

TO OUR EXHIBITORS

Please read the following notes before turning to your department. Thank you in advance for participating in our Fair. Cash premiums are shown in the following lists and are in addition to ribbons, rosettes, etc. Premiums offered in all lists of this catalog conform with the State Premium Guideline Book as issued by the Fair Fund Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. All exhibitors are requested to comply with the General Rules, health rules, and the Rules and Regulations of the Fair. Please read the rules of each department at the beginning of the department listings. Also refer to the General Rules. All classes are open except where otherwise specified. Please observe the deadlines for entries, the placement dates for all exhibits, the judging dates and rules, and all other factors that help make good competition and a great show for our visitors. All exhibits are to remain until release dates shown. Thank You!

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

Judges are to report to the Department Superintendent on the day and time fixed for judging. Judges are required to read and apply all rules. Judges should decide worthiness for competition. No entrant shall make known to judges his ownership of article or animal prior to judging. In case of dispute, the final decision shall be made mutually by the judge, owner, and Fair Board. Judges will attach ribbons, etc., to winners immediately as awards are decided.

ARRIVAL AND JUDGING SCHEDULE – JULY 19-25, 2026

SATURDAY	1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM ENTRY OF GENERAL EXHIBIT ITEMS DEPARTMENTS 10-24 AT SHIELDS GRANGE HALL BUILDING
SUNDAY	10:00 AM – DEADLINE FOR ARRIVAL OF 4-H & VOCATIONAL MARKET ANIMALS, INCLUDES MARKET RABBIT PENS 11:00 AM WEIGH IN SHOWMANSHIP FOLLOWING WEIGH IN 1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM ENTRY OF GENERAL EXHIBIT ITEMS DEPARTMENTS 10-24 AT SHIELDS GRANGE HALL BUILDING 12 PM – DEADLINE FOR ARRIVAL OF ALL OTHER SWINE, SHEEP, BEEF, GOAT, & RABBIT ENTRIES 4:00 PM – DEADLINE FOR ARRIVAL OF HORSE ENTRIES
MONDAY	8 AM – RABBIT JUDGING 9 AM – GENERAL EXHIBITS JUDGING INCLUDING 4-H PROJECT BOOKS & DISPLAYS 9 AM – HORSE HALTER CLASSES AND DRIVING CLASSES 12 NOON – DEADLINE FOR ARRIVAL OF ALL DEPARTMENT 2 ENTRIES 4:00 PM – SWINE SHOW 6:00 PM -SPECIAL BAKING CONTEST JUDGING FOLLOWED BY SALE OF ITEMS: CHOCOLATE CAKES, GROUNDHOG COOKIES, AND JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – HORSE PERFORMANCE SHOW 11:30 BEEF/STEER SHOW 4:00 PM – SHEEP & GOAT SHOW 6:00 PM -SPECIAL BAKING CONTEST JUDGING FOLLOWED BY SALE OF ITEMS: ANGEL FOOD CAKES AND APPLE PIES CONTEST
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM – HORSE GAME SHOW 10 AM – DAIRY SHOW FOR ALL BREEDS
THURSDAY	7 PM – 4-H & VOCATIONAL LIVESTOCK SALE IN SHOW ARENA
FRIDAY	9:00 AM – YOUTH/ADULT HORSE FUN SHOW (no payback)
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - PREMIER SHOWMAN CONTEST
SUNDAY	12:10 AM RELEASE TIME FOR NONMARKET ANIMALS 7 AM RELEASE TIME FOR ALL MARKET ANIMALS 8 AM TO 11 AM RELEASE TIME FOR GENERAL EXHIBITS IN SHIELDS BUILDING

All exhibitors are responsible for knowing the time their shows will begin and being ready to enter the ring/show area prior to the start time. Those that are late may be disqualified at the discretion of the Judge and/or Superintendent.

HOW TO ENTER YOUR EXHIBIT AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

STEP 1: Decide what items you would like to exhibit.

STEP 2: Print out a copy of the "Exhibitors Entry Form" as found in the index.

STEP 3: Check the index listing of all departments to determine where your special item would fit in best.

