by an on-site, licensed veterinarian, contracted by the fair, prior to admission to the show area. Please see individual show pages for animal specific health rules and regulations.
- Veterinarian has authority to suspend any show if disease risk arises.
- Fair management, judges or veterinarian staff reserve the right to reject any unhealthy or unruly animal.
- Fair management, judges or veterinarian staff decisions are final.
- Show classes, rules and/or regulations are subject to change at any time without notice.
- New breed requests must be submitted to the Fair Office by October 31st, 2026 to be considered.
- All shows follow IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Visit cabarruscountyfair.com - Competitions - Livestock & Equine Information - for more details



2026 Cabarrus County Fair **Livestock & Equine** Entry Form



Please accept the entries indicated below subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits at the Cabarrus County Fair, as published in the Fair Book, and by which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting.

Exhibitor Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Age of Exhibitor: _____ Date of Birth of Exhibitor: _____

ENTRY CODES	CLASS	REGISTRATION NUMBER (if applicable)	ANIMAL DATE OF BIRTH
EXAMPLE: O-AS-1	ANGUS SPRING CALF	10172023	10/17/23

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following:

1. The Fair and Cabarrus County will not be responsible for any claims, losses, injuries, or damages done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or item exhibited and the exhibitor shall release, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair, Cabarrus County, its agents, employees, officers and contractors from all claims, losses, injuries and damages including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees.
2. The Fair does not provide refunds. No exceptions.
3. That I have read, am familiar with, and agree to abide by ALL rules, regulations and all other information as provided in the 2026 Fair Book.
4. All premium checks will be mailed to the name and address on the W-9 Form within 60 days of the close of the Fair.
- 5. TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY, THE W-9 FORM MUST BE COMPLETED and signed and dated.**
6. Entry Form and W9 are required to be submitted under the name and address of the individual showing and must match. Social Security number must match the exhibitors legal name and address. Entries and/or W9's submitted by farms and/or animal owners under the farm/owner's name will not be accepted. Exception only for NC Public School entries.
7. Premiums may be withheld for misrepresentation or failure to comply with the rules. There is zero tolerance for ANY conduct deemed inappropriate by the Fair whether it be in-person, electronically, and/or via telephone Those demonstrating behavior deemed inappropriate may be required to leave the fairgrounds and risks loss of premiums, current and future participation and/or any ribbons and trophies.
8. Exhibitors may not show under someone else's name/entry for ANY reason. Should an exhibitor enter the Show Ring under someone else's name/entry it will result in an immediate forfeiture of ALL 2026 Fair premiums and ribbons for both parties. No one may enter the Show Ring who has not completed and signed an entry form.
9. Parade of the Future (Ages 5-7): I accept full responsibility for the safety of my child if he/she enters the Show Ring in the Parade of the Future. The Cabarrus County Fair is not liable for an accident occurring during this or any other livestock show.

WARNING: Under North Carolina law, a farm animal activity sponsor or farm animal professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in farm animal activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of farm animal activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina G.S. I understand that rules are subject to change without notice as a result of changing mandates, guidelines, and safest practice recommendations.

ALL ENTRY FORMS, W-9 FORMS, AND ENTRY FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FAIR OFFICE BY Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

MAIL: CABARRUS COUNTY FAIR PO BOX 707, CONCORD, NC 28026 | EMAIL: fair@cabarruscounty.us

OR Fair Office Drop Box located at 4759 NC HWY 49 N CONCORD, NC 28025

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature is required below for anyone under the age of 18

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Exhibitor (i.e. Mother): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Select 1 method for sending in your paperwork. Using more than 1 method can result in duplication & disqualification.

Double Check Your Entry Form and W-9: FORMS MISSING SIGNATURES AND DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Did you remember to include your W-9? Sign & date it?

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**
Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.		
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions) _____		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions ☐		
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.		Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
				-					

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person	Date

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they



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Premiums: 1st \$6.00 | 2nd \$5.00 | 3rd \$4.00

Department O Rules:

- Total entry limit: 400 - limits are subject to change based on safety considerations.
- Out of state birds must have a negative Avian Influenza test within 21 days of the show.
- All birds will be tested for Pullorum Typhoid at check-in, by a NCDA agent, at the Fair's expense.
- For the safety and well-being of all animals, poultry that display aggressive tendencies or require cage partitions to prevent aggressive behavior are not eligible for exhibition

All birds will be banded on-site with an individual identification number, which will be recorded under the owner's name and verified at pick-up before any bird is permitted to leave the building.

Drop Off: Thursday, September 10th, 2026 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Judging: Friday, September 11th, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Pick-up: Sunday, September 20th, 2026 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Animals will be considered abandoned after 2:00 pm.

All poultry must stay on display for the 9 day duration of the fair. Early removal forfeits all awards and premiums.

AWARDS:

ROSETTE & TROPHY: GRAND CHAMPION STANDARD MALE
RESERVE CHAMPION STANDARD MALE
GRAND CHAMPION STANDARD FEMALE
RESERVE CHAMPION STANDARD FEMALE
GRAND CHAMPION BANTAM MALE
RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM MALE
GRAND CHAMPION BANTAM FEMALE
RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM FEMALE

BANTAM CLASSES

FEATHER LEGGED BANTAMS	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BELGIAN D'UCCLE	O-1-	1	2	3	4
BLACK COCHIN	O-1-	5	6	7	8
BLACK LANGSHAN	O-1-	9	10	11	12
BLACK SILKIE	O-1-	13	14	15	16
BLUE COCHIN	O-1-	17	18	19	20
BUFF BRAHMA	O-1-	21	22	23	24
DARK BRAHMA	O-1-	25	26	27	28
FRIZZLES	O-1-	29	30	31	32
LIGHT BRAHMA	O-1-	33	34	35	36
WHITE COCHIN	O-1-	37	38	39	40
WHITE LANGSHAN	O-1-	41	42	43	44
WHITE SILKIE	O-1-	45	46	47	48
ANY OTHER FEATHER LEGGED BANTAM	O-1-	49	50	51	52



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BANTAM CLASSES (continued)

ROSE GOLD CLEAN LEGGED BANTAMS	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BLACK ROSE COMB	O-2-	1	2	3	4
BLACK WYANDOTTE	O-2-	5	6	7	8
DARK BROWN LEGHORN	O-2-	9	10	11	12
GOLDEN SEBRIGHT	O-2-	13	14	15	16
LIGHT BROWN LEGHORN	O-2-	17	18	19	20
SILVER SEBRIGHT	O-2-	21	22	23	24
WHITE LEGHORN	O-2-	25	26	27	28
WHITE WYANDOTTE	O-2-	29	30	31	32
ANY OTHER ROSE GOLD CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM	O-2-	33	34	35	36

SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK	O-3-	1	2	3	4
BLACK TAIL BUFF JAPANESE	O-3-	5	6	7	8
BLACK TAIL WHITE JAPANESE	O-3-	9	10	11	12
BUFF ORPINGTON	O-3-	13	14	15	16
BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCK	O-3-	17	18	19	20
DARK BROWN LEGHORN	O-3-	21	22	23	24
LIGHT BROWN LEGHORN	O-3-	25	26	27	28
RHODE ISLAND RED	O-3-	29	30	31	32
WHITE JAPANESE	O-3-	33	34	35	36
WHITE LEGHORN	O-3-	37	38	39	40
WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK	O-3-	41	42	43	44
ANY OTHER SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM	O-3-	45	46	47	48

ALL OTHER COMBS CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BUFF LACED POLISH	O-4-	1	2	3	4
CORNISH	O-4-	5	6	7	8
WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH	O-4-	9	10	11	12
WHITE CRESTED BLUE POLISH	O-4-	13	14	15	16
WHITE POLISH	O-4-	17	18	19	20
ANY OTHER COMBS CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM	O-4-	21	22	23	24



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COMMERCIAL LAYER CLASS (3 birds per pen and entry)

COMMERCIAL LAYER	ENTRY CODE	3 BIRDS PER PEN AND ENTRY
BEST PEN OF 3 PULLETS (Under 1 year old)	O-5-	1
BEST PEN OF 3 HENS (Over 1 year old)	O-5-	2

GUINEA FOWL CLASSES

GUINEA FOWL	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
PEARL	O-6-	1	2	3	4
PIED	O-6-	5	6	7	8
ANY OTHER GUINEA FOWL	O-6-	9	10	11	12

STANDARD CLASSES

AMERICAN	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS	O-7-	1	2	3	4
BLACK JERSEY GIANT	O-7-	5	6	7	8
BLACK WYANDOTTE	O-7-	9	10	11	12
DOMINIQUES	O-7-	13	14	15	16
GOLDEN LACED WYANDOTTE	O-7-	17	18	19	20
SINGLE COMB RHODE ISLAND RED	O-7-	21	22	23	24
SILVER LACED WYANDOTTE	O-7-	25	26	27	28
WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS	O-7-	29	30	31	32
WHITE WYANDOTTE	O-7-	33	34	35	36
ANY OTHER AMERICAN	O-7-	37	38	39	40

ASIATIC	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BLACK COCHIN	O-8-	1	2	3	4
BLACK LANGSHAN	O-8-	5	6	7	8
BLUE LANGSHAN	O-8-	9	10	11	12
BUFF BRAHMA	O-8-	13	14	15	16
DARK BRAHMA	O-8-	17	18	19	20
LIGHT BRAHMA	O-8-	21	22	23	24
WHITE COCHIN	O-8-	25	26	27	28
WHITE LANGSHAN	O-8-	29	30	31	32
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-8-	33	34	35	36



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STANDARD CLASSES (continued)

CONTINENTAL (FRENCH)	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BLACK COPPER MARAN	O-9-	1	2	3	4
SALMON FAVEROLLE	O-9-	5	6	7	8
WHEATEN MARAN	O-9-	9	10	11	12
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-9-	13	14	15	16

CONTINENTAL (NORTH EUROPEAN)	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BARNEVELDER	O-10-	1	2	3	4
BUFF LACED POLISH	O-10-	5	6	7	8
LAKENVELDER	O-10-	9	10	11	12
WELSUMMER	O-10-	13	14	15	16
WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH	O-10-	17	18	19	20
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-10-	21	22	23	24

ENGLISH	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BUFF ORPINGTON	O-11-	1	2	3	4
BLACK AUSTRALORP	O-11-	5	6	7	8
BLACK ORPINGTON	O-11-	9	10	11	12
SPECKLED SUSSEX	O-11-	13	14	15	16
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-11-	17	18	19	20

GAMES	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BLACK BREASTED RED MODERN GAME	O-12-	1	2	3	4
BLACK BREASTED RED OLD ENGLISH	O-12-	5	6	7	8
BROWN RED OLD ENGLISH	O-12-	9	10	11	12
GOLDEN DUCKWING MODERN GAME	O-12-	13	14	15	16



POULTRY

Department O (continued)



STANDARD CLASSES (continued)

GAME BANTAMS	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BIRCHEN MODERN	O-13-	1	2	3	4
BLACK BREASTED RED MODERN	O-13-	5	6	7	8
BLACK BREASTED RED OLD ENGLISH GAMES	O-13-	9	10	11	12
BLACK OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	13	14	15	16
BLUE GOLDEN DUCKWING OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	17	18	19	20
BLUE OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	21	22	23	24
BLUE RED OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	25	26	27	28
BLUE SILVER DUCKWING OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	29	30	31	32
BROWN RED MODERN GAMES	O-13-	33	34	35	36
BROWN RED OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	37	38	39	40
GOLDEN DUCKWING OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	41	42	43	44
LEMON BLUE OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	45	46	47	48
RED PYLE MODERN GAME	O-13-	49	50	51	52
RED PYLE OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	53	54	55	56
SILVER DUCKWING OLD ENGLISH GAMES	O-13-	57	58	59	60
SPANGLED OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	61	62	63	64
WHEATON OLD ENGLISH GAMES	O-13-	65	66	67	68
WHITE OLD ENGLISH	O-13-	69	70	71	72
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-13-	73	74	75	76

MEDITERRANEAN	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
ANDALUSIAN	O-14-	1	2	3	4
SINGLE COMB DARK BROWN LEGHORN	O-14-	5	6	7	8
SINGLE COMB LIGHT BROWN LEGHORN	O-14-	9	10	11	12
SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORN	O-14-	13	14	15	16
WHITE FACED BLACK SPANISH	O-14-	17	18	19	20
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-14-	21	22	23	24

MISCELLANEOUS	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BLACK SUMATRAS	O-15-	1	2	3	4
BLUE SUMATRAS	O-15-	5	6	7	8
BROWN/RED AMERAUCANA	O-15-	9	10	11	12
WHEATEN AMERAUCANA	O-15-	13	14	15	16
WHITE AMERAUCANA	O-15-	17	18	19	20
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-15-	21	22	23	24



POULTRY

Department O (continued)



