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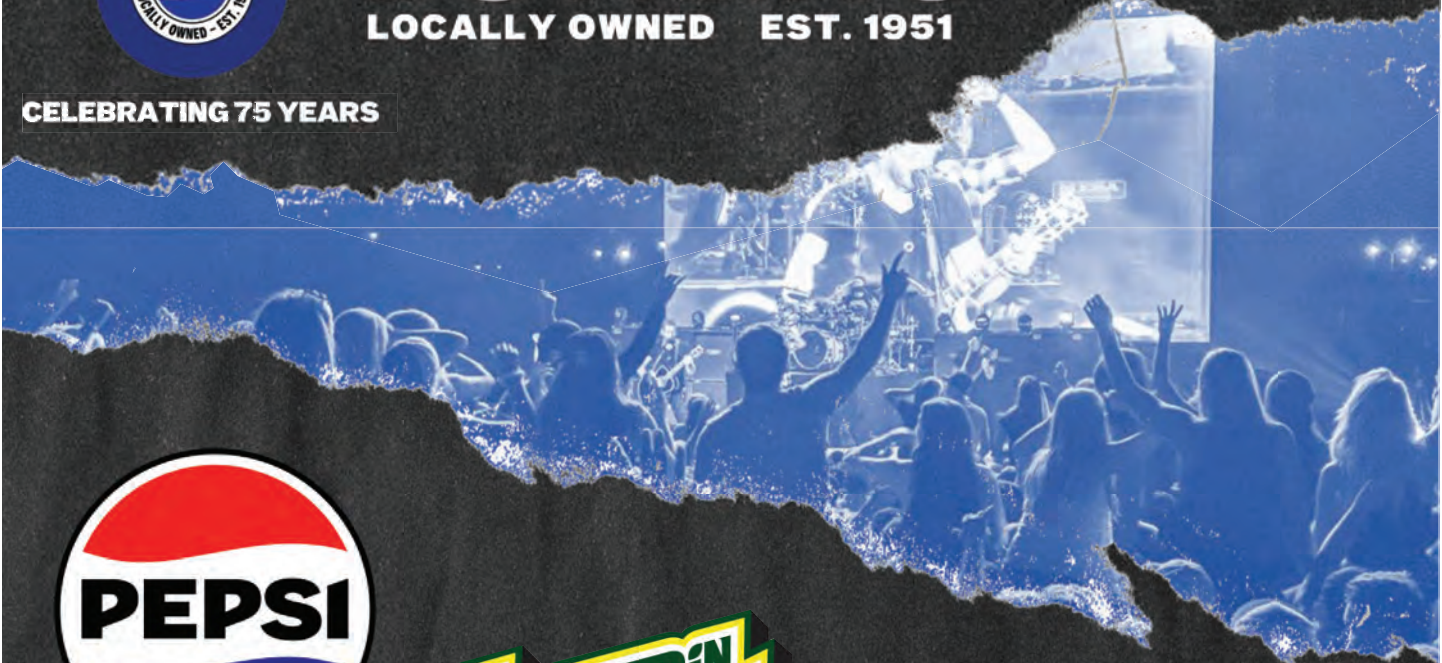


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Welcome to the 2026 North Dakota State Fair, a special place where North Dakotans from every community and visitors from across the country and around the globe gather to discover the incredible spirit of our state.

The North Dakota State Fair is celebrating its 61<sup>st</sup> year from July 17–25, and it's more than just a celebration – it's a testament to what makes our state truly extraordinary. From our industrious and adventurous people to our innovative industries and rich natural resources, this fair reflects everything we take pride in as North Dakotans.

With thousands of exhibits from 4-H and FFA members, alongside the creative works of local artists and groundbreaking products from our entrepreneurs, the fairgrounds are brimming with inspiration and creativity. Here, you'll witness the heart of our agricultural heritage through advanced farming displays, competitive livestock showcases and hands-on educational exhibits that underscore the vital role agriculture plays in our lives.

As you experience the thrilling carnival rides, explore fascinating exhibits and enjoy world-class entertainment, we encourage you to embrace the joy of this timeless summer tradition. From cherished moments with family and friends to the lasting memories you'll create, the fair embodies the very essence of our state's mantra: Be Legendary.

Have a blast exploring the North Dakota State Fair and all that Minot has to offer.

Enjoy!

Kelly Armstrong  
Governor

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the 2026 North Dakota State Fair!

One of North Dakota's biggest statewide events, the State Fair showcases agriculture at its finest. For more than half a century, FFA and 4-H members have been showing and exhibiting their hard work, dedication and talents at the fair; I know this year will be no different. Many have spent long hours nurturing and growing crops and livestock, designing and building outstanding exhibits, creating beautiful artwork, writing thoughtful essays and much more. This is a place to showcase the youth of our state and their accomplishments, to recognize them for their contributions and encourage them to continue their involvement in agriculture.

You can also see innovations in the world of agriculture technology and equipment. Investigate everything from state-of-the-art software to the latest and largest combines, tractors and other implements. Seeing this equipment gives you a first-hand look at some of the things it takes to farm and ranch in today's world.

Kids and adults alike will enjoy getting a close-up view of different crops at the crop plot, watching the racing pigs, attending a rodeo or watching bull riding.

