

WELCOME TO THE WESTERN MONTANA FAIR!

Thank you for being an integral part of a great event. We hope this general information will help answer any questions you have regarding participation in the Western Montana Fair.

2009 Fair Dates -- August 11-16, 2009
Gates Open: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday
11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Sunday

The Western Montana Fair is a grand tradition offering the best of our region in agriculture, education, history, and family entertainment while showcasing new technology and science.

We value the long-standing relationship within Missoula.

The Western Montana Fair is unique, and your sponsorship is valuable in helping support the local community. The food concessionaires contribute their proceeds to 115 non profits. In addition, several civic groups benefit by assisting with parking, cleanup, hosting, fire watch, and gate guard duty. Last year the fair paid \$16,200 to civic clubs including: International Choral Festival, Kiwanis Club of Missoula, Missoula Figure Skating, Southside Lions, Florence Boy Scouts, Sentinel Kiwanis and Missoula Exchange Club.

Since 1879 the Western Montana Fair has been an anchor of Missoula County. Located in the heart of Missoula on South Avenue, it borders Brooks and Russell Street. We encourage you to visit www.westernmontanafair.com.

Cut'er Loose, the Missoula Stampede Rodeo, introduced a new website, www.missoulastampede.com, and trademarked the 1916 slogan and bucking horse. We invite you to check out the rodeo history and welcome your historical information as we continue to develop the western heritage.

THANKS TO:

COVER ART: Randy Stekly - Big Prints

THEME CONCEPT: Linda Baumann - Marketplace Media
"I Herd It Through The Bo-vine"

PLEASE CHECK SPECIFIC ENTRY INFORMATION IN EACH DEPARTMENT LISTING. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN PLACE AT THE TIME STATED OR THE ENTRY WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

Entries must come from counties listed in the Rules and Regulations of the Western Montana Fair, Rule 2, Sec. 3.

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www.westernmontanafair.com

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STIMULUS PACKAGE SPECIALS

TUESDAY - "FAMILY DAY" - NO GATE ADMISSION CHARGE

WEDNESDAY - "SENIOR STAY-CATION" SENIORS

55+ ENTER FREE ALL DAY. Bring a Senior and Enter 50% Off!!

THURSDAY - "KIDS DAY" 'Til 6 p.m. (Age 5-17) FREE

BUSINESS PERSON'S LUNCH - Wednesday-Friday - Enter free

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the MAIN GATE for lunch at the concessions.

Just present your business card for free admission. One card will

be drawn each afternoon for two free night show tickets.

MILITARY WITH ACTIVE DUTY ID FREE EVERY DAY

DAILY ADMISSION PRICES

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY GATE ADMISSION:

Adults (13+) (Age 13-17 See Thursday Special)\$6.00

Military (With Active Duty ID)..... FREE

Students (Age 5-12) (See Thursday Special)\$3.00

4 and Under FREE

Senior Citizens (Age 55+) (See Wednesday Special).....\$4.00

Season Pass Age 13+\$24.00

Season Pass Age 5-12\$12.00

(Season Passes sold through August 10, 5 p.m.)

4-H, FFA Members (with proof of membership)..... FREE

4-H Leader Season Pass\$10.00

4-H Parent Season Pass\$20.00

Parking\$6.00

FAIR WEEK OFFICE HOURS

Sunday, August 9 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Monday, August 10 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 11 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 12 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursday, August 13 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Friday, August 14 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturday, August 15 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sunday, August 16 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Monday, August 17 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Social Security Numbers must be provided to the superintendent by all exhibitors winning cumulative premium money exceeding \$600.00 before premium checks will be issued. All cumulative premiums totaling less than \$600.00 will be paid in cash from the Premium Bank.

Only **one entry per class number** allowed, **except** where expressly stated in specific department listings. Article exhibited must be the work of exhibitor and animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Exhibits previously entered are not eligible. If there is no other competition, a premium will be

awarded only if the article merits an award. The superintendent may reclassify entries not entered in correct division or class.

No two members of the same family may enter the same class number of any given division.

Parents must sign if exhibitor is under 18 years of age. There will be an electronic signature box for this verification at the Online Entry System screens.

Professionals: Those who have charged or do charge a fee for the work they have done or work they helped create or work they taught to create.

Amateur: Does this work only for their own pleasure and that of family and friends.