TURKEYS

TURKEYS	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BOURBON RED	O-16-	1	2	3	4
BRONZE	O-16-	5	6	7	8
NARAGARSETT	O-16-	9	10	11	12
ROYAL PALM	O-16-	13	14	15	16
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-16-	17	18	19	20

WATERFOWL

DUCKS	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BLACK EAST INDIES	O-17-	1	2	3	4
CALL DUCKS (BANTAM)	O-17-	5	6	7	8
PEKIN	O-17-	9	10	11	12
RUNNER DUCKS	O-17-	13	14	15	16
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-17-	17	18	19	20

GEESE	ENTRY CODE	COCK	HEN	COCKEREL	PULLET
BROWN CHINESE	O-18-	1	2	3	4
EMBDEN	O-18-	5	6	7	8
WHITE CHINESE	O-18-	9	10	11	12
ANY OTHER BIRD	O-18-	13	14	15	16



RABBITS

Department P



Premiums: 1st \$7.00 | 2nd \$6.00 | 3rd \$5.00

Department P Rules:

- Maximum of 5 entries per exhibitor, per entry code.
- Total entry limit- 70; limits are subject to change based on safety considerations.
- No pregnant rabbits will be accepted for show.

Drop off: Thursday, September 10th, 2026 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Judging: Friday, September 11th, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Pick-up: Sunday, September 20th, 2026 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.
Animals will be considered abandoned after 2:00 pm.

- **All rabbits must stay on display for the 9 day duration of the fair. Early removal forfeits all awards and premiums.**

AWARDS:

ROSETTE & TROPHY: GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT
RESERVE CHAMPION RABBIT

BREED	ENTRY CODE	BUCK	DOE
DUTCH, ANY VARIETY	P-1	1	2
NEW ZEALAND, ANY VARIETY	P-1	3	4
NETHERLAND DWARF	P-1	5	6
VELVETEEN REX	P-1	7	8
MINI LOP	P-1	9	10
HOLLAND LOP	P-1	11	12
LION HEAD	P-1	13	14
FLEMISH GIANT	P-1	15	16
ANY OTHER BREED	P-1	17	18



OPEN EQUINE SHOW

Department Q

Show Date: Sunday, September 13th, 2026 at 1:00 pm



Premiums: 1st \$25 | 2nd \$20 | 3rd \$15 | 4th \$10 | 5th \$5

Department Q Rules:

- **This show is open to all equines, including horses, mules, and donkeys.**
- **ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 PER EQUINE and/or EQUINE-RIDER COMBINATION**
- Payments can be made over the phone, in person at the Fair Office, mailed to Fair Office or collected at check-in on show day.
- **NO REFUNDS**
- Show limit of 80 Equine.
- All exhibitors must be 5 years of age or older.
- **Participants can enter into multiple divisions, however there will be no crossover between Ranch and Western.**
- Barn opens at 9:00 am.
- All equine will be housed in Event Center A - show will be held in the Arena.
- **All Equine over 6 months of age must be accompanied by an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) issued within 12 months prior to the Fair. Papers will be checked prior to animal entering the barn.**
- All animals will be released at the completion of the show - early removal forfeits all awards and premiums. This is for the safety of exhibitors and animals.

AWARDS:

BELT BUCKLE: HIGH POINT- MINI
HIGH POINT- ENGLISH
HIGH POINT- RANCH
HIGH POINT- WESTERN
HIGH POINT- ALL AROUND

CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY CODE
MINI EQUINE OBSTACLE - 17 & OVER	Q-1-1
MINI EQUINE OBSTACLE - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-2
MINI EQUINE JUMPER	Q-1-3
MINI EQUINE HALTER	Q-1-4
MINI EQUINE SHOWMANSHIP - 17 & OVER	Q-1-5
MINI EQUINE SHOWMANSHIP - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-6
ENGLISH HALTER	Q-1-7
ENGLISH SHOWMANSHIP - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-8
ENGLISH SHOWMANSHIP - 17 & OVER	Q-1-9
ENGLISH W/T OPEN	Q-1-10
ENGLISH W/T - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-11
ENGLISH W/T - 17 & OVER	Q-1-12
ENGLISH HALTER	Q-1-7
ENGLISH SHOWMANSHIP - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-8
ENGLISH SHOWMANSHIP - 17 & OVER	Q-1-9



OPEN EQUINE SHOW

Department Q (continued)

Show Date: Sunday, September 13th, 2026 at 1:00 pm



Premiums: 1st \$25 | 2nd \$20 | 3rd \$15 | 4th \$10 | 5th \$5

CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY CODE
ENGLISH W/T OPEN	Q-1-10
ENGLISH W/T - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-11
ENGLISH W/T - 17 & OVER	Q-1-12
ENGLISH PLEASURE OPEN	Q-1-13
ENGLISH EQUITATION - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-14
ENGLISH EQUITATION - 17 & OVER	Q-1-15
ENGLISH GAYP - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-16
ENGLISH GAYP - 17 & OVER	Q-1-17
ENGLISH PLEASURE - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-18
ENGLISH PLEASURE - 17 & OVER	Q-1-19
POLE COURSE W/T - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-20
POLE COURSE W/T - 17 & OVER	Q-1-21
POLE COURSE EQUITATION - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-22
POLE COURSE EQUITATION - 17 & OVER	Q-1-23
WARM UP POLE CLASS - NOT JUDGED	Q-1-24
18" X-RAILS - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-25
18" X-RAILS - 17 & OVER	Q-1-26
2' X-RAILS - 17 & OVER	Q-1-27
2' X-RAILS - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-28
HALTER WESTERN OPEN	Q-1-29
HALTER RANCH OPEN	Q-1-30
SHOWMANSHIP WESTERN - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-31
SHOWMANSHIP WESTERN - 17 & OVER	Q-1-32
SHOWMANSHIP RANCH - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-33
SHOWMANSHIP RANCH - 17 & OVER	Q-1-34



OPEN EQUINE SHOW

Department Q (continued)

Show Date: Sunday, September 13th, 2026 at 1:00 pm



Premiums: 1st \$25 | 2nd \$20 | 3rd \$15 | 4th \$10 | 5th \$5

CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY CODE
WESTERN W/J - 17 & OVER	Q-1-35
RANCH W/T - 17 & OVER	Q-1-36
WESTERN W/J - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-37
RANCH W/T - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-38
OPEN RANCH GAYP	Q-1-39
WESTERN PLEASURE - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-40
RANCH REINING - 17 & OVER	Q-1-41
RANCH PLEASURE - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-42
RANCH REINING - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-43
RANCH PLEASURE - 17 & OVER	Q-1-44
WESTERN PLEASURE - 17 & OVER	Q-1-45
WESTERN GAYP - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-46
RANCH GAYP - 17 & OVER	Q-1-47
WESTERN GAYP - 17 & OVER	Q-1-48
RANCH GAYP 16 & UNDER	Q-1-49
GREEN EQUINE GAYP	Q-1-50
WESTERN HMS - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-51
WESTERN HMS - 17 & OVER	Q-1-52
RANCH HMS - 16 & UNDER	Q-1-53
RANCH HMS - 17 & OVER	Q-1-54
OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE	Q-1-55
OPEN WESTERN W/J	Q-1-56
RANCH PLEASURE OPEN	Q-1-57
OPEN WESTERN GAYP	Q-1-58



YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

Department R



Show Date: Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 4:30 pm

Premiums: 1st \$50 | 2nd \$40 | 3rd \$30 | 4th \$20

Department R Rules:

- Show limit of 275 sheep.
- All exhibitors must be between 5 - 22 years of age.
- Barn opens at 10:00 am. Sheep must arrive prior to 12:00 pm.
- Sheep will be housed in Event Center A - show will be held in the Arena.
- Tie stalls only - sheep exhibitors may bring their own pens as space allows. You may be asked to combine or remove pens if space becomes limited.
- All sheep must have Official Scrapie ID tags per NCDA regulations.
- MARKET LAMBS - 5 ENTRIES MAXIMUM, use codes 1-5
- MARKET LAMBS - Market lambs will be weighed at check-in. ML classes will be determined after weigh-in.
- All animals will be released at the completion of the show - early removal forfeits all awards and premiums. This is for the safety of exhibitors and animals.

AWARDS:

ROSETTES: GRAND CHAMPION MALE per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION MALE per breed
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE per breed

BANNER: OVERALL CHAMPION RAM LAMB(\$75)
OVERALL CHAMPION EWE LAMB (\$75)
OVERALL CHAMPION MARKET LAMB (\$75)

BELT BUCKLE: GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN per age class

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SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS: 1ST \$25 2ND \$20 3RD \$ 15 4TH \$10	ENTRY CODE
PARADE OF THE FUTURE - AGES 5-7 (Ribbon only)	R-1-1
JUNIOR - AGES 8-10	R-1-2
INTERMEDIATE AGES - 11-13	R-1-3
SENIOR AGES - 14-22	R-1-4



YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

Department R (continued)

Show Date: Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 4:30 pm



Premiums: 1st \$50 | 2nd \$40 | 3rd \$30 | 4th \$20

Breed Codes: Hampshire (HM) | Katahdin (KT) | Suffolk (SK) | All Other Breeds (AB) | Commercial (CL) |

MALE SHEEP	ENTRY CODE HM	ENTRY CODE KT	ENTRY CODE SK	ENTRY CODE AB	ENTRY CODE CL
LATE RAM LAMB: Born after February 15th, 2026	R-HM-1	R-KT-1	R-SK-1	R-AB-1	R-CL-1
INTERMEDIATE RAM LAMB: Born January 1st - February 15th 2026	R-HM-2	R-KT-2	R-SK-2	R-AB-2	R-CL-2
SENIOR RAM LAMB: Born September 1st - December 31st, 2025	R-HM-3	R-KT-3	R-SK-3	R-AB-3	R-CL-3
YEARLING: Born before September 1st, 2025 - not over 2 years old	R-HM-4	R-KT-4	R-SK-4	R-AB-4	R-CL-4

FEMALE SHEEP	ENTRY CODE HM	ENTRY CODE KT	ENTRY CODE SK	ENTRY CODE AB	ENTRY CODE CL
JUNIOR EWE LAMB: Born after February 15th, 2026	R-HM-5	R-KT-5	R-SK-5	R-AB-5	R-CL-5
INTERMEDIATE EWE LAMB: Born January 1st - February 15th 2026	R-HM-6	R-KT-6	R-SK-6	R-AB-6	R-CL-6
SENIOR EWE LAMB: Born September 1st - December 31st, 2025	R-HM-7	R-KT-7	R-SK-7	R-AB-7	R-CL-7
YEARLING EWE: Born before September 1st, 2025 - not over 2 years old	R-HM-8	R-KT-8	R-SK-8	R-AB-8	R-CL-8
AGED EWE - OVER 2 YEARS OLD	R-HM-9	R-KT-9	R-SK-9	R-AB-9	R-CL-9

MARKET LAMB	ENTRY CODE ML
WEIGHT CLASS 1	R-ML-1
WEIGHT CLASS 2	R-ML-2
WEIGHT CLASS 3	R-ML-3
WEIGHT CLASS 4	R-ML-4
WEIGHT CLASS 5	R-ML-5



YOUTH GOAT SHOW

Department S

Show Date: Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at 4:30 pm



Premiums: 1st \$50 | 2nd \$40 | 3rd \$30 | 4th \$20

Department S Rules:

- Show limit of 275 goats.
- All exhibitors must be between 5 - 22 years of age.
- Barn opens at 10:00 am. Goats must arrive prior to 12:00 pm.
- Goats will be housed in Event Center A - show will be held in the Arena.
- Tie stalls only - goat exhibitors may bring their own pens as space allows. You may be asked to combine or remove pens if space becomes limited.
- All goats must have Official Scrapie ID tags per NCDA regulations.
- MARKET GOATS - 5 ENTRIES MAXIMUM, use codes 1-5
- MARKET GOATS - Market lambs will be weighed at check-in. ML classes will be determined after weigh-in.
- All animals will be released at the completion of the show - early removal forfeits all awards and premiums. This is for the safety of exhibitors and animals.

AWARDS:

ROSETTES: GRAND CHAMPION MALE per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION MALE per breed
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE per breed

BANNER: OVERALL CHAMPION BUCK (\$75)
OVERALL CHAMPION DOE (\$75)
OVERALL CHAMPION MARKET GOAT (\$75)

BELT BUCKLE: GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN per age class

SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS: 1ST \$25 2ND \$20 3RD \$15 4TH \$10	ENTRY CODE
PARADE OF THE FUTURE - AGES 5-7 (Ribbon only)	S-1-1
JUNIOR - AGES 8-10	S-1-2
INTERMEDIATE AGES - 11-13	S-1-3
SENIOR AGES - 14-22	S-1-4

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YOUTH GOAT SHOW

Department S (continued)



Show Date: Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at 4:30 pm

Premiums: 1st \$50 | 2nd \$40 | 3rd \$34 | 4th \$30

Breed Codes: Boer (BR) | Commercial (CM) | All Other Breeds (AB)