STEP 3: Look in that department to decide which section number to use for each of your entries, and then copy the department number, the section, the class, and the entry description into the next blank line on the entry form.

STEP 4: When the form is completed, mail it directly to the designated department Superintendent so they can make up their list of all the entries.

STEP 5: You may make copies of the Entry Form if additional copies are needed. Call the Department Superintendent if you have any other questions.

STEP 6: Mail your check for entry fees, camper spot, exhibitor passes and car passes to Jefferson County Fair Authority, PO Box 213, Brockway, PA 15824. Only one check is required BUT you must submit the correct forms with the check.

DO NOT send a self addressed/stamped envelope. At the end of the fair you will be given a premium statement for review. If you find any errors contact the Jefferson County Fair Authority representative for your department within 48 hours. Checks will be printed after the 48 hour time period and mailed by August 15 to all exhibitors. Stalls and barns must be thoroughly cleaned. No manure or sawdust, signs or staples, etc. should be left as the barns must be clean for the next activity in them. If the Jefferson County Fair Authority representative determines a problem with the cleanup the mailing of your premium check will be delayed until the issue is resolved.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

- 1 All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Jefferson County Fair.
- 2 The Fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
- 3 Reasonable care will be taken to protect all displays from all injury and damage but the fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage loss.
- 4 Entries will be made according to classification.
- 5 Premiums, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon or rosette. The Fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from an exhibitor in the same class, or in the case of livestock, the same breed. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL CASES** except mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proved. In such cases, the superintendent, manager, or secretary of the Fair or show, or such referee as he may appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management from whose decision there can be no appeal.

- 6 It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock he is entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize but the judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so the same mistake in entering need not be made a second time.
- 7 All entries must have been grown, produced, or made since the last fair by the person whose name appears on the tag as exhibitor. Any exhibitor may be required to prove ability to have produced that entry in any department in the presence of a qualified person. Some exceptions to this occur in some departments – i.e. animals – contact the superintendent for clarification.
- 7 Superintendents of departments reserve the right of refusing to accept any entry. Furthermore, the superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry, products, and manufactured articles of decidedly inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. The superintendents must notify exhibitors of any exhibits that have wilted or become unfit. After having done this, the superintendent may dispose of the exhibit at his discretion.
- 8 The Fair Management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition and any article unfit to show may be excluded. Food products cannot be polluted with any substance or chemical that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used as food. No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the fair except by consent of the management.
- 9 Where award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the fair.
- 10 During the judging, buildings except livestock arenas, are to be closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, Pennsylvania Fair Fund officials, and attendants. No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards except to answer questions posed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he would otherwise be entitled.
- 11 All exhibitors are responsible for knowing the time their shows will begin and being ready to enter the ring/show area prior to the start time. Those that are late may be disqualified at the discretion of the Judge and/or Superintendent.
- 12 All livestock offered for premiums must have been property of the owners for thirty (30) days or longer. Health papers are to be issued in the name of the exhibitors.
- 13 The market animals will be weighed on the same set of scales under a qualified weighmaster to be named by the Fair and/or 4-H & Vocational Advisory Committee
- 14 Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall be moved into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
- 15 Overfitting of cattle and livestock is discouraged. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of animal will disqualify it from competition.
- 16 When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in charge of owner or employee. The fair will have stand-by attendants available during the youth judging or showing, persons designated to assist if there is trouble with the animals.
- 17 Joint ownership is considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.
- 18 Every person, company, corporation, organization or any other, erecting, placing, renting, leasing, selling or otherwise providing articles, equipment, or services of any kind or nature to, on or nearby the Fairgrounds, or in any way doing so in connection with or for the conduct of the Fair, agrees to abide by these rules and regulations as published in the Annual Premium Book; and to hold harmless the Jefferson County Fair Authority, its directors, officers, employees, or agents, from any damage or claim to damage by or on account of loss, destruction, fire, theft commutation or any other cause prior to, during and following the Fair and its affiliated projects and activities.
- 19 All competition is open, except in cases otherwise specified in the Premium Book.
- 20 The Fair will provide a central Sound System with sufficient amplification for general Fair purposes. Other sound equipment which, in the judgment of Fair Management, might interfere with the central system, will not be allowed on the grounds without bona fide permission.
- 21 Intoxication, disorderly conduct, gambling and lewd or obscene conduct is strictly prohibited.
- 22 No unauthorized peddling will be permitted on the grounds or its vicinity.
- 23 No person shall be permitted to act as judge of any class in which he may be an exhibitor.
- 24 In all departments, blue ribbons shall represent first place; red, second; white, third; yellow, fourth; and green, fifth.
- 25 On all Fair parking areas, the Jefferson County Fair Authority, and its officers or agents, will not be responsible for any accident, loss, theft or damage. Park at your own risk.

