

General Rules and Regulations Governing the Fair--2025

Rules and Regulations will be strictly adhered to:

1. Competition for premiums is open to residents of Watonwan County and all other counties in MN and other states.
2. Entries for premiums in the individual lots of grain, field seed, fruit, and forage shall not be permitted to appear as part of collections.
3. No article or animal shall compete for more than one premium except livestock competing in teams or groups. This rule shall not debar sweepstakes or special premiums competition for which no entry is required.
4. Stock and articles must be entered in the name of owners and grain, vegetables, fruit, dairy products and domestic manufacturers must have been raised or made by the exhibitor during the past year.
5. Every article in competition must correspond in number of the description with the premium list and be in its proper class in order to obtain premiums. No change or alterations will be permitted after the books are placed in the hands of the judges.

Note:

6. All exhibits to be entered in the Creative Arts Building shall be entered between the hours of 5-7 pm on Wednesday of fair week, and between 8am-11:30 A.M. on Thursday of fair week. All open class Corn, grain, and Garden Vegetables shall be entered on Thursday 9-10am.
7. Each entry tag shall be securely attached to the entry itself or to the stall, pen or receptacle in which it is shown.
8. All entries entered are to remain on exhibit until 4:00PM on the last day of the fair. Early removal of exhibits will result in the exhibitor forfeiting all premiums, awards and trips involving exhibits removed.
9. Grains and field seed shall be shown in clean bags, dishes or baskets and unless otherwise designated, shall consist of one peck by measure.
10. Exhibitors or articles not competing for premiums will be arranged as far as possible in conformity with the wishes of the exhibitor.
11. Ample accommodations will be provided for all collections. NO collections shall be allowed space which are not neatly arranged and fully labeled. A duplication of varieties in any collection shall debar the collection from prize money.
12. Those in charge of the different divisions shall conveniently group each lot in the various classes.
13. Exhibitors will at all times give the necessary personal attention to what they have on exhibition and at the close of the fair, take charge of same. The association will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of articles and stock on exhibition, but cannot be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition or removal of exhibits.

AWARDS

14. The Superintendents of the division or some other person appointed shall assist the awarding committee as clerk and shall keep a record of the awards made. This record when completed shall be signed by the superintendent and returned to the Treasurer.
15. The awards of entries shall be designated by ribbons on cards as follows: First premium=-blue, Second-red, Third-white. Champion-purple.

16. Any interference by the exhibitors to influence or dictate the decisions of the judges shall be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition and should be reported to the Treasurer through the superintendent of the division.
17. No appeal from the decision of the awarding committee shall be allowed. An Exhibitor may protest the superintendent of the division at the time of the award, who may then require the judges to give reasons for such placings.
18. No awarding committee shall award any discretionary premiums. Whenever articles of superior merit are exhibited for which, no premium has been offered the awarding committee may enter the same as "Commended" on the books of awards, so that the Treasurer may report the same to the board for future action.
19. Champions will not be awarded on articles or animals of inferior merit, regardless of the number in competition for a premium. The judges may award a premium, second or first premium as merit may warrant, stating the reason in open writing when requested.
20. Premiums will be paid in full if the funds are sufficient to meet the demands: if not, pro-rate will be made to all.
21. Special premiums may be offered by interested persons for entries, which conform to the general classification of the fair association
22. No person shall be permitted to distribute advertising on grounds except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking and posting of any advertising, bills, cards, etc-other than within the space occupied by the exhibitor is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, heralds, etc. will not under any circumstance be permitted. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to fine or expulsion for the grounds as the board may elect.
23. 4-H and FFA members may enter open class divisions or departments, subject to rules, regulations and requirements of open class exhibitors. No one may enter the same exhibit in two shows.
24. The management will reserve the right to pro-rate premiums to such a percentage as will be covered by the state aid and money set aside for this purpose. In classes without competition, only 40% of premium money will be paid.