No alcohol or smoking permitted in any exhibit or livestock building or any area furnished with shavings or sawdust. **Alcohol or smoking permitted only in designated areas.**

Fairgrounds is policed day and night during Fair week; however, the Fair Management is not responsible for the loss or damage of any exhibits during the Fair or while en route to or from the grounds.

Dogs are not permitted on grounds, even on a leash, with the exception of service dogs.

Exhibitors may purchase Season Passes anytime until Monday, August 10, 5 p.m.

Trailers are not permitted on the grounds during Fair Week except for the delivery or pickup of animals.

No overnight camping by exhibitors is allowed on the Fairgrounds except for 4-H Livestock Exhibitor Camping Area.

Dumping manure on the ground is prohibited; it must be placed in the proper receptacles.

Each individual is responsible for keeping the public walkway space clean around the pens of his or her animals.

Vehicles containing animals will enter through the Russell Street gate at the south end of the Hockey Rink. **BE AWARE OF DELIVERY TIME FOR YOUR SPECIES AND BREED. NO ANIMALS MAY BE DELIVERED DURING ANY LIVESTOCK SHOWS.** The Livestock Gate opens at 6:00 a.m. for feeding animals and cleaning pens only. Gate tickets only will be sold at the Livestock Gate. All other Ticket Sales gates open at 11:00 a.m. Livestock Gate will close at 11 a.m. except for delivery of animals at specified times. Vehicles containing animals will exit at the gate on South Avenue at the north end of the Sheep/Rabbits/Poultry Barn, Building #34. Right turns only. No vehicles permitted on grounds after 10:00 a.m. ***PLEASE DELIVER YOUR LIVESTOCK AT THE TIMES SPECIFIED SO OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS ARE NOT INTERRUPTED CAUSING ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES.***

All 4-H and FFA Entry Applications are due at the 4-H Office, 2825 Santa Fe CT, Missoula MT 59808, by July 2, 2009.



ENTRY DATES AND TIMES - OPEN CLASS

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED THIS YEAR. NO ENTRY REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON EXHIBIT DELIVERY DAYS.

Thursday, July 2, 2009

All Livestock Exhibit Applications Due. No late applications accepted.

Monday, July 27, 2009--All Still Exhibit Pre-Registrations due today (non livestock) No late applications accepted.

Monday, July 27, 2009 - Media Arts Exhibits must be delivered to Fair Office today. Pre-registration required.

OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT DELIVERY TIMES EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Monday, August 3, 2009--8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Home Arts – Building 35 (All Items)

Ceramics – Building 15

Non-Perishable Culinary – Building 16

Fine Arts – Building 15

Models – Building 15

Photography--Building 16 (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 4, 2009--8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Home Arts – Building 35 (All Items)

Ceramics – Building 15

Non-Perishable Culinary – Building 16

Fine Arts – Building 15

Models – Building 15

Photography – Building 16 (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Sunday, August 9, 2009--8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

FFA (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Perishable Culinary – Building 16

Monday, August 10, 2009--8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

4-H Rabbits/All Poultry (Application due July 2, 2009)

Open Class Rabbits Check in 5-6 p.m. Show starts at 6 p.m.

(Application due by July 2, 2009). Building 34, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Cooping/Cage Times)

Open Class Goats--7 a.m. (Application due July 2, 2009) Goat

Show begins at 9:00 a.m. Small show ring.

Agriculture – Building 16

Dairy Goats -- 7 a.m. (Application due July 2, 2009) Goat Show begins at 9:00 a.m.

Floriculture – Building 12

Perishable Culinary – Building 16

Tuesday, August 11, 2009- Livestock Delivery Times - You must deliver your animals at the times specified so other shows or events are not interrupted causing accidents or injuries.

Beef Cattle-Noon - 4 p.m. (Application due July 2, 2009)

Dairy Cattle - 4 - 8 p.m. (Application due July 2, 2009)

Llamas - 8 - 10 a.m. (Application due July 2, 2009)

Sheep (Application due July 2, 2009)

Swine (Application due July 2, 2009)

Sunday, August 16, 2009--8:00 p.m. EXHIBIT DEPARTURE - 4-H/FFA market animals, only, will be allowed to leave the grounds at 6:00 p.m. Only trucks for hauling market animals will be allowed through the Russell Street gate at the south end of the Hockey Rink. Exit must be

made at the South Avenue gate at the north end of the Sheep/Rabbits/Poultry Barn, Building #34. Security will not admit any pickups, horse trailers, or fifth-wheel trailers until market stock leaves with the first load! NO OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS. After the market animal trucks are off the grounds, breeding animals will be allowed to leave. Everyone entering the grounds to retrieve livestock must have proper identification before admittance to the grounds.