BREEDING MALES	ENTRY CODE BR	ENTRY CODE CM	ENTRY CODE AB
JUNIOR BUCKLING (Under 6 Months)	S-BR-1	S-CM-1	S-AB-1
INTERMEDIATE BUCKLING (6 - 12 Months)	S-BR-2	S-CM-2	S-AB-2
YEARLING BUCK (1 - 2 Years)	S-BR-3	S-CM-3	S-AB-3

BREEDING FEMALES	ENTRY CODE BR	ENTRY CODE CM	ENTRY CODE AB
UNDER 3 MONTHS	S-BR-4	S-CM-4	S-AB-4
3 - 6 MONTHS	S-BR-5	S-CM-5	S-AB-5
6 - 9 MONTHS	S-BR-6	S-CM-6	S-AB-6
9-12 MONTHS	S-BR-7	S-CM-7	S-AB-7
YEARLING DOE (1 - 2 Years Old)	S-BR-8	S-CM-8	S-AB-8
AGED DOE (2 + Years Old)	S-BR-9	S-CM-9	S-AB-9

MARKET GOAT	ENTRY CODE MG
WEIGHT CLASS 1	S-MG-1
WEIGHT CLASS 2	S-MG-2
WEIGHT CLASS 3	S-MG-3
WEIGHT CLASS 4	S-MG-4
WEIGHT CLASS 5	S-MG-5



YOUTH DAIRY SHOW

Department T

Show Date: Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 at 4:30 pm



Department T Rules:

- Show limit of 100 head of cattle.
- All exhibitors must be between 5 - 22 years of age.
- Please pay special attention to the Showmanship Classes as age requirements and classes have changed.
- Barn opens at 10:00 am. Cattle must arrive prior to 12:00 pm.
- Cattle will be housed in Event Center A - show will be held in the Arena.
- All animals will be released at the completion of the show - early removal forfeits all awards and premiums. This is for the safety of exhibitors and animals.

DAIRY LIVESTOCK DRAWING: \$250

- 1.) For drawing to take place a minimum of 50 head of cattle must be in the barn.
- 2.) Exhibitors name will be added one time for each animal entered.
- 3.) If applicable, drawing will take place at the conclusion of the show.

HERDSMAN AWARD: 1st \$175 | 2nd \$125 | 3rd \$100 | 4th \$75

- 1.) Stalls, animals and surrounding areas will be judged on cleanliness and overall appearance.
- 2.) Judging will take place before the show begins, once the show judge arrives. (4:00 pm)
- 3.) Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the show.

AWARDS:

ROSETTE: Junior Grand Champion per breed
Junior Reserve Grand Champion per breed
Senior Grand Champion per breed
Senior Reserve Grand Champion per breed

BANNER: OVERALL CHAMPION

BELT BUCKLE: GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN per age class

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SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS: 1ST \$50 2ND \$25 3RD \$ 15 4TH \$10	ENTRY CODE
PARADE OF THE FUTURE - AGES 5-7 (Ribbon only)	T-1-1
JUNIOR - AGES 8-10	T-1-2
INTERMEDIATE AGES - 11-13	T-1-3
SENIOR AGES - 14-22	T-1-4



YOUTH DAIRY SHOW

Department T (continued)

Show Date: Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 at 4:30 pm



Premiums: 1st \$100 | 2nd \$90 | 3rd \$80 | 4th \$70

Breed Codes: Ayrshire (AY) | Brown Swiss (BW) | Gurnsey (GY) | Holstein (HA) | Jersey (JY) | All Other Breeds (AB)

DAIRY Junior	BREED AY	BREED BW	BREED GY	BREED HA	BREED JY	BREED AB
SPRING CALF: Born after March 1st, 2026 to May 31st, 2026	T-AY-1	T-BW-1	T-GY-1	T-HA-1	T-JY-1	T-AB-1
WINTER CALF: Born December 1st, 2025 to February 28th, 2026	T-AY-2	T-BW-2	T-GY-2	T-HA-2	T-JY-2	T-AB-2
FALL CALF: Born September 1st, 2025 to November 30th, 2025	T-AY-3	T-BW-3	T-GY-3	T-HA-3	T-JY-3	T-AB-3
SUMMER YEARLING: Born June 1st, 2025 to August 31st, 2025	T-AY-4	T-BW-4	T-GY-4	T-HA-4	T-JY-4	T-AB-4
SPRING YEARLING: Born March 1st, 2025 to May 31st, 2025	T-AY-5	T-BW-5	T-GY-5	T-HA-5	T-JY-5	T-AB-5
WINTER YEARLING: Born December 1st, 2024 to February 28th, 2025	T-AY-6	T-BW-6	T-GY-6	T-HA-6	T-JY-6	T-AB-6
FALL YEARLING: Born September 1st, 2024 to November 30th, 2025	T-AY-7	T-BW-7	T-GY-7	T-HA-7	T-JY-7	T-AB-7
GROUP CLASS: BEST 3 FEMALES	T-AY-8	T-BW-8	T-GY-8	T-HA-8	T-JY-8	T-AB-8

DAIRY Senior	BREED AY	BREED BW	BREED GY	BREED HA	BREED JY	BREED AB
COW 2 YEARS OLD: Born September 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2024	T-AY-9	T-BW-9	T-GY-9	T-HA-9	T-JY-9	T-AB-9
COW 3 YEARS OLD: Born September 1st, 2022 to August 31st, 2023	T-AY-10	T-BW-10	T-GY-10	T-HA-10	T-JY-10	T-AB-10
COW 4 YEARS OLD: Born September 1st, 2021 to August 31st, 2022	T-AY-11	T-BW-11	T-GY-11	T-HA-11	T-JY-11	T-AB-11
COW 5 YEARS OLD OR OLDER: Born before August 31st, 2022	T-AY-12	T-BW-12	T-GY-12	T-HA-12	T-JY-12	T-AB-12
GROUP CLASS: BEST 3 FEMALES	T-AY-13	T-BW-13	T-GY-13	T-HA-13	T-JY-13	T-AB-13



YOUTH BEEF SHOW

Department U

Show Date: Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 4:30 pm



Premiums: 1st \$100 | 2nd \$90 | 3rd \$80 | 4th \$70

Department U Rules:

- Show limit of 100 head of cattle.
- All exhibitors must be between 5 - 22 years of age.
- Please pay special attention to the Showmanship Classes as age requirements and classes have changed.
- Barn opens at 10:00 am. Cattle must arrive prior to 12:00 pm.
- Cattle will be housed in Event Center A - show will be held in the Arena.
- All animals will be released at the completion of the show - early removal forfeits all awards and premiums. This is for the safety of exhibitors and animals.