Be sure to visit our new Pride of Dakota Marketplace in the State Fair Center, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily during the fair. It will be filled with Pride of Dakota vendors, Ag in the Classroom exhibits and much more! Also mark your calendar for Monday, July 20 from 11 am – 1 pm to enjoy a \$1 Pride of Dakota lunch under the Festival Tent in the State Fair Park.

State Fair Manager Craig Rudland and his staff work hard to make sure your experience at the 61st annual North Dakota State Fair, July 17-25, is educational, entertaining and most importantly memorable. Come out and enjoy the fair, it will be worth it!

Sincerely,

Doug Goehring  
Agriculture Commissioner

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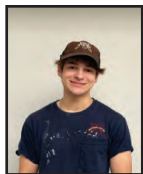
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**THANK YOU  
FOR EXHIBITING  
IN 2025!**  
*We are looking forward to seeing you in 2026!*

# GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702  
Physical Address: 2005 Burdick Expressway East, Minot, ND 58701  
State Fair Office Phone: (701) 857-7620  
Camping Office Phone: (701) 838-1193  
Ticket Office Phone: (701) 852-FAIR  
Email: competitive@ndstatefair.com  
Website: ndstatefair.com

## BUILDING HOURS:

State Fair Office ..... 8 AM - 9 PM  
FFA, 4-H, Magic Place ..... 10 AM - 9 PM  
Flickertail Gardens 11 AM - 1 AM (Sunday 12 PM - 1 AM)  
Carousel Pub ..... 12 PM - 1 AM  
Viggy's Restaurant ..... 10 AM - 9 PM  
Commercial Building I & III ..... 11 AM - 10 PM  
Commercial Building II ..... 10 AM - 9 PM

## 2026 INFORMATION:

1. The North Dakota State Fair for 2026 will be open to the public at 8:00 a.m.
2. Competitions are open to everyone unless otherwise stated.
3. During the Fair, the grounds will be kept and equipped to the best of our ability and resources for the comfort of the public.
4. A first aid station will be maintained at the Ambulance Station located at **Gate E** for use in case of accident or illness.
5. An information desk will be maintained in the Media Center in front of Commercial I.

**The management will consider it a favor if persons will report any mistreatment or extortion practice by any employee of the Fair or concessionaires. DO NOT WAIT until the Fair is over to file a complaint, DO IT AT ONCE!**

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The North Dakota State Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
2. Removal time of exhibits is specified in each department.
3. Exhibits not removed or arrangements made for their removal within ten days of close of Fair will become property of the Fair.
4. The board reserves the right to reject any entries offered, particularly such as require an unreasonable amount of space.
5. Exhibitors are required to give attention to their exhibits, and at the close of the Fair, to attend promptly to their removal.
6. The board will carefully guard against extortion in any form practiced on patrons of the Fair. A violation of this rule shall cause forfeiture of contract and money paid and involves expulsion from the grounds as the secretary of the board may direct.
7. The board reserves the right to formulate and announce new rules to meet emergencies that may arise later and during the Fair, and to adjudicate all matters arising from the Fair after it is held.
8. The board 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. It may prohibit the running of automobiles in any section of the grounds whenever, in its opinion, common safety demands it.
9. The Fair management and board reserve the right to exclude from the Fairgrounds any person or persons whom they may deem undesirable, or who shall violate any of the rules laid down by the management, or who shall otherwise become offensive.
10. For the safety and convenience of all guests, the use of personal transportation and recreational devices including but not limited to segways, mopeds, e-scooters, go-karts, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, hover-boards and similar devices, are prohibited on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Failure to comply may result in removal of the Fairgrounds.
11. Only livestock and/or horse exhibitors will be allowed to have dogs on the Fairgrounds in camping areas only. Under NO circumstances will dogs be allowed south of the barns.
12. No refunds of entry fees will be made unless cancellation is received **IN WRITING** (letter, fax or email) by July 1. No refunds will be given on tickets, wristbands or vehicle permits.
13. All livestock shows not produced by the North Dakota State Fair must have State Fair Board approval by June 15 for any sponsor they plan to recognize during State Fair.

## NO LIABILITY:

1. Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to the public, concessionaires and exhibitors at the North Dakota State Fair, but the board shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals, or equipment in case of fire, theft, or from loss from any other cause.
2. The North Dakota State Fair Board, its agents, servants, and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires, or the public on the grounds or in the buildings from any cause whatsoever while on the grounds of the North Dakota State Fair.
3. All entries including livestock, horse, static, etc. are brought to the state fairgrounds and remain under the exhibitor's own risk.

# LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES & INFORMATION

**Anyone in violation of Fair regulations may be eliminated from competing at State Fair.**

***- Please read carefully -***

## **INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTERING:**

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com). All entries need to be filled out properly and given all information asked. Be sure to give the name and address of owner or owners and division and class numbers in which the animal is to be entered, as printed in the premium list.
- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. For any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office **prior** to fair or at Gate F during the fair. Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.** Stall requests can be made on entries however are not guaranteed. No alteration in stalls allowed unless permitted by superintendent.
- Entries must specify the name of animal, **official ID tag number**, its age, sex and description, and if purebred, also state breed, registered number. Certificate of registry must be furnished to the superintendent on demand except in case of very young animals where certificates and registry numbers will not be required. Please bring copies of registration papers. Failure to present registration papers may result in forfeit of premiums.
- Animals must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner or owners, except get of sire and produce of dam, and should any prove to be otherwise entered, premiums awarded them will be forfeited to the Fair. Affidavit of ownership may be required and must be produced if demanded.
- No animal will be allowed to enter in more than one division or class except in groups or herds. Exhibitors may not enter more than two entries in any one class number.
- All exhibitors are expected to read the IAFE Code of Ethics. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.