All other livestock (Llamas, Rabbits, Goats, etc.) must remain on the grounds until 8:15 p.m. Sunday.

4-H and Open Class Exhibits may be removed from the grounds starting at 8:15 p.m. Sunday. CARRY OUT ONLY! Exhibits may only be picked up between 8:15 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Vehicles will not be allowed on the grounds for pickups before Monday morning.

Monday, August 17--Exhibit buildings will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beginning Monday, premium money may be picked up at the Fair Office. **All exhibits and premium money must be picked up by 5 p.m., Friday, August 21.** After that, any remaining exhibits will be disposed of and the premium money will be forfeited.

PREMIUM BANK HOURS:

Friday, August 14 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 15 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16 – 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17 – 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.—**at the Fair Office.**

Premiums will be available at the Fair Office until 5 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2009.

You must show your claim check to receive your premium money.

Open Class Livestock premiums totaling \$600.00 or greater are mailed after the Fair. Social Security numbers are required for all premiums exceeding \$600.00. All livestock premiums under \$600 will be paid in cash at the Premium Bank

ANIMAL POLICY

The Western Montana Fair is not responsible for veterinarian charges or other charges for animals injured prior to or during Fair week.

Complete Rules and Regulations are located in the back of this book.

SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

If you are a person with any disability and would like assistance with Premium Book information or Online Exhibit Entries, please call the Fair Office at 721-3247. The Western Montana Fair welcomes all individuals with special needs. Our Fairgrounds, including the restrooms and the buildings, are ADA accessible. The carnival welcomes one and all. If you have special needs and would like to enjoy the carnival rides, please check in at the **CARNIVAL OFFICE**. They will be happy to advise you of any special circumstances of which you need to be aware.

Service Dogs are allowed on the grounds. **Absolutely no other dogs allowed on the grounds – STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

802388 Recondition rip hand saw
 802389 Recondition circular saw blade
 802390 Recondition any other tool
 802391 Rope halter
 802392 Welding display board
 802393 Any other shop made display board
 802394 Rebuild small gas engine
 802395 Machinery repair project
 802396 Any other miscellaneous project
 made in the shop

Division III – Miscellaneous

Class XIX Record Book Contest

The purpose of this contest is to encourage the keeping of neat, accurate records. The student's current record book is to be exhibited. 1st through 5th Place awards will be given.

Lot No.

802397 Record Book

All students will turn in Record Books at the beginning of the new school year. No Record Book = No Premium Money.

Class 10 – Agricultural Proficiency Projects

Proficiency award forms from the State Department of Public Instruction will be used. In addition, a minimum of 6 pictures will be submitted along with a narrative of the project. The top proficiency awards will receive a cash award depending on their neatness and quality of work.

Lot No.

802398 Sheep production
 802399 Swine production
 802400 Beef production
 802401 Horse production
 802402 Livestock proficiency
 802403 Agriculture electrification
 802404 Crop production
 802405 Ornamental horticulture production
 802406 Poultry production
 802407 Agriculture mechanics
 802408 Soil, water and air
 802409 Outdoor recreation
 802410 Home improvement
 802411 Forest management
 802412 Safety
 802413 Fish and wildlife management
 802414 Placement in agricultural
 802415 Placement in sales
 802416 Agricultural Communications
 802417 Agricultural Processing
 802418 Aquaculture
 802419 Dairy Production
 802420 Agricultural Production
 802421 Emerging Agricultural
 802422 Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
 802423 Equine Science

802424 Floriculture
 802425 Forage Production
 802426 Fruit and/or Vegetable Cluster
 802427 Grain Production
 802428 Home and/or Community Development
 802429 Landscape Management
 802430 Nursery Operations
 802431 Oil Crop Production
 802432 Small Animal Production and Care
 802433 Specialty Animal Production
 802434 Turf Grass Management