BEEF LIVESTOCK DRAWING: \$250

- 1.) For drawing to take place a minimum of 50 head of cattle must be in the barn.
- 2.) Exhibitors name will be added one time for each animal entered.
- 3.) If applicable, drawing will take place at the conclusion of the show.

HERDSMAN AWARD: 1st \$175 | 2nd \$125 | 3rd \$100 | 4th \$75

- 1.) Stalls, animals and surrounding areas will be judged on cleanliness and overall appearance.
- 2.) Judging will take place before the show begins, once the show judge arrives. (4:00 pm)
- 3.) Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the show.

AWARDS:

ROSETTES: GRAND CHAMPION BULL per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION BULL per breed
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE per breed
RESERVE CHAMPION STEER

BANNER: BULL OF THE BARN (\$150)
TOP FEMALE (\$150)
TOP STEER (\$150)

BELT BUCKLE: GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN per age class

SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS: 1ST \$50 2ND \$25 3RD \$15 4TH \$10	ENTRY CODE
PARADE OF THE FUTURE - AGES 5-7 (Ribbon only)	U-1-1
JUNIOR - AGES 8-10	U-1-2
INTERMEDIATE - AGES 11-13	U-1-3
SENIOR - AGES 14-22	U-1-4

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YOUTH BEEF SHOW

Department U (continued)

Show Date: Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 4:30 pm



Premiums: 1st \$100 | 2nd \$90 | 3rd \$80 | 4th \$70

Breed Codes: Angus (AS) | Charolais (CH) | Hereford (HD) | Simmental (SM) | Commercial (CM) | All Other Breeds (AB)

BEEF (FEMALES)	BREED AS	BREED CH	BREED HD	BREED SM	BREED CM	BREED AB
SPRING CALF: BORN AFTER MARCH 1ST, 2026 to MAY 31ST, 2026	U-AS-1	U-CH-1	U-HD-1	U-SM-1	U-CM-1	U-AB-1
WINTER CALF: BORN DECEMBER 1ST, 2025 - FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026	U-AS-2	U-CH-2	U-HD-2	U-SM-2	U-CM-2	U-AB-2
FALL CALF: BORN SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025 - NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025	U-AS-3	U-CH-3	U-HD-3	U-SM-3	U-CM-3	U-AB-3
SUMMER YEARLING: BORN JUNE 1ST, 2025 - AUGUST 31TH, 2025	U-AS-4	U-CH-4	U-HD-4	U-SM-4	U-CM-4	U-AB-4
SPRING YEARLING: BORN MARCH 1ST, 2025 - MAY 31ST, 2025	U-AS-5	U-CH-5	U-HD-5	U-SM-5	U-CM-5	U-AB-5
WINTER YEARLING: BORN DECEMBER 1ST, 2024 - FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025	U-AS-6	U-CH-6	U-HD-6	U-SM-6	U-CM-6	U-AB-6
FALL YEARLING: BORN SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024 - NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024	U-AS-7	U-CH-7	U-HD-7	U-SM-7	U-CM-7	U-AB-7
COW/CALF PAIR - ANY AGE (MUST HAVE NURSING CALF AT SIDE)	U-AS-8	U-CH-8	U-HD-8	U-SM-8	U-CM-8	U-AB-8

BEEF (MALES)	BREED AS	BREED CH	BREED HD	BREED SM	BREED CM	BREED AB
SPRING BULL CALF: BORN AFTER MARCH 1ST, 2026 to MAY 31ST, 2026	U-AS-9	U-CH-9	U-HD-9	U-SM-9	U-CM-9	U-AB-9
JUNIOR BULL CALF: BORN JANUARY 1ST, 2026 - FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026	U-AS-10	U-CH-10	U-HD-10	U-SM-10	U-CM-10	U-AB-10
WINTER BULL CALF: BORN NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025 - DECEMBER 31ST, 2025	U-AS-11	U-CH-11	U-HD-11	U-SM-11	U-CM-11	U-AB-11
EARLY SENIOR BULL: BORN SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025 - OCTOBER 31ST, 2025	U-AS-12	U-CH-12	U-HD-12	U-SM-12	U-CM-12	U-AB-12
YEARLING BULL: OVER 1 YEAR OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2026	U-AS-13	U-CH-13	U-HD-13	U-SM-13	U-CM-13	U-AB-13

BEEF (STEERS) MUST BE UNDER 2 YEARS OF AGE	ENTRY CODE
FEEDER STEER: UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026	U-FS-1
MARKET STEER: OVER ONE YEAR OF AGE AND OLDER AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026 (no more than 2 years of age)	U-MS-1



LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Department V



LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Department V Rules & Regulations:

- Our goal is to showcase a variety of livestock species along with educational signage to help fair goers learn more about each animal and its role in agriculture.
- Exhibitors will be by invitation only.
- Acceptance of animals will be at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent and/or Fair management team.
- Exhibitors must agree to allow the Livestock Superintendent or Fair Management access to their farm for the purpose of inspecting the animal prior to the fair, if requested.
- Exhibitor must submit a short summary describing the animal, its role in agriculture and key facts or important points. This information will be printed by the Fair and displayed at the animals pen/enclosure.
- Premiums will be paid to the Exhibitors.
- Any animal showing signs of illness or injury will not be accepted.
- Any animal showing signs of illness or injury at any time during the duration of the fair will be required to leave immediately.
- All display animals must remain on display for the entirety of the Fair. Exhibitors who remove their animals prior to the close of the Fair on Saturday, September 19th, 2026 at midnight will forfeit all premiums.
- Display animal drop off will be coordinated by the Livestock Superintendent.
- Every effort will be made to ensure the safety and well being of all animals. However, the Cabarrus County Fair assumes no responsibility for loss, damage or accidents.

If you are interested in having your animal considered for the 2026 Cabarrus County Fair Livestock Educational Exhibits please submit a photo of the animal along with a brief summary describing the animal and its role in agriculture.

**Submissions may be mailed to: Cabarrus County Fair Office
4759 Highway 49 North
Concord, NC 28025**

-OR-

Inquires may also be made by calling the Fair Office: 704-920-3992



Farm Equipment

Department W



Entry Deadline for Department W: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Exhibitors receive 1 Season Pass per piece of equipment (max 6) good for free entry, all 9 days, of the 2026 Fair.