All premium checks not cashed within 30 days after being issued and sent out, will be forfeited to the Society.

Sanitary Regulations:

All livestock shall follow state animal of board health exhibition regulations. No livestock or poultry under quarantine for any communicable disease shall be exhibited or allowed entry into the exhibition premises.

Livestock Department:

All livestock/animals need official registered ID by July 1.

1. Open class livestock can not be shown in any other livestock show at the County Fair. 4-H & FFA Horse Exhibits will be allowed to enter open class by paying the appropriate fees.
2. Exhibitors must keep their stock; stalls, and pens in good, neat condition and open for inspection from 9am to 10pm

3. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called, and an exhibitor failing to comply with this order will be ruled out of competition.
4. Pens and stall charges: \$2.00 per horse, cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats.
5. Exhibitor must furnish own bedding and hay. No sawdust allowed for beef or dairy barns.
6. Sires, dams and groups entered as such must be owned by the individual or firms exhibiting them, but the progeny of animals may be shown simply as proof of their breeding qualities without such ownership.
7. All animals under exhibition shall be shown to the judges under supervision of the respective superintendents.
8. In all classes which call for registered stock, all animals over one year old should be accompanied by certificate of registry, showing that the animal is properly registered in the studbook, herdbook or blockbook, which is recognized as being authentic for the breed which the animal is supposed to represent.
9. Purebred animals under one year of age should not be required to show certificate of registry, but the exhibitor of such animals should be required to give a certified statement that both the sire and dam of such animals are properly registered purebreds.
10. Any animal, herd or collection, which shall have been awarded first premium in the same lot at this fair for two consecutive years shall be deemed to have graduated and shall be ineligible for future competition in the same lot for premium money. If such animals should be given a place in the lot, which would ordinarily have entitled it to premium money, the money shall go to the one which is awarded the next place.
11. Livestock must be entered and pens paid for and assigned by July 1.
12. Premiums will be offered on grade animals.
13. In breeding classes, the judges are instructed to lay much stress on the evidence of having been "overdone" (over-loading with flesh to the evident injury of their breeding qualities). They shall be discriminated against accordingly.
14. When there are fewer animals shown in a lot than the number of premiums offered the judges may at their own discretion award but two premiums, where but two exhibitors and but two animals are shown two premiums may be awarded, but if there are two exhibitors and three or more animals shown, three premiums may be awarded.
15. All pens are to be cleaned and stored and livestock removed from the buildings after 4pm on Sunday.
16. Only mares, geldings and stallions (under one year old) are allowed at the Watonwan County Fair. Horses will be allowed out of their stalls only at specified times and not after dark. Only owners or immediate family members may ride on horses, no giving rides. No one is allowed to sit on horse or ride horse in the barns. Horse owners need to furnish proof of liability insurance with horse listed. Also proof of negative Coggins.
17. **Cattle:** Will be inspected by official veterinarian on opening date of exhibition. Cattle showing symptoms of any infectious or communicable disease will be refused admission. Cattle owners shall not enter animals affected with warts or ringworm. Unless a veterinarian certifies in writing that affected animals have been treated and in his opinion are not capable of infecting other animals. In case affected animals are presented for exhibition, the official veterinarian will

quarantine or send them home, if in his opinion such animals are capable of infecting other animals.

Division “A” Dairy Cattle

Pre-registration by July 1

\$2.00 per animal. No 4H or FFA animals

Please use straw bedding, no sawdust allowed. Sawdust increases risk of disease in your calves.

Get of Sire—Group consists of three animals, the get of one sire, at least one to be two years of age or older.

Produce of Dam-Group to consist of two animals any age, the produce of one cow.

The base date for computing age of dairy animals shall be September 1 and March 1.

Class 1-Registered

Class 2-Commercial

Class 3-Milking Shorthorn

Class 4-Milking Goats

All lots pertain to the above classes.