FFA Members, please look under the 4-H Classifications for Market and Breeding Animal entry information. FFA Members must conform to all livestock rules.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Emergency.** In the case of an emergency, please go to the Security Office, Building 14, located at the main entrance, or call 911.
- 2. Grandstand Seating.** Gate admission is **included** in all grandstand event tickets when purchased in advance. A separate gate ticket is required for "Day Of Show".
- 3. Bringing Exhibits onto the Grounds.** Driving into the exhibit area of the Fairgrounds will not be permitted **after Tuesday at 10 a.m.** Exhibits must be carried in from the east parking lot. If you have several exhibits, ask for a "hard to handle" pass, which will permit vehicle entry. All livestock exhibits must enter through the Livestock Gate at the south end of the Hockey Rink. Livestock Exit is at the North end of Building #34 Rabbit/Poultry/Sheep Barn. Right turn only onto South Avenue.
- 4. Admission.**
 - A.** There will be a gate admission charge in effect as of 11:00 a.m., Wednesday of the Fair. Hand stamps, which will change daily, will be used to permit patrons to leave and re-enter the grounds. The ink stamp will last several hours and is harmless to the skin. Re-entry stamps are not valid after 10:00 p.m. A new gate admission ticket is required for re-entry at 10 p.m. and later.
 - B.** Exhibitors may purchase Season Passes anytime through August 10, 5 p.m. The cards will be punched each day at the entrance gate, and the patron's hand will be stamped when he/she leaves the grounds. The patron will be re-admitted on the basis of a hand stamp only. There will be a hand stamp at each of the exit gates. All tickets are void for the day once punched. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will have designated cards that must be punched for admittance. 4-H and FFA members must prove membership to qualify for 4-H/FFA Season Pass. Punched tickets will not allow re-admittance; only hand stamps will allow re-admittance.
 - C.** Ticket Sales gates are open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. An after-hours gate charge of \$4.50 per person will be in

effect after normal gate hours.

5. Superintendents.

Alpacas	Geri Ball
Agriculture	Russ Parrish
Beef Cattle	Leroy Christofferson
Ceramics	Loree Herr
Culinary	Donna Stewart/Darlyne Block
Dairy Cattle.....	Marilyn Hunter/Ken Handley
Dairy Goats.....	Lynn Hash
FFA.....	Steve Vernier/Tom Andres
Fine Arts	Loree Herr
Floriculture.....	James Sadler
4-H Awards	Sheila Bauck
4-H Beef	Tim O'Neil/John Warehime
4-H Building.....	Sally Tromp/Roger Christopher/ Joe Terrazas
4-H Goats	Kristine Zimmerman
4-H Sheep	Rod Everson/Mark Marr
Home Arts.....	Julie Meidinger
Horse	Missy Miller
Horseshoers	Glen Johnshoy
Llamas	Geri Ball
Media Arts.....	Brent O'Connor/Jonny Rocket/ Eric Smith
Models	Loree Herr
Photography	Janet McDonald
Rabbits and Poultry	Cindy Arnett/Laura DeNitto
Sheep	Kim Marr
Swine.....	Margi Thurston

RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1 - GENERAL

Sec.1 The Western Montana Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, connected with or incident to the Fair, and to also amend or add to these rules as may seem advantageous to the Fair and Management.

Sec.2 The Western Montana Fair Management reserves the right to formulate and announce new rules to meet emergencies that may arise, and to adjudicate all matters arising from the Fair.

Sec.3 The Fair Management reserves the right to direct and regulate the parking of all automobiles or other vehicles or conveyances within the Fairgrounds and to direct where they shall be driven therein. The Fair Management may prohibit the driving of automobiles in any location on the grounds. While a vehicle is parked in designated Fairground parking areas, all parking passes must be visible at all times on the vehicle's rearview mirror or dash if no rearview mirror is available.

Sec.4 The Fair Management reserves the right to exclude from the Fairgrounds any person or persons deemed undesirable or who shall become otherwise offensive.

Sec.5 The Fair Management reserves the right to control the use and operation of the Fairgrounds facilities; provided, however, that the legal

care, custody and control of every animal and article upon the grounds shall remain with the owner, thereof, subject to the right of the Fair Management to direct where these animals and articles shall be exhibited.

Sec.6 The Fair Management will endeavor to carefully guard the patrons of the Fair against extortion in any form. A violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of contract and any money paid, as well as expulsion from the Fairgrounds as the Management may direct.