## **EXHIBITOR RULES WHILE ON FAIRGROUNDS:**

- Stalls and pens must be kept open for inspection by visitors from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Exhibitors should have a representative in charge during those hours.
- All animals competing for premiums must be brought out when called by the superintendent of the department. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of all premiums due such exhibitor.
- All exhibitors are responsible for the welfare of their animals. Exhibitors are expected to provide adequate feed, water, bedding and housing for the comfort of their animals. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements for appropriate care if they are unable to be present. We encourage the humane treatment of animals and abuse will not be tolerated. The comfort and safety of the animal must be addressed throughout the show. Non-stressed animals will perform better for the handler. Exhibitors are expected to handle their animals in a gentle and calm manner and not create undue excitement in the vicinity of other livestock or persons.
- Hay, straw, and wood chips will be available on the grounds at a reasonable charge. Cash only, no credit.
- Animals not entered for competition or exhibition will not be allowed in exhibition barns.

## **LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL PROCESS:**

- The State Fair is a livestock exhibition which showcases superior animals. Animals which are not in ideal condition do not represent agriculture at its finest and diminish the public's perception of agriculture. As such, animals exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort, in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian, will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds. The State Fair will follow the State Board of Animal Health's requirements should they change from the time of print to the beginning of the fair.
- Before unloading livestock, a state veterinarian must check all livestock to ensure health and well-being of all animals exhibiting at the ND State Fair. Any animal with evidence of contagious, infectious disease will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds immediately. This includes animals showing signs of localized disorders such as club lamb fungus, ringworm, or other dermatophytosis and warts, as well as systemic disease of the respiratory or GI system.
- Depending on the disease, exhibitors may be given the opportunity to seek a veterinarian off the fairgrounds for treatment. If properly treated, the livestock entry may be approved for readmission if the state veterinarian staff sees the treatment as satisfactory and is given a written receipt from the offsite veterinarian. The written receipt must include the veterinarian's name, contact information, treatment plan, and signature.
- **Check State Veterinarian Schedule before arrival. See page 15 for schedule**
- Additionally, any animal with an obvious physical defect or deformity, including, but not limited to, prolapses, open sores, eye lesions, lameness or other physical injury shall be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. Animals exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds. Animals who are recovering from localized skin disorders will be permitted if (1) there are no open sores, and (2) hair is beginning to grow back (as determined by inspecting veterinarian).

## **RULES REGARDING THE SHOW:**

- Stock must be in the judging ring promptly after being called. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may be barred from competition.
- Judges need not make awards in classes where competition is lacking. In classes where there is but one entry, place will be awarded at the discretion of the judge.
- Only animals that have been awarded first or second place in their proper classes may compete for championship awards. In judging championships, the awards will be made to animals that the judge considers the best type of their breed or class.
- No judge will be allowed to have entries in a division he/she is judging.
- Establishing a breed:
  - 5 paid entries must be received by entry deadline
  - 5 paid entries must be received for 2 consecutive years
  - 3rd year the breed will be established

## ENTRY AND RELEASE TIMES:

No tack or livestock allowed in the barns before Thursday, July 16 at 3pm.

- **Beef:** Open class beef must be penned by 12 noon Friday, July 17. Release time: 6pm Monday, July 20.
- **Sheep:** Open class sheep must be penned by 12 noon Friday, July 17. Release time: 2pm Monday, July 20.
- **Swine:** Open class swine must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time: 6pm Saturday, July 25.
- **Dairy:** Open class dairy must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time: 6pm Saturday, July 25.
- **Dairy Goats:** Open class dairy goats must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time: 6pm Saturday, July 25.
- **Goats:** Open class Boer goats must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time: 6pm Saturday, July 25.
- **Rabbits:** Open class rabbits must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time: 6pm Saturday, July 25. ARBA rabbits must be penned by 6pm Friday, July 17.
- **Poultry:** ALL Poultry must be penned 5pm – 8pm Friday, July 17. Release time: 6pm Monday, July 20.
- **4-H/FFA Beef and Sheep:** Beef and sheep showing in open class and staying for 4-H/FFA – showing Sunday must be penned by 4pm on Saturday, July 18– showing Monday must be penned by 1pm Sunday, July 19 - to be able to leave at 6pm on the day of their last show.
- **4-H/FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy and Goats (animals showing in 4-H/FFA only):** 4-H/FFA livestock must be stalled by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release day is Saturday, July 25. Times vary based on the distance they live from Minot.
- **Junior Point Shows (animals showing in point shows only):** Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine must be stalled by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time for Beef & Swine is 6pm the day of the show. Release time for Goats & Sheep is after conclusion of show.
- **Top of Dakota Show (animals showing in Top of Dakota shows only):** Sheep, Goats, Swine, and Rabbits must be stalled by 11am Tuesday, July 21. Release time is 6pm on Saturday, July 25.

