

THE WOOD COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK 2026

Everything You Need to Know to Enter this Year's Fair!

Any updates to this book will be posted at www.woodcounty-fair.com or on the fair's Facebook page.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Online entries open June 12th and close July 18th

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Direct link to Fair Entry for Open Class <http://WoodCountyOpenFair.fairentry.com>

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Entry Office hours are: Monday - Friday: 8:30 - 4:00

Saturdays: July 11 and 18 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Entries close at Noon Saturday July 18th, No Late Entries Accepted.

Ways to make Entries:

1. Log on to Fair Entry through www.woodcounty-fair.com, register as an exhibitor, make your entries online and pay any fees online.
2. Complete the entry form in this book and bring it into the fair office during the above times to make/pay for your entries in person.

No one shall make more than 2 entries in any classification unless specified in the rules for individual departments.

All entry fees, pen fees, Membership—Exhibitor fees \$30.00 must be paid at the time of making entry. Lost Membership or exhibitor tickets will not be replaced.

No refunds given. No pens or stalls reserved unless all fees are paid with entries.

COMPETITION FOR PREMIUMS

Competition is open to all residents of any county which extends the same courtesy to all residents of Wood County, unless stated otherwise in rules of the department concerned, and who conform to all bylaws, rules and regulations of the Wood County Agricultural Society and of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Any resident of Wood County 18 years old or over, desiring to compete for class premiums must first have or purchase a Membership or Exhibitor ticket. Those under 18 may enter under their parents Membership or Exhibitor Ticket or buy their own Exhibitor ticket. Any person not a resident of Wood County, in order to compete for premiums, must first purchase an Exhibitor Ticket.

Children under age 18 may exhibit under their parent or guardian's membership/exhibitor ticket number or they may purchase a youth exhibitor pass for \$3.50.

All animals and articles shown must be owned by the exhibitors. All farm and garden products must have been raised by exhibitor. All home manufactured articles must have been made by exhibitor. Organizations of Wood County may compete for prizes without regard to the membership rule, in the competitions provided for organizations. No one shall make more than two entries in any classification.

An animal must be shown to collect premiums. No animal or article shall be entered to compete for more than one premium except as follows: an animal may be shown individually and also as one of a pair or a herd.

Junior Fair exhibits may be entered in the open departments if the rules and regulations of such departments are fulfilled, as well as meeting all general rules and regulations, including membership. Livestock entries are subject to the Livestock Health Regulations, which are contained in this book.

Articles and animals entered contrary to regulations will forfeit their right to receive premiums unless corrections can be made before the judging is to be done.

No person shall see the entry list or be informed of the kind or the number of entries except the proper officials until entries has been closed. **No pens or stalls reserved unless all fees are paid with entry. No entry or pen fees will be refunded.** Any person acting in a manner unbecoming an exhibitor shall, upon action of the fair board, be barred from showing at the fair indefinitely.

ENTRY TAGS

Pick up open class tags at the time of making entries in person. If entries are made online, you need to get them printed in office prior to your item being dropped off on intake night. No tags or exhibitor tickets will be mailed.

If you have multiple entry sheets, you may be asked to drop them off and pick them up at a later time.

PLACING OF EXHIBITS

All exhibitors are to place their exhibits in position as directed by rules of each department. Commercial exhibitors may do preliminary work on their exhibit space on Friday and Saturday before the fair.

CARE OF EXHIBITS

Security protection will be provided, night and day, at the fairgrounds from Sunday 8 a.m. before the fair until Monday, 8 a.m. (Day after the fair).

The Fair Board and the Sheriff's Deputies will take every reasonable precaution for the preservation and safekeeping of all exhibits but will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur.

All exhibitors are to cooperate in giving attention, care and protection not only to their own exhibits, but also to any and all property on the Fairgrounds at all times,

and furthermore to report promptly to the Sheriff's Deputies and Fair officers any situation they notice to be in need of attention.

Exhibitors of livestock must furnish their own straw, feed, feedboxes, troughs, and buckets.

Livestock exhibitors must keep the aisles free and clean at all times.

Exhibitors are liable for any and all damage to persons or property caused by their exhibits or by themselves. Care should be taken to avoid accidents.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

PREMIUMS: Open Class Premiums will be issued for the 2026 fair and will be picked up at a date and time announced at a later date.

Sale Checks will be available for pick up after 90% of the total buyers are paid in full. Watch the Wood County Fair Facebook page for updates.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS DATES & TIMES

Exhibits released only to the owners or their representatives.

No livestock exhibits shall be removed from the place of exhibition, unless the department rules state otherwise, until Sunday, August 9th, 2026 at 6pm. Livestock loadout procedure will resemble the 2025 loadout procedure. More information to come at barn meetings. All animals must be approved for release by the superintendent. Premiums will not be issued to any exhibitor not adhering to release times and exhibitor can be denied exhibitor rights indefinitely. Use of alcoholic beverages on grounds will result in removal of exhibit and forfeit of premiums.

All exhibits should be removed as soon as possible after the time set for removal. Exhibits in rented tents must be removed by 8 a.m. Monday, August 10th. The area must be cleaned after animals have been removed.

The fair board reserves the right to change the hours and dates for removal of exhibits should conditions warrant such action.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

The single judge system will be used insofar as possible.

No one shall act as judge in any department if directly interested in any exhibit or if closely related to an exhibitor.

Objections to any person serving as judge must be made in writing to the superintendent in charge, before any awards are announced; and the superintendent, with the aid of his assistants, shall have power to act on such objections.

Exhibitors shall not in any way interfere with judges or judging; shall not display trophies of any kind until after judging is completed and the results have been announced for that department.

No premium shall be awarded for an animal or article deemed unworthy, even if there be no competition; nor to an exhibit not properly entered or classified.

If there is any question regarding the regularity of an entry or the right of entry to compete, the judge shall refer the matter to the superintendent of the department for decisions.

Any known attempts to influence or abuse a judge by an exhibitor will be considered just cause for not awarding premiums to the exhibitor. Judges shall consider size, form and symmetry, age and maturity, and such other qualities as are usually noted in judging that particular type of exhibit.

Showmanship should be given consideration in some instances.

Judges' decisions shall be recorded on an official Judges' Report which shall be filed with the office immediately after judging.

Not more than two awards shall be made in any single competition to the same exhibitor.

EXHIBITOR AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Each division official will expect courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and spectators. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show manager, help or exhibitors shall not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule would warrant withholding of premiums won and exemption of showing at the Wood County Fair. Violators may be removed from the fairgrounds.