- 26 All livestock exhibitors and assistants are required to possess an exhibitor's pass and to present same for admission to the Fair Grounds. One exhibitor pass will be free to each livestock exhibitor, paying an entry fee. One assistant for each livestock exhibitor may purchase an exhibitor's pass for \$5.00. One parking pass will be free to each family (driver must have separate pass) and each family may purchase a second parking pass for \$30.00 and a third for \$40.00. Parking space is becoming more limited each year. Please try to cut down on the number of parking spaces needed by sharing rides wherever possible. A PARKING pass will admit one vehicle through the gate – DRIVER MUST HAVE AN EXHIBITOR PASS. Exhibitor's passes may be purchased until 9:00 PM on Monday evening by livestock exhibitors. The \$36.00 weekly pass will be valid for **GROUNDS ADMISSION ONLY** during the entire period of Fair Week. Carnival passes may be purchased at the gate for \$4.00 per person per day. **There is also the option to purchase a weekly pass for \$48.00 that includes rides.** Day Pass admission for grounds and rides is \$12.00 per person at the Main Gate. For 4-H exhibitors, passes will be at the same rate as the livestock exhibitors.
 - 27 The Fair reserves the right to itself to construct its own rules, regulations, and to decide arbitrarily all matters in regard to formulate and enforce special rules for any conditions that are not covered by the list of rules and regulations.
 - 28 While it is the desire of the Association to pay all premiums in full, yet should any contingency arise by reason of unfavorable weather or any other unfavorable cause whereby the receipts of the Association are insufficient to do so, then in that event, the right is reserved to pay pro rata in all exhibition classes after deducting expenses and the amounts so paid shall discharge all obligations of the Association for the current year.
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LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS in addition to General Rules

- 1) All livestock entries must rigidly comply with the health specifications of this Fair as well as those of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as prescribed in the official State Premium Book pertaining to infectious or contagious diseases and health certificates. Market Animals that will be entered for the 4-H/Vocational Livestock Sale are NOT required to have rabies vaccination.
- 2) Deadline time for entries is shown in Premium List for each Division.
- 3) No animals will be stabled without proper Health Chart (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection), approved Vaccinations, Blood Tests, and Registration Certificates.
- 4) No animal that shows physical evidence of transmissible disease will be admitted. The Superintendent has the right to decline any entry.
- 5) Animals known to be infected with or exposed to any contagious, infectious, or external parasitic disease and animals restricted by quarantine may not be assembled for show purposes. All animals (cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and swine) and poultry admitted to a County Fair must be accompanied by an official BAI health certificate indicating compliance with applicable state and federal regulations. Steers must be identified with official cattle ear tag. An exhibition health certificate (AA1-14) will be issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry. All show animals should be held in isolation for at least 30 days after return to the herd of origin.
- 6) Exhibitors must agree to display their animals as directed by the Superintendent and will accept the stalls assigned by him or her.
- 7) ALL ANIMALS MUST BE PLAINLY IDENTIFIED AS TO: NAME, BREED, CLASS AND DIVISION—ON A CARD, NOT LESS THAN 9 X 5 INCHES AND IN LARGE, PLAIN LETTERING.
- 8) ALL EXHIBITORS automatically agree to abide by the Fair's Rules and Regulations upon signing of their official Entry Form.
- 9) ALL EXHIBITORS must furnish their own feed and bedding.
- 10) Premiums will not be paid unless entries are exhibited during the entire show period.
- 11) Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals do not use it!
- 12) An individual animal may be shown as a market or a breeding exhibit, but the same individual animal may not be exhibited in both market and breeding classes.