## SUPERINTENDENTS:

- Superintendents of the various departments will be designated by suitable badges and attire.
- Each superintendent will have full charge of his or her department with authority to select all assistants and helpers, unless otherwise provided, subject to approval of the management or directors.
- All claims and payrolls must be certified by the superintendent and filed with the Fair office.
- Each superintendent must take charge of the books and return same promptly to the secretary's office as soon as each class is judged. No changes will be allowed in the judges' books unless on order of the board. All orders for premiums must be made out and signed by the superintendent and countersigned by secretary before they will be honored.
- It shall be the duty of the superintendent at the close of the Fair to furnish a report in detail giving full information on exhibitors and entries entitled to special premiums, also give the number of exhibitors and entries in each class.
- The superintendent of each division will have charge of the exhibits in his/her division and of the assistants and attendants employed there. Requests and complaints should be made through the superintendent. Exhibitors should confer daily with the superintendents of their divisions.
- The superintendent of each department will have information as to the time and place at which judging will be done. Exhibitors will be expected to secure this information from the division superintendents.

## PREMIUMS:

- Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.
- Premiums will be paid as soon as it is possible to check over the records and judge's report.
- Checks that are issued for premiums must be cashed promptly.
- Awards will be designated by proper colored cards and ribbons as follows: Blue for first, red for second, white for third, pink for fourth, yellow for fifth, green for sixth and purple for championships.
- State Fair has confirmed the intent of all premium sponsors, but assumes no guarantee of their commitment.
- Judges need not make awards in classes where competition is lacking
- In classes where there is but one entry, placing will be awarded at the discretion of the judge.
- Only animals that have been awarded first or second place in their proper classes may compete for championship awards. In judging championships, the awards will be made to animals that the judge considers the best type of their breed or class.
- Any attempt to show an animal out of its proper division or class shall cause forfeiture to the Fair of all premiums won by the exhibitor.
- Removal of open class animals before 6pm on departure day will result in forfeiture of all premiums. Removal of Dairy, Swine, Rabbits and Goats before 6pm on the closing day of the Fair will result in forfeiture of all premiums, unless given permission in writing by the management.

## PROTEST:

- All protests must be made in writing within five hours to the management after the award has been made, it being considered that an award is made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered in the department award book.
- All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25 in the Livestock Department and \$10 in all other departments, which shall be returned to the complainant if sustained, and if the protest shall not be sustained, then said sum shall be forfeited.
- No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article, will be considered by the management or the board of directors.
- Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of facts relied upon by the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
- All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Governing Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

## DRUG SCREEN POLICY:

- The Drug Screen Policy will be enforced at the 2026 State Fair. Grand and Reserve Champion market beef, swine, lamb and goats will be subjected to a drug screen immediately following completion of judging. This drug screen may include tests for detection of the following: (1) Steroids (2) Tranquilizers (3) Antibiotics (4) Diuretics (5) Sulfas (6) Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) (7) Stimulants. Any animal with a positive test will be deemed unworthy and penalized as follows:
  - **First Offense:** Withholding of premiums and one-year suspension from show that was tested in
  - **Second Offense:** One-year suspension from showing the affected species and premiums withheld
  - **Third Offense:** Grounds for permanent removal from exhibition privileges for the following year with premiums withheld
- If for some reason an exhibitor has an animal that has been administered any drug within 45 days of the show, **the exhibitor must present a veterinarian's signed statement to the specie superintendent at arrival check in.** This statement must include:
  - (1) Reason for treatment
  - (2) Antibiotics used plus dosage and frequency
  - (3) Date of last treatment.

# PASS/ PARKING INFORMATION

## GATE PASS:

Children 6 and under .....	Free
Junior Daily Gate Pass (ages 7-12) .....	\$5.00
Junior Season Gate Pass (valid for the entire Fair) .....	\$15.00
Adult Daily Gate Pass .....	\$12.00
Adult Season Gate Pass (valid for the entire Fair) .....	\$25.00
Season, 4-H & FFA Exhibitors .....	\$10.00

*(Card carrying members, age 19 and under only)*

- Season passes will be valid once every day of the fair, these may be exchanged for a wristband at the treasurer's office located in the Tile Lobby of the State Fair Center (*Wristband void if removed*)
- Season passes are available online at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com), by phone: 701-857-7620, or at the ND State Fair office. You can also purchase them while entering your entries or at any gate during the fair.

## TRAILER PARKING:

- You will need a Livestock Load/Unload pass to enter the fairgrounds with your livestock. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of the Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form.
- These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM.
- After unloading your livestock, you can park your trailer in the Trailer Parking Lot (see map). If you wish, you can leave your vehicle hooked up. If you choose to unhook, you can park your vehicle in our Free Parking Lot (located east of the grandstand) or park off grounds. If you are camping, you can choose to have this vehicle in your camping spot if preferred, however, you are only allowed to have one vehicle in your camping spot.