Sec.7 Any mistreatment or extortion practiced by any employee of the Fair or concessionaire should be reported to the Fair Management immediately; do not wait until after the Fair is over.

Sec.8 The Management reserves the right to prescribe the dimensions and regulate the position of all signs, and generally to direct the arrangement of articles on exhibition so far as the same may deem necessary to secure harmony and attractive appearance.

Sec.9 Solicitors shall not be allowed on the Fairgrounds; Security is instructed to refuse admittance of solicitors.

Sec.10 Vehicles parked in no parking areas, blocking the fire lanes, or in the wrong reserved space will be towed at the owner's expense.

RULE 2 – ENTRY OF EXHIBITS

Sec.1 Open Class entries must be submitted in the Online Entry system in the name of the owner. Any misrepresentation touching any entry, either by facts stated or omitted, will render the entry ineligible for competition. The name and address of the exhibitor must be clearly written and the exhibitor must sign the entry tag. If the exhibitor is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the entry tag. Use of the computerized Entry System is mandatory. The fair office will assist you if you do not have Internet access or if you need any kind of assistance in entering your exhibit.

Sec.2 Entry is made according to the statement directed to the Fair Management on the entry tag. However, should the exhibitor remove any premium-winning entry prior to the close of the Fair, without the written permission of the Superintendent of the related Department, the exhibitor acknowledges the forfeiture of any premium payment.

Sec.3 Competition is open to the following counties: Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Granite, Deer Lodge, and Silverbow.

Sec.4 There is an entry fee for EACH animal, which will be used for the payment of stalls and bedding, premiums and/or judges, in all livestock departments. You must pay the livestock entry fee even if your animals will not be on the grounds during fair week. See individual departments for details.

Sec.5 The Fair Management reserves the right to refuse acceptance of livestock entry applications after close of business July 2, 2009.

All livestock entries must be submitted through the Online Entry System. Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted. Telephone entries will be accepted with a credit card payment. **Pens will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and date of submission on the Online Entry Submission will serve as the official entry time and date. If you do not have Internet access, the Fair Office will assist you with your entries.**

Sec.6 Read and observe all rules carefully regarding the

departments in which you are entering. Entry deadlines are strictly enforced.

Sec.7 Professionals (defined as those who make a substantial portion of their living from work they have done, or work they have helped or taught to create) may not enter any amateur classes.

Sec.8 All entries and premium money must be picked up by close of business Friday, August 21, 2009, or entries will be disposed of and premium money forfeited.

Sec.9 It is expressly understood that an exhibitor may not display or offer nudity nor sexually explicit or similarly offensive products, demonstrations, presentations, literature or other related matter, and that an exhibitor's non-adherence to this provision may result in immediate eviction of the exhibitor from the exhibit space. In the event of such restriction or removal, the Western Montana Fair shall not be liable for any refunds or other exhibit expenses.

RULE 3 - RECEPTION OF EXHIBITS

Sec.1 The Fairgrounds will be open for the delivery of non-perishable exhibits beginning on Sunday, August 2 through Tuesday, August 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Please check specific departments for exact times and days buildings are accepting entires.** All perishable and livestock exhibits will be accepted Sunday August 9 and Monday, August 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **SEE DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES.**

Sec.2 All exhibits and displays must be in place in the exhibit buildings at the time stated in individual department guidelines, or they will not be judged. In the event this deadline is not met, the exhibitor will forfeit all rights to exhibit or compete for premiums unless relieved from such forfeiture by order of the Management.

RULE 4 - PREMIUMS

Sec.1 In all departments except FFA, premium money may be claimed, **claim check required**, at the Premium Bank Window located on the south side of the Commercial Building across from the Fair Office. FFA premiums may be claimed from the FFA superintendent. Premium Bank hours are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday. Beginning Monday, Premiums may be claimed at the Fair Office. **Premiums not claimed within 5 days after the Fair will be forfeited. All livestock exhibitors who win cumulative premium money exceeding \$600.00 must provide their Social Security number to the Department Superintendent before a check will be issued.** Allow 30 days for check processing.

RULE 5 - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

All animals must enter through the Russell Street gate at the south end of the Hockey Rink and exit through the South Avenue gate at the north end of Building #34 Rabbit/Poultry/Sheep Barn. Right turns only onto South Avenue. This gate is open daily at 6:00 a.m. for feeding and stall cleaning only; all other Ticket Sales gates open at 11:00 a.m. Livestock Gate will close at 11 a.m.