Lot 01: Jr. Calf March 1, 2025-May 31, 2025

Lot 02: Intermediate Calf Dec 1, 2024-Feb. 28, 2025

Lot 03: Sr. Calf Sept. 1, 2024-Nov. 30, 2024

Lot 04: Jr. Yearling March 1, 2024-Aug. 31, 2024

Lot 05:-Sr. Yearling Sept. 1, 2023-Feb. 28,2024

Lot 06: 2-year-old Sept 1, 2022-Aug 1,2023

Lot 07: 3-year-old Sept 1, 2021-Aug 31, 2022

Lot 08: 4-year-old Sept 1,2020-Aug 31,2021

Lot 09: Aged cow before Sept. 1,2020

Lot 10: Get of Sire

Lot 11: Produce of Dam

Lot 12: Best 3 Females

Premiums-Lots 1-12

1-5 Entries\$7.00\$5.00.....\$3.00

6+ entries.....\$8.00.....\$7.00\$5.00

Champion.....Ribbon

Division “B” Beef

Pre-registration by July 1

\$2.00 per animal. No 4H or FFA animals

Please use straw bedding, no sawdust allowed. Sawdust increases risk of disease in your calves.

Get of Sire—Group consists of three animals, the get of one sire, at least one to be two years of age or older.

Produce of Dam-Group to consist of two animals any age, the produce of one cow.

The base date for computing age of beef animals shall be January 1-September 1.

Class 1—Crossbreds

Class 2—Purebreds

All lots pertain to above classes.

Lot 01: Aged cow 4 years and older

Lot 02: Cow 3 years and under 4

Lot 03: Cow 2 years and under 3

Lot 04: Heifer 18 months to 2 years

Lot 05: Heifer 12-18 months

Lot 06: Heifer 4-12 months

Lot 07: Get of Sire

Lot 08: Produce of Dam

Lot 09: Three Best of Females

Class 3—Market Steers

Lot 10: Market Steer (limit of 4)

(Steer classes will be determined by Superintendent)

Lot 11: Market Heifer

Premiums—Lots 1-11

1-5 Entries\$7.00\$5.00.....\$3.00

6+ entries.....\$8.00.....\$7.00\$5.00

Champion.....Ribbon

Division “C” Sheep

Pre-registration—July 1

\$2.00 Stall fee, no 4-H or FFA animals

Must have Scrappie tags.

Sheep must be owned by the exhibitor from the time of making entries. An exhibitor may show only two animals in any individual lot. All sheep, one year or over to be eligible to show must have been shorn with the calendar year. Premiums and ribbons for all classes.

Class 1-Purebred

Class 2-Crossbreds

All lots pertain to the above classes.

Lot 01: Yearling Ram

Born Jan. 2, 2024-before Jan. 1, 2025

Lot 2: Yearling Ewe

Born Jan. 2, 2024-before Jan. 1, 2025

Lot 3: Junior Ewe

Jan 1, 2025 and later

Lot 04: Market Wether

Jan 1, 2025 and later

Lot 05: Market Ewe

Jan 1, 2025 and later

Premiums

1-5 Entries\$5.00.....\$3.00.....\$2.00

6+ entries.....\$7.00.....\$5.00\$3.00
Champion.....Ribbon

Division “D” Goats

Pre-registration—July 1

\$2.00 per animal, no 4-H or FFA animals

All goats need scrappie tags

Breeding Does are allowed to have horns.

Breeding Does should be clipped and fitted.

Market wethers or Market does must be dehorned or under 1-inch growth.

Market Goats need to be shaved from knees up. No bucks allowed. Market goats will be weighted at entry and placed in designated weight class.

When blocking in market classes, all goats must keep all 4-feet on the ground at all times.

No spike chains allowed in the show rings.