**All competitive exhibits (livestock & static) will enter through Gate F.**



# IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter-irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**North Dakota State Fair  
Livestock Exhibitor Camping  
July 17-25, 2026**

**Regular Lot Form**

*It is the sole responsibility of all person staying on the Fairgrounds to be informed on weather conditions and to react so they are safe. The State Fair Center is open for inclement weather shelter.*

**Length of RV Unit \_\_\_\_\_ ft.  
(From rear bumper to front of hitch. An accurate measurement must be given to ensure a spot)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tent \$15/night x \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Tent \$20/night with electricity x \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ RV \$25/night (*electricity only*) x \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Rec #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RV Space #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confirmed Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

- Anyone camping and not exhibiting will be asked to remove their RV and will not be allowed to reserve a spot for 2026.
- Pump & Fill - Scan the QR Code to reserve by 4:00 pm the day prior for next day service.
- All vehicles used to transport trailers and/or campers must have a vehicle pass. Livestock Load/Unload Passes available ONLY to registered exhibitors and can be ordered on the livestock or horse entry forms.
- Please be advised a gate pass must be purchased for each person & the amount of days the camp site is reserved for. This can be purchased on the Livestock entry form or at the gate.



Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I, \_\_\_\_\_ will arrive with my RV after 8:00PM, \_\_\_\_\_, and leave the grounds by 6:00PM, \_\_\_\_\_. If I fail to remove my RV by 6:00PM on the agreed date, State Fair may remove/tow my RV off the grounds and I will not hold them liable for damages. I further certify that I have read the policies on the back of this page.

**You must be a livestock/horse exhibitor to camp in the West Lot.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Horse  
*List shows entered:*  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Swine  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Boar Goats  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Goats  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbit  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Poultry  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FFA

**Credit Card:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Visa  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Discover  
 \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

\_\_\_\_\_ (card number)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit code  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date

***If you do not fill out this form in its entirety, your order will not be processed.***

# CAMPING INFORMATION

## HOURS:

**State Fair Camping Office (701) 838-1193**

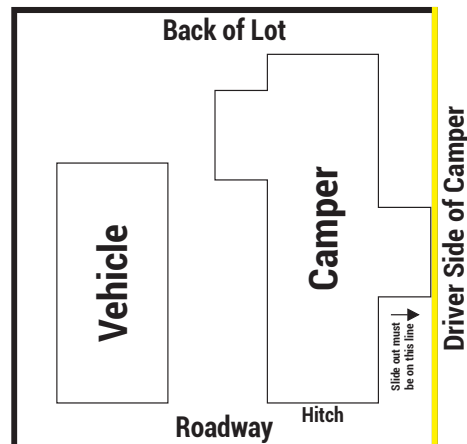
- March 1<sup>st</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup> hours will vary, evenings & weekends as needed, please leave voicemail or email at [camping@ndstatefair.com](mailto:camping@ndstatefair.com)
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - July 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup> Daily, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

## INFORMATION:

- State Fair’s on-grounds RV parking spaces will be sold in advance for the 2026 Fair. Payment must be received with this reservation to be held.
- Holding of your camping space is contingent upon receiving your livestock entry form and the purchase of gate admission for the same number of days camping. If no livestock registration form is received – your camping space will be moved to the East Lot upon availability in the east lot.
- Electrical services are available on first come, first serve basis only. Electrical services by the barns & west lot are 30 amps. Please be courteous to draw no more than 20 or 30 amps during peak times. Those drawing more than 30 amps will be disconnected. Circuits will overload and the service will be disconnected. Please bring at least a 100’ extension cord to reach electricity adequately.
- Showers are available in the Expo Barn, the Bunny Barn, the Block Bathrooms by the Midway, the State Fair Center, East Lot Campground and in West Lot Campground.
- It is the sole responsibility of all persons staying on the Fairgrounds to be informed of weather conditions and to react so they are safe. The State Fair Center is open for inclement weather shelter.

## RULES:

- Absolutely **NO** camping spaces will be used for parking of vehicles.
- Campers must have a valid camping permit clearly displayed at all times.
- All vehicles used to transport RVs must have a valid auto pass.
- Any vehicle without a valid vehicle pass will be towed at the owner’s expense.
- No exceptions can be made for length of stay; you shall be required to leave at your specific time and date. Violators will be towed.
- Only livestock &/or horse exhibitors will be allowed to have dogs on the fairgrounds in camping areas only. Under **NO** circumstances will dogs be allowed south of the barns.
- No gray or black water dumping is allowed on site except by a contracted pumper. Please scan the QR Code to reserve by 4:00 PM the day prior for the next day service.
- Quiet time is 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM
- Campers are responsible for picking up their garbage, we need to keep our fairgrounds looking beautiful!
- **For the safety and convenience of all guests, the use of personal transportation and recreational devices including but not limited to segways, mopeds, e-scooters, go-karts, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, hover-boards and similar devices, are prohibited on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Failure to comply may result in removal of the Fairgrounds.**



To conform to the Century Code 33-33-02-03, all campers must be at least 10 feet apart on each side, this includes slide-outs. All lots will be painted with a 24' x 35' rectangle to help with the parking process. Campers and tow vehicles must fit inside the square. **No extending into the roadway will be allowed!** Your camper must be backed into your lot as far as you can.

# HOW TO ENTER

Entries will close **July 6 at 5pm**. Our online entry system can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com). Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. For any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office prior to the fair or at Gate F during the fair. Entries may be made after that day by paying triple the normal fees.

**Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**

## HOW TO ENTER OPEN CLASS OR JUNIOR SHOWS

1. Go to [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com)
  - a. Under the Exhibit tab, go to your respective category
  - b. Read the guidelines- this will help you figure out what days you will have to be on the fairgrounds, what class to exhibit in, and other rules you will need to know. You can also find these in this handbook.
    - **There are paper entry forms available online however, online entry is preferred.**
    - A great resource to look at would be the “Exhibitor Information” page. This has FAQs, forms, and maps.
2. After you have read the guidelines, found what days you will be at NDSF and what class to enter, go to [ndstatefair.fairwire.com](http://ndstatefair.fairwire.com)
  - a. Read the welcome
  - b. Click the #1 to register
  - c. If you are entering a single exhibitor, please continue with these steps. If you are entering multiple exhibitors, you will want to enter as a “Quick Group”. Please skip to the next section.
3. Fill out your first and last name, then select “I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year”
  - a. Even if you have shown at NDSF in the past, all exhibitors are considered new for the year.
4. Create your login information
  - a. Please write this information down and it might be useful for future reference
  - b. Once you double-check the information, hit continue
5. Select your department
6. Select your division
  - a. Pay attention to the special instructions
7. Select your class
  - a. There are further descriptions of the classes in the guidelines
8. Select the sex if entering an animal
9. Select Yes or No if your animal is in 4-H or FFA
  - a. **This will not be entering the exhibit into the 4-H or FFA show**, we need this information for stalling purposes. If you would like to enter your exhibit into 4-H or FFA, please contact your county agent or FFA advisor.
10. Add Entry to Cart
11. You can either continue to add entries or “continue” to the fees
  - a. Add a similar entry- this will have the same department and division as the previous entry. This can be changed at this point; it is just a feature that will hopefully make the registration quicker and easier.
  - b. Add a different entry- this will have no selection for department or division
  - c. If you do not want to add an entry but accidentally clicked one of these choices, you can click the back arrow in the top left to return to the previous page.
12. After your entries are added, the next step is the “items”. Clicking the continue button it will bring you to this page. You can purchase your gate passes, stall fees, and vehicle passes here.
  - a. Reminder: if you are exhibiting a beef animal, add your beef stall fee here.
  - b. Only one (1) Livestock Load/Unload Pass will be given to each family. These are free. The rules and regulations with this pass are explained in the Exhibitor handbook on page 8.
13. Once you have all items you need added, click continue.
14. That will bring you to the final review page. This will have every entry you are entering as well as the items you want to purchase. This step is crucial to check for errors, it is much easier to fix the errors at this step than once they are entered.
  - a. If you forgot an entry, you can click the “+ Add more entries”
  - b. You can save your cart for later. (Entries will not be entered until the check-out process is complete)
  - c. If you want to continue with the entry process, click check-out.
15. This will bring you to the payment information page. Enter payment information, then confirm.
16. Congratulations you have successfully entered to exhibit at the North Dakota State Fair.
  - a. You will be receiving a confirmation email shortly

## **HOW TO ENTER AS A QUICK GROUP:**

1. After completing Steps 1 and 2 of the section above, under the registration page there is a tip. This includes a link to the Quick Group log-in.
2. Enter a username and select "I am a new group"
3. Create login information
  - a. Enter an email as you will receive a confirmation email later on
  - b. Write this information down as it might be useful in the future
4. Click continue until you are at the "Account Information" page
5. Click "Begin adding Exhibitors and Entries"
6. Enter the first and last name of your first exhibitor, then select this is a new exhibitor
  - a. The only time you would select "This exhibitor has already been registered" is if you have finished the entering process once and need to go back to enter more.
7. Enter exhibitors' information
8. Select your department
9. Select your division
  - a. Pay attention to the special instructions
10. Select your class
  - a. There are further descriptions of the classes in the guidelines, there is a link at the top of the page.
11. Select the sex if entering an animal
12. Select Yes or No if your animal is in 4-H or FFA
  - a. **This will not be entering the exhibit into the 4-H or FFA show**, we need this information for stalling purposes. If you would like to enter your exhibit into 4-H or FFA, please contact your county agent or FFA advisor.
13. Add Entry to Cart
14. You can either continue to add entries or "continue" to the fees
  - a. Add a similar entry- this will have the same department and division as the previous entry. This can be changed at this point; it is just a feature that will hopefully make the registration quicker and easier.
  - b. Add a different entry- this will have no selection for department or division
  - c. If you do not want to add an entry but accidentally clicked one of these choices, you can click the back arrow in the top left to return to the previous page.
15. After your entries are added, the next step is the "items". Clicking the continue button it will bring you to this page. You can purchase your gate passes, stall fees, and vehicle passes here.
  - a. Reminder: if you are exhibiting a beef animal, add your beef stall fee here.
  - b. Only one (1) Livestock Load/Unload Pass will be given to each family. These are free. The rules and regulations with this pass are explained in the Exhibitor handbook on page 8.
16. Once you have all items you need added, click continue.
17. At this step, you can enter entries for a different exhibitor. Repeat steps 6-15
18. That will bring you to the final review page. This will have every entry you are entering as well as the items you want to purchase. This step is crucial to check for errors, it is much easier to fix the errors at this step than once they are entered.
  - a. If you forgot an entry, you can click the "+ Add more entries"
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  - c. If you want to continue with the entry process, click check-out.
19. This will bring you to the payment information page. Enter payment information, then confirm.
20. Congratulations you have successfully entered to exhibit at the North Dakota State Fair.
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## **HOW TO ENTER A 4-H OR FFA EXHIBIT:**