Sec.1 The Fair Management, including department superintendents and/

or judges, have the right to call a veterinarian should a situation or need arise. The exhibitor will be responsible for all costs.

Sec.2 No animal shall compete for more than one premium, except in competition for the champion award.

Sec.3 The Newcastle vaccination is not required for poultry unless a situation arises which necessitates enforcement prior to exhibition.

Sec.4 Cattle: If cattle originate from a certified Brucellosis-free herd, no test chart will be required for exhibition. If they come from other than a certified Brucellosis-free herd, they must have been tested negative to a Brucellosis test within the past 30 days prior to exhibition.

Swine: The same ruling will apply as shown in the above paragraph, only as related to swine. However, should a situation arise with regard to Cattle and Swine: In compliance with Regulation 307 of the Montana Livestock Sanitary Board, all female cattle and bulls 24 months of age and over, and swine over six months presented for show or exhibition shall be accompanied with an official Brucellosis test chart showing them to be Brucellosis negative to a Brucellosis test within 30 days or be from a current negative Brucellosis status herd or a certified Brucellosis-free herd or a validated Brucellosis-free swine herd. All livestock and poultry: The State Livestock Sanitary Board will inspect daily during the Western Montana Fair and will disqualify and dismiss any exhibit showing signs of disease, deformity, or serious defect.

Sec.5 Please read Department rules. Submit entry applications early on the Online Entry system if at all possible. If you do not have Internet access, the Fair Office will assist you.

Sec.6 Livestock will remain on the grounds in proper areas until 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening. **Exhibitors who leave early will forfeit Premium money and may not be allowed to enter next year. PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS FOR EXCEPTIONS.**

Sec.7 Cattle being shown in Open Class Beef must be held in the designated Fair Counties not less than thirty (30) days preceding the Western Montana Fair.

Sec.8 All animals must be halter broke and under control while on the grounds. If it is determined that an animal is unmanageable, it will have to be removed from the grounds.

RULE 6 - EXHIBITORS

Sec.1 Stalls, exhibits or concession spaces will be assigned to bona fide exhibitors or concessionaires only. Parties subletting without the permission of the Manager will thereby forfeit the space. The forfeited space will be subject to reassignment. For stalls upon all property being kept, used or situated upon leased premises of the Western Montana Fair, whether such property be otherwise exempt or not, for any unpaid rents and any damages sustained by breach of contract by said lessee, the lessor shall have without the process of law the right to retain and appropriate such property to the use of said lessor to satisfy all claims.

Sec.2 Fees for exhibit space in buildings controlled by the Fair Management will be made known on Fair application.

Sec.3 Exhibition for "display only" will be granted at the discretion of the Fair Manager.

Sec.4 Exhibitors will at all times give necessary personal attention to whatever they may have on exhibit, and at the close of the Fair must take

entire charge of the same.

Sec.5 All animals must be shown as directed by the department superintendent or judge. Any exhibitor refusing to give any required information may be ordered from the show ring.

RULE 7 - SUPERINTENDENTS

Sec.1 Superintendents will have charge of the department assigned to them, subject to the orders of the Manager, and shall be on duty during all hours of operation for their building or barn. No department shall be left unattended while the Fair is open to the public.

Sec.2 Each Superintendent is charged with the caring for and receiving of the exhibits and seeing that the exhibitor tags are attached to the exhibits. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that only those exhibits that are awarded are so marked, and that those exhibits that are not winners have the proper tag removed from the entry tag.

Sec.3 Each Superintendent is charged with the caring for and receiving of the judging sheets, which are then submitted to the Fair Office as soon as judging is complete. This list will be used by the Premium Bank attendant to record payouts. Superintendents must double check for accuracy. All exhibits must be pre-registered. No new exhibits may be added. If an exhibitor has registered in the wrong class, an exhibit may be moved, along with all corresponding information such as exhibitor number, division, and class.

Sec.4 At the close of the Fair, all Superintendents shall provide to the Manager a full and detailed statement of their work, with recommendations included.

Sec.5 The Superintendents in the Agriculture, Floriculture and Culinary Departments are authorized at any time to dispose of any produce or exhibits that have become unsightly or spoiled.

