

The Wood County Fair Premium Book 2023

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 15th**

Online entries at www.woodcounty-fair.com

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

Entry Office hours are

June 12 - July 14 8:30 - 4:00 Monday -Friday

July 8 and 15 - 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Entries close at Noon Saturday July 15th, 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. Log on to Fair Entry through www.woodcounty-fair.com, **register as an exhibitor, make your entries online, mail payment of entry fees to the fair office.**
3. Log on to Fair Entry through www.woodcounty-fair.com, **register as an exhibitor, make your entries online, come into the fair office to pay entry fees.**
4. 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.
5. Mail the completed entry form to: Wood County Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 146, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

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.

PREMIUMS (except Livestock Sale) issued for the 2023 Fair can be picked up at the Fair Office August 7th from 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm. Premium checks must be picked up at the Fair

Office within 60 days of the close of the fair. NO PREMIUMS WILL BE MAILED. All premiums not collected within 60 days will be considered donations to the Ag. Society.

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 the exhibitor. All home manufactured articles must have been made by the 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 have 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 entry tags at the time of making entries in person. **If Entries are made online or through the mail**, tags will be held for exhibitors to pick up at the Fair Office. **No entry tags will be mailed.** Membership tickets cannot be mailed. They must be picked up in person. Entry tags must be submitted to the Superintendent of the department and must remain with the animal or article when placed on exhibit throughout the Fair.

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 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. 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

Premium shall be picked up by exhibitors from **Fair Office** unless there is some question regarding premium payment. Sale checks will be available on or before **October 1, 2023**. Requests for a lost or sale check to be replaced will have \$10.00 (ten dollars) deducted from the original check.

All claims for premiums must be settled by October 1, 2023 and **all premium checks & livestock sale checks are void after 30 days.** Exhibitors removing exhibits before stipulated time or otherwise fails to comply with all regulations forfeit their premiums.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

Exhibits released only to the owners or their representatives. No livestock exhibits shall be removed from the place of exhibition before 9 p.m. Sun., Aug. 6th except for urgent cause approved by the superintendent and two other officers of the Board unless the department rules state otherwise. Premiums will not be issued to any exhibitor not adhering to release times and exhibitors 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 **10:00 am, Monday August 7th.** 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 Secretary immediately after judging. Not more than two awards shall be made in any single competition to the same exhibitor.