Department W Rules:

1. To display, complete entry form below and submit to the Fair Office with a photo of the piece you plan to bring. Form can be submitted by email, mail, or office drop box (see information below). A W-9 is not required.
2. Space is limited and will be first-come, first-serve basis. Priority will be given to Cabarrus County residents and those with older models suitable for display.
3. Most equipment is displayed outside. There are some inside display options (location and availability vary each year).
Please note on your form if your equipment can only be displayed indoors.
4. All entrants will also receive a ribbon for their participation in the Cabarrus County Fair.
5. Equipment drop-off will be Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th from 3 pm- 6 pm. If before/after hours are needed, contact the Fair Office.
6. **Please check-in at the Gold Hall lobby or Fair Office upon arrival.** A Fair volunteer or staff member will take you to your assigned spot for display.
7. Exhibits must remain on display until close of the fair, Saturday, September 19th at midnight.
8. Pick-Up will be Sunday, September 20th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Equipment will be considered abandoned after 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 20th, unless other arrangements have been made.
9. Exhibitors are encouraged to display their business name (if appropriate) farm and/or family name in front of their equipment. Fair staff has the right to remove any signage deemed unsuitable for display or inappropriate.
10. **ALL exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2026 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/Required Reading.**

2026 Farm Equipment Entry Form

IMPORTANT: Entry form MUST include a PHOTO of equipment to be displayed to be accepted.

Print Clearly:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Equipment (tractor, mower, etc.): _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year or Approx. : _____

Size/Space Needed for Equipment: _____

For exhibitors wishing to display additional pieces:

Type: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Size: _____

Type: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Size: _____

Type: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Size: _____

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following :

- The Fair and Cabarrus County will not be responsible for any claims, losses, injuries, or damages done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal, equipment or item exhibited and the exhibitor shall release, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair, Cabarrus County, its agents, employees, officers and contractors from all claims, losses, injuries and damages including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees; and upon this condition only are entries received.
- My signature below indicates that I agree I have read & understand all rules & regulations set forth by the Fair for all exhibitors and livestock exhibitors as provided in the Fair Book. I agree to abide by and comply with all of the rules and regulations.
- Equipment Pick-Up will be Sunday, September 20th after midnight and/or Sunday, September 20th, from 9 am - 12 noon. Equipment will be considered abandoned after 12 noon on Sunday, September 20th.
- Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 14-208.18(a)(4), It is unlawful for sex offenders, as defined by the Article, to be on any agricultural fairgrounds while in operation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM & PHOTO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR OFFICE: MAIL: PO BOX 707,
CONCORD, NC 28026 | EMAIL: FAIR@CABARRUSCOUNTY.US OR FAIR OFFICE
DROP BOX LOCATED AT 4759 NC HWY 49 N CONCORD, NC 28025

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature is required below for anyone under the age of 18

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Relationship to Exhibitor (i.e. Mother): _____ Phone: _____



2026 Coloring Contest

K-5 Grade



Rules:

1. Open to Preschool through 5th grade.
2. Coloring ideas are left to each individual and he/she must do his/her own work.
3. All entries will be posted for display in Gold Hall 1 for the duration of the fair.
4. Ribbon and prize will be awarded to one winner per grade level.
5. The information below (names, address, phone number, email, school, teacher's name, and grade) must be printed on the back of the coloring page entry.
6. Entries can be:

Mailed or brought to: Fair Office
4759 Highway 49 N
Concord, NC 28025

Scanned to: fair@cabarruscounty.us

Entries must be received on or before August 24th, 2026.

NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

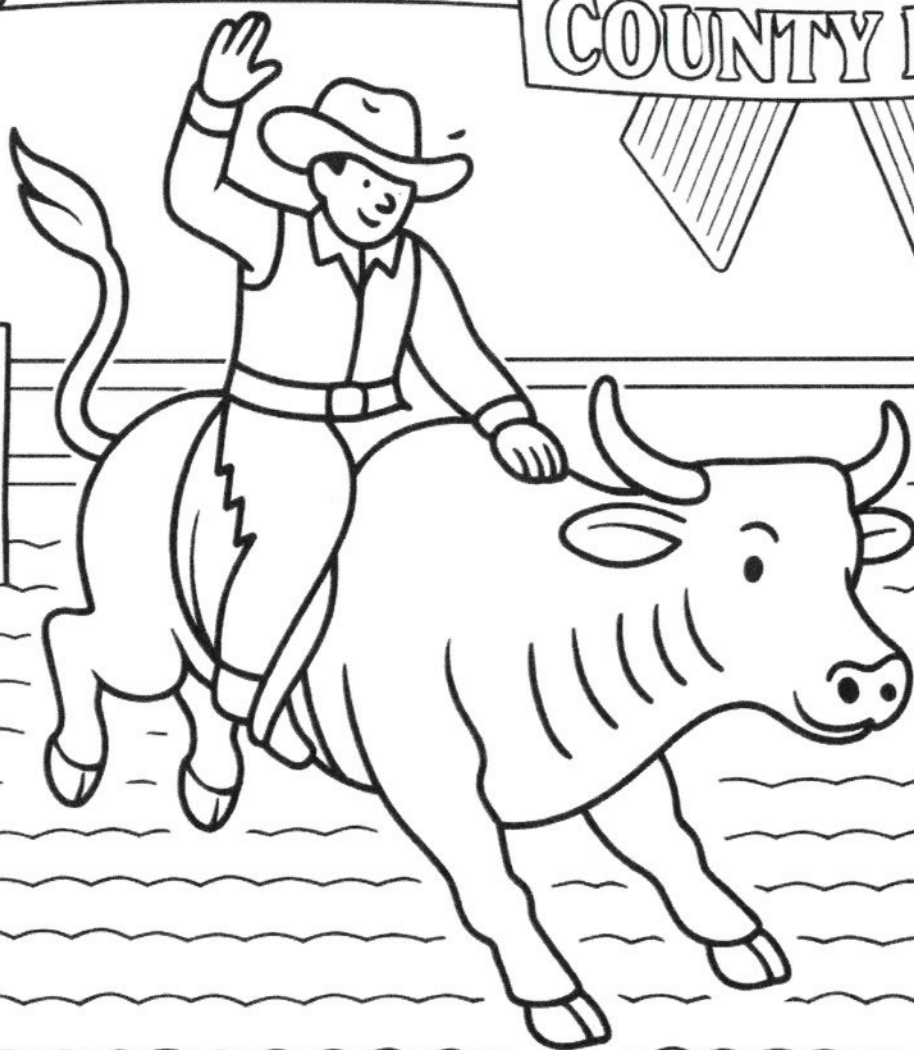
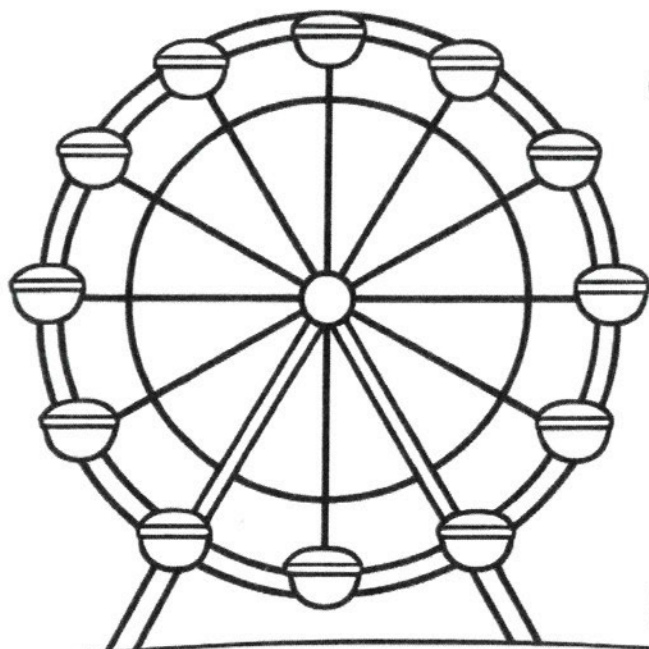
PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ATTENDING SCHOOL: _____