Sec.6 At the close of the Fair, it is the responsibility of the Superintendents to submit to the Fair Office an inventory of their ribbons on hand and an order for new ribbons on the Ribbon Order Form. Supply and plaque orders for the following year are also due at the close of the Fair. Premium Book changes for the following year must be submitted to the Fair Office by December 1 following the Fair.

RULE 8 - JUDGES AND AWARDS

Sec.1 The single judge system is the policy of the Fair, and in every case the judge will be selected with the utmost care, and as much as possible will be of relevant professional reputation.

Sec.2 The judge(s) will report to the Department Superintendent at the time of day designated by the superintendent for the awarding of premiums for each class for which they are judging.

Sec.3 Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to, whether there be competition or not.

Sec.4 Where there is but one exhibit in a lot, the judge will award but one premium. The articles or animals thus shown will not be judged for championship premiums. In the Livestock Departments where there are but two exhibitors and but two animals shown, two premiums may be awarded. If there are two exhibitors and three or more animals shown,

three premiums may be awarded, except as may be otherwise provided in special rules in any department. This rule applies to all departments where it does not conflict with special rules of the department.

Sec.5 No premium shall be awarded, nor will any premium be paid on any animal or article not mentioned or classified in this Premium Book.

No premium will be awarded to any exhibit

Sec.6 Regard will be given to symmetry, size, form, action, construction, vigor and general characteristics of the various breeds with reasonable allowance for age. Due regard will also be paid to carriage, style, and general refinement that denotes high breeding points to which, while not weighing in the scale of points, add value to animals when being sold for breeding purposes.

In groups, encouragement will be given to conformity to breed types.

The Fair reserves the right to discriminate against excessive obesity, which cannot be a profitable condition for breeding animals, as well as to excessive leanness, in which animals are unfit for exhibition.

Sec.7 The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of protest.

Sec.8 Any exhibitor who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges, within the arena or on the grounds, or who, by act or inference, shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, shall forfeit the premium and be excluded from further competition.

Sec.9 Judges are responsible for awarding all Best of Show, Merchant Awards, etc. Superintendents are responsible for providing a list of these winners to the Fair Office. Provision for Best of Show is listed on judging sheets.

RULE 9 - PROTESTS

Sec.1 All protests will be determined by the Fair Management, and must be made in writing to the Manager, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for protesting, and a deposit of \$10.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

Sec.2 Protest against the exhibition of an entry must be filed, considered and determined before the lot is judged.

Sec.3 Protest against an award must be filed before 8:00 p.m. on the day the award was made and will be considered and determined at the next meeting of the Fair Management.

Sec.4 In addition to the right of protest guaranteed above to interested parties, the Fair Management reserves the right to take cognizance of any fraud, consummated or attempted, and to deal with all the persons implicated therein in such a manner within the limits of the power of the Management as may from the evidence relating thereto be deemed just and proper.

Sec.5 Parties interested will be duly notified of the time and place for considering protests and given the opportunity to submit evidence.

RULE 10 - AT THE CLOSE OF THE FAIR

Sec.1 No exhibit shall be removed from the Fairgrounds until the close of the Fair, except by the permission of the Department Superintendent, the order of which must be approved by the Manager.

Sec.2 Exhibitors must claim their property at the close of the Fair; however, no exhibits shall be removed or disarranged previous to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday without delivering up the proper coupon to the

Department Superintendent.

Sec.3 As the legal care, custody, and control of all animals or articles remains with the owners thereof, the Western Montana Fair will not be held responsible for the loss of any article, bird, or animal exhibited at the Fair, either during the progress of the Fair or while it is en route to or from the Fair; nor will the Fair be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to its owner, although due care and caution will be exercised to prevent all loss and damage.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE FAIR

Many fine civic organizations are doing a great service for the Fair. It is rewarding to know that the money earned by these groups goes back into our community to support very worthwhile projects. We take pride in our continuing relationships and appreciate all these fine individuals.



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The Fair Manager's Been Certified as So-"Fine"

Fair Manager, Scot Meader, was awarded the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Certified Fair Executive degree following the successful completion of a 5-year course of study. Since the program's beginning in 1978, only 356 fair personnel have completed this course of study, and currently there are only 200 CFEs in the fair industry--and only two in Montana. Scot is the only manager in Montana holding a CFE and the other is the marketing director in Billings.

Congratulations. Scot!