- 13) Animals owned in partnership (each partner being named on the registration certificate) may be entered in any class under one owner's name or under the partnership name, but must be shown under the same ownership throughout the show. Whomever enters and pays the entry fee is considered the exhibitor of that said animal.
- 14) Jefferson County Home Bred and County Bred Livestock Classes
Jefferson County Home Bred and County Bred Livestock Classes will be conducted by the Penn State Jefferson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee. No Fair Premiums will be provided but Fair Ribbons will be awarded. Entry must be done following the guidelines set by the Penn State Jefferson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee. Animals must be identified on the **Date of Tagging**. Animals not identified for these special classes will not be eligible to show in these special classes.
Contact Amanda Kanouff with questions.
- 15) No animals entered for exhibition shall be rode/lead/or carried on the mid way of the fairgrounds.

*****IMPORTANT*** If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics, or any chemical from fitting products, is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.**

PENNSYLVANIA FAIRS ANIMAL HEALTH GUIDELINES

The Jefferson County Fair Authority adopts all Animal Health Requirements as outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) and makes all Animal Health Recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture **REQUIREMENTS** to exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair. The Jefferson County Fair Authority reserves the right to make changes based upon disease emergencies and information from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. All exhibitors should familiarize themselves with the documents which can be found on the fair website www.jeffcofair.com or the PDA website www.agriculture.pa.gov

Complete Health Rules are posted on the Jefferson County Fair website at www.jeffcofair.com It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to review the rules and provide the required information (this includes required identification, Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), vaccinations, blood tests, etc.)

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS

Over the past few years there has been an increase in reports of exhibitors failing to keep their animals fed & watered and their area clean. Any animal that you as an exhibitor bring to the fairgrounds must be properly cared for until it leaves the grounds on Sunday, July 20, 2025. It is your responsibility. The 4-H/FFA Sale is a separate function from the Jefferson County Fair – The person still responsible for those animals is you the exhibitor that brought the animal to the fairgrounds. In the event that it is determined that you the exhibitor is failing to properly feed, water, and care for your entered animals, the Jefferson County Fair Authority reserves the right to limit your premiums and awards earned from exhibiting those animals as well as your future privilege to exhibit animals at the Jefferson County Fair.

All exhibitors of animals should enter this class on their entry form. Place your specific Department number then Section 30 and Class 1.

**SECTION 30 – GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS**

**Class 1 Premiums 1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$2.50
1st place will receive special rosette**

Exhibitors who maintain the most attractive and sanitary exhibits will be eligible for special premiums. All Exhibits – both open and 4-H/Vocational - will be scored on the following basis:

<u>Points</u>	
Cleanliness of animals.	10
Cleanliness of bedding	10
Entry card & ribbons won properly displayed with animal.	10
Ribbons displayed with animals after show	10
Hay, straw, feed and equipment is neat inside and outside barn	10
Show box and sitting-display area neat.	10
Aisles is raked and neat.	10
Courtesy to people.	10
Display name of farm and its location	10
Overall appearance of display	<u>10</u>
	100

Unannounced Inspections to be made daily.

SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors should enter both of these classes on their entry form. Place your specific Department number then Section 70 and Class #s.

Exhibitors must show their own animals in these classes.

SECTION 70 – 4-H AND VOCATIONAL SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING

CLASS:

1	Master SHOWMAN Award	\$5 to each person who qualifies
2	Master FITTING Award	\$5 to each person who qualifies

NEW IN 2026

COSTUME CONTEST

**See Departments 1-9 for details
Entry Card is with Animal Entry Form**

All Service Animals, Therapy Animals, and Emotional Support Animals must meet the current vaccination and licensing requirements for their species. Example: dogs must have proof of current rabies vaccination for dogs 12 weeks & older, have a state issued license, and be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases. (Additional requirements for out of state dogs.)