Class 1—Boer Does

Lot 01: Junior Doe Kid

March 1, 2025-May 31, 2025

Lot 02: Senior Doe Kid

Dec. 1, 2024-Feb. 28, 2025

Lot 03: Fall Yearling Meat Breeding Doe

June 1, 2024-Nov. 30, 2024

Lot 04: Jr. Yearling Meat Breeding Doe

March 1, 2024-May 31-2024

Lot 05: Sr. Yearling Meat Breeding Doe

Dec. 1, 2023-Feb. 28, 2024

Class 2—Boer Market

Lot 06: Market Wether

Dec. 1, 2023-April 30, 2024

Lot 07: Market Doe

Dec. 1, 2023-April 30-2024

Premiums

1-5 Entries\$5.00.....\$3.00.....\$2.00

6+ entries.....\$7.00.....\$5.00\$3.00

Champion.....Ribbon

Division “E” Poultry

Pre-registration by July 1

No 4-H or FFA birds

Read these rules twice before making entries

The entry fee is \$.50 per bird. By order of MN Board of Animal Health. All chickens and turkeys must be officially tested for typhoid and pullorum disease and found negative within 90 days prior to the fair of originate from parent stock classified within 12 months of fair as U.S pullorum-typhoid clean. (Trevor Nau is an authorized testing agent) A statement on official forms showing test results as conducted by approved testing agents or certification of origin, together with identification of each bird by band number will be required. All entries of chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys and pigeons must be made singly and identified as cock, cockerel, hen or pullet. Premiums will be paid on all varieties recognized by the American Standard of Perfection, considered worth of premium by our judge. Band your birds for your own protections. The society will not be responsible for any loss or accident. The entries will be carefully attended and every possible precaution taken to prevent damage or loss.

Premiums will be offered on each breed and variety as follows:

Lot 01: Cock--\$1.25.....\$1.00.....\$.75

Lot 02: Hen--\$1.25.....\$1.00.....\$.75

Lot 03: Cockerel--\$1.25....\$1.00....\$.75

Lot 04: Pullet--\$1.25...\$1.00....\$.75

Standards (Large Fowl)

Class 1-Asiatic

Class 2-American

Class 3-English

Class 4-Mediterranean

Class 5-Continental

Class 6-All other Standard Breeds

Class 7-Hybrids-Cornish, Rock, Indian River Game

Bantams

Class 8-Games

Class 9-Single Comb, Clean Legged

Class 10-Rose Comb, Clean Legged

Class 11-Feather Legged

Class 12—All other Combs

Ducks

Class 13-Pekins

Class 14-Rouen

Class 15-Muscovies, colored

Class 16-Muscovies, White

Class 17-Calls

Class 18-Runners

Class 19-Any other breeds

Geese

Class 20-Toulouse

Class 21-Embden
Class 22-African
Class 23-Chinese
Class 24-Buff
Class 25-Any other breeds

Turkeys
Class 26-Bronze
Class 27-White Holland
Class 28-Any other Varieties

Pigeons
Class 29-Fantails
Class 30-Kings
Class 31-Tumblers
Class 32-Rollers
Class 33-Modenas
Class 34-Any other breeds

Division "EE" Rabbits

Pre-registration by July 1

No 4-H or FFA animals

All breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) will be judged according to ARBA standards.

Premiums—Rabbit: \$.50

Lot 01: Pre-junior Buck born April 25-June 20 (max weight 5 1/2 #) to young to be tattooed

Lot 02: Pre-junior Doe born April 25-June 20 (max weight 5 1/2 #) to young to be tattooed

Lot 03: Junior Buck born Jan.25-April 24

Lot 04: Junior Doe born Jan. 25-April 24

Lot 05: Intermediate Buck 6-8 months

Lot 06: Intermediate Doe 6-8 months

Lot 07: Senior Buck over 8 months of age

Lot 08: Senior Doe over 8 months of age

Lot 09: Doe/litter born May to June 22 (purebred or crossbred)

Lot 10: Fur and Wool judged on fur quality established by the ARBA (purebred only)