1. These organizations use a different program than Showworks, please contact your county agent or FFA Advisor. They will be able to enter you.
2. If you are **ONLY** entering in 4-H or FFA livestock divisions, please fill out the 4-H/FFA ONLY Exhibitor Stall and Passes Request Form that is located on our website. This will allow you to purchase your passes needed to enter the fairgrounds.
  - If you are entering in an open/junior **and** a 4-H or FFA show, you do not have to do this form as you can request passes on the Open or Junior Show form through Showworks.
3. The same animal can only be shown in the 4-H or the FFA show, not both. However, you can show this animal in the Open **and** Junior Show.

# HEALTH REGULATIONS

*\*These requirements were accurate as of printing time, but are subject to change should health concerns emerge prior to the Fair*

Before unloading livestock, a state veterinarian must check all cattle, sheep, swine, and goats to ensure health and well-being of all animals exhibiting at the ND State Fair. Poultry, rabbits and horses will be inspected after they are penned. Any animal with evidence of contagious, infectious disease will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds immediately. This includes animals showing signs of localized disorders such as club lamb fungus, ringworm, or other dermatophytosis (infectious skin conditions) and warts, as well as systemic disease of the respiratory or GI system. Additionally, any animal with an obvious physical defect or deformity, including, but not limited to, prolapses, open sores, eye lesions, lameness or other physical injury shall be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. Animals exhibiting any condition affecting their health or comfort in the professional opinion of the inspecting veterinarian will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds. Animals who are recovering from localized skin disorders will be permitted if (1) there are no open sores, and (2) hair is beginning to grow back (as determined by inspecting veterinarian).

**See page 6 for more information regarding the livestock arrival process.**

## **NO. 1 - NORTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK**

- **Cattle:** Cattle will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. No early releases.
- **Goats:** All goats that come to the Fair, with the exception of market wether goats, must have official scrapie identification tags. For goat breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS, a 'breed registration tattoo' will be accepted in lieu of a scrapie tag, provided the tattoo is legible and the exhibitor presents a copy of the registration papers listing the current owner. Goats will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading
- **Sheep:** Sheep will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. No early releases. All sexually intact sheep must have an official scrapie tag.
- **Swine:** Swine will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. No early releases.
- **Poultry:** All birds must bear a leg or wing band and meet one of the following criteria: 1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock, 2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibitions, or 3) Have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SRN 60329). Form is available on the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's website . <https://ndda.nd.gov/division/animal-health/national-poultry-improvement-plan>
- **Rabbits:** Rabbits will be inspected after they are caged.

## **NO. 2 - LIVESTOCK FROM OTHER STATES**

- All livestock will be checked by the State Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading.
- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and an importation permit number are required on all food animals from out of state. The requirement for an importation permit number is waived for animals accompanied by an electronic CVI. A CVI is required for horses, but an importation permit is not unless specific disease issues arise which necessitate it.
- Out-of-state livestock must all be officially identified, regardless of age or sex, and will need a certificate of veterinary inspection and permit number from the ND State Board of Animal Health. To obtain the importation permit number, veterinarians should call 701-328-2655. For any livestock being imported from Canada please contact the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health at 701-328-2655 and the USDA - APHIS, Veterinary Services at 701-250-4210.

## **NO. 2 - LIVESTOCK FROM OTHER STATES - SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

- **Cattle:** No early releases. All out of state cattle for exhibition, regardless of age or sex, must be identified with an official tag which is listed on the CVI prior to entry to North Dakota. A negative individual tuberculosis test within 30 days and a negative whole herd tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to importation is required for all cattle from Michigan. Calves accompanying a negative dam do not require testing. All bulls over 24 months of age and all non-virgin bulls over 12 months of age must have three consecutive, weekly, negative Trichomoniasis fetus culture tests or one negative PCR test prior to importation unless an exhibition exemption is granted. Contact the ND State Board of Animal Health for complete information.
  - **Additional requirements for Dairy Cattle:** All lactating dairy cattle are required to have a HPAI test within 7 days prior to importation.
  - **Additional requirements for Rodeo/Event Cattle:** All cattle used for rodeo or timed events must have a negative bovine TB test within the last 12 months prior to import into ND. Bucking bulls must also have a negative brucellosis test within the last 12 months prior to importation. Please call the ND State Board of Animal Health for importation requirements for Mexican origin (M-branded) cattle.
- **Sheep:** All sexually intact sheep must have an official scrapie tag. Rams 12 months of age and over must be negative to an approved Brucella ovis test, or the flock of origin must have a negative B. ovis status. A negative B. ovis status is non-transferable from one flock to another for those animals which are sold.
- **Swine:** All swine must be identified with an official ear tag. The following Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) statement is required on all CVIs and must be signed by the owner as well as the veterinarian. “The premises the swine are originating from has not had signs or a diagnosis of Transmissible Gastroenteritis (TGE) or Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) in the last 60 days.”
- **Goats:** All goats that come to the Fair, with the exception of market wether goats, must have official scrapie identification tags. For goat breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS, a ‘breed registration tattoo’ will be accepted in lieu of a scrapie tag, provided the tattoo is legible and the exhibitor presents a copy of the registration papers listing the current owner.
- **Rabbits:** A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required on all rabbits from out of state.
- **Poultry:** CVI must list statements or test results relating to Avian Influenza, Avian Tuberculosis, Pullorum-Typhoid, and Exotic Newcastle Disease. All birds must bear a leg or wing band and meet one of the following criteria: 1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock, 2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibition, or 3) have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SFN 60329). Form is available on the North Dakota Department of Agriculture’s Website <https://ndda.nd.gov/division/animal-health/national-poultry-improvement-plan>