PRESENT GRADE: _____

TEACHER (if applicable): _____



2026

Cabarrus County Fair



America 250 Essay Contest Invitation

Theme – “What America Means to Me”

Dear Educators, Parents and Students,

In celebration of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, we invite students to participate in the America 250 Essay Contest at the Cabarrus County Fair.

This contest is an opportunity for students to reflect on the meaning of America-our freedoms, our history, and the responsibilities of citizenship. We encourage students to share their thoughts, ideas, and hopes for the future of our nation.

Winning essays may be recognized at the Cabarrus County Fair (9/11-9/19) celebrating American’s 250th Anniversary in 2026.

We hope students will enjoy the chance to express what America means to them and to take part in this historic milestone.

All essays must be submitted by August 24th, 2026.

We look forward to reading their thoughtful and inspiring essays.

Sincerely,

Courtney Wyatt, Executive Director
Cabarrus County Fair
4759 Highway 49 N
Concord NC 28025



America 250 Essay Contest Entry Form

Topic: What America Means To Me

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher's Name (if applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Teacher Signature (if applicable): _____

Eligibility:

Open to students in the following grade levels:

Elementary school grades 3-5, 150-300 words

Middle school grades 6-8, 300-500 words

High school grades 9-12, 500-750 words

Submission Requirements:

Must be written solely by the student. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate or assist in writing the essay is NOT permitted.

All essays should be typed.

Must include the completed entry form attached

One entry per student

Submission:

Submit Essays to:

fairessaycontest@cabarruscounty.us

Judging Criteria:

Originality

Clarity of ideas

Connection to the theme

Creativity and expression

Entry Deadline: August 24th, 2026

Awards:

Winners from each age category will receive prizes, special recognition and may be invited to read their essay at a special America 250 celebration event during the 2026 Cabarrus County Fair.

A completed W-9 form is required for the disbursement of any winnings. Information provided on the W-9 must belong to the student contestant, not the parent or guardian.



YOUTH TRACTOR SAFETY & DRIVING COMPETITION

Show Date: Saturday September 19th, 2026 at 11:00 am

Location: Main Arena



Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in each division.

Rules & Regulations:

- Competition is limited to 10 contestants per division. If one division does not fill, available spots may be filled by contestants from the other division. **Competition is limited to 20 total participants.**
- If more than 20 entries are received, priority will be given to residents of Cabarrus County. Any remaining openings will be filled based on the order in which entries are received.
- Middle School Division- Ages 11-13.
- High School Division- Ages 14-18.
- Arena will open at 10:00 am to allow contestants to familiarize themselves with the course layout and equipment.
- Participants will be judged on their knowledge and demonstration of safety practices and skills in the operation of a tractor with a two-wheeled trailer through a designated obstacle course.
- The North Carolina FFA Association Tractor Driving Score Card will be used to score participants performance.
- The North Carolina FFA Association Tractor Driving Course Outline will be used as a reference for the course set-up.
- The lowest score is the winner.
- Tractor and trailer will be provided.
- Contestants must demonstrate proper mounting, starting, and shutdown procedures.
- Judges may ask safety-related questions prior to operation.
- Course will include straight line backing, turning within boundaries, precision parking. Contestant will be timed.
- Emphasis is placed on safety, accuracy, and smooth operation- not speed.
- Trailer will remain hooked to the tractor at all times. Contestants will NOT be required to hook up to or unhook the trailer as part of the competition.
- Points are deducted for seat belt not used, hitting markers, unsafe speed, poor throttle control, multiple attempts at backing the trailer, excessive speed. (Please review score card for a complete list of judging criteria and scoring categories)
- Participants must follow all instructions from judges and event staff.
- Disrespectful or unsafe behavior will result in disqualification.
- The judges reserve the right to disqualify any participant at their sole discretion if they determine that the operation or conduct presents a safety risk to the participant, spectators, other participants, or equipment. All decisions regarding safety are final.
- There will be a 10 minute maximum time limit per contestant.
- All entries are due by August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.



2026 Cabarrus County Fair

Youth Tractor Safety & Driving Competition

Entry Form



Please accept the entries indicated below subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits at the Cabarrus County Fair, as published in the Fair Book, and by which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting.

Contestant Name: _____

Age of Exhibitor : _____ Date of Birth of Exhibitor : _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to Contestant (i.e. Mother): _____

Alternate Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

My signature indicates that I understand that participation in the Tractor Driving Contest involves inherent risks and that participation is voluntary and at his or her own risk. I hereby release, waive, and hold harmless Cabarrus County, the Cabarrus County Fair, its employees, volunteers, officials, sponsors, and agents from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action arising from any injury, illness, loss, or damage that may occur as a result of participating in this event, except where prohibited by law.

I certify that the participant is physically capable to safely participate in this event and agrees to abide by all contest rules and the directions of even officials. I understand that judges and even officials may remove or disqualify any participant if they determine that continued participation poses a safety risk.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Contestant (i.e. Mother): _____

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FAIR OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON AUGUST 24th, 2026

**MAIL: CABARRUS COUNTY FAIR PO BOX 707, CONCORD, NC 28026 | EMAIL: fair@cabarruscounty.us or
Fair Office Drop Box located at 4759 NC HWY 49 N CONCORD, NC 28025**