## **NO. 3 – BRAND INSPECTION**

Brand inspection is required on all cattle, horses, or mules leaving the state as per ND Century Code 4.1-73-21. A brand inspector will be available to issue brand inspection certificates.

<b>2026 Veterinarian Schedule</b>	
<i><u>Date</u></i>	<i><u>Inspection Hours</u></i>
Thursday, July 16	3:00pm - 10:00pm
Friday, July 17	8:00am - 10:00pm
Saturday, July 18	8:00am - 10:00pm
Sunday, July 19	8:00am - 4:00pm*
Monday, July 20	(Goats only) 4:00pm - 9:00pm, (swine, 4-H/FFA sheep, 4-H/FFA beef cattle) 9:00pm - 11:00pm
Tuesday, July 21	7:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday, July 22 - Saturday, July 25	by appointment only

\*After 4pm by advance appointment only

No pigs or sheep will be allowed into the Expo Barn until 10pm or when the barn has been cleaned and disinfected properly. This also means no setting up of pens before 10pm.

Other species can be off loaded but pigs or sheep will have to wait to unload.

# 2026 Need to Know

## Trailer Parking-

Livestock trailer parking has been relocated to a new designated area to the west of Gate F along 4th Ave. The parking area is now situated within a fenced-off enclosure to provide added security, organization, and easier access for exhibitors. Clear signage will be posted to help direct traffic to the new location. Please plan accordingly and follow all posted instructions when arriving with livestock trailers.

## 4-H and FFA Combined Shows-

With the merger of the 4-H and FFA livestock shows, please refer to the Livestock Schedule for check-in, weigh-in, and new show times for each species.

## RoughRider Arena Name Change-

The former RoughRider Arena has officially been renamed Gooseneck Arena following a partnership with Gooseneck Implement.

This reflects the company's ongoing investment in the local community and its strong ties to the region's agricultural heritage.

## Fitting Area's-

Fitting areas will be painted by 10 x 10 spots. Please try to keep in these lines as much as possible to help with fire code. These spaces will be first come, first serve. Goat fitting area, located by Daryl's Racing Pigs, will now span over that whole area. This will not be able to be accessed until all horse wagons are removed from the area Monday afternoon. There will be 38 10 x 10 fitting spots located in that area.

**\*\* For the safety and convenience of all guests, the use of personal transportation and recreational devices including but not limited to segways, mopeds, e-scooters, go-karts, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, hover-boards and similar devices, are prohibited on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Failure to comply may result in removal of the Fairgrounds.**

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If you have any questions feel free to contact Shelby to discuss these topics more.

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We are so excited to see you all this summer!



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Magician & the Muse  
STAGE 1



Alex Clark  
ONE MAN CIRCUS COMEDIAN  
STAGE 1



Doo Wah Riders  
STAGE 2



The Donny Dahl Band  
STAGE 2



K9 Kings  
STAGE 3



Daryl's Racing Pigs  
STAGE 4



Off Axis High Dive  
STAGE 5



Sea Lion Splash  
STAGE 7



The Birdman  
STAGE 8



Patriot Robot  
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# 2026 DATES & LOCATIONS OF FAIRS & CELEBRATIONS

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### **MARCH 2026**

Date: March 4-7  
Event: North Dakota Winter Show - Valley City

### **JUNE 2026**

Date: June 18-21  
Event: Bottineau County Fair - Bottineau

Date: June 12-14  
Event: McLean County Fair – Underwood

Date: June 22-July 4  
Event: Stark County Fair/Roughrider Days - Dickinson

Date: June 18-20  
Event: McKenzie County Fair - Watford City

Date: June 17-20  
Event: Foster County Fair – Carrington

Date: June 17-21  
Event: Greater Grand Forks Fair - Grand Forks

Date: June 18-21  
Event: Wells County Fair - Fessenden

Date: June 19-21  
Event: Divide County Fair - Crosby

Date: June 19-21  
Event: Burke County Fair- Flaxton

Date: June 10-12  
Event: Ramsey County Fair– Devils Lake

Date: June 24-27  
Event: Stutsman County Fair - Jamestown

Date: June 24-27  
Event: Hettinger County Fair – Mott

Date: June 24-28  
Event: Upper Missouri Valley Fair - Williston

Date: June 25-28  
Event: Mercer County Fair – Beulah

Date: June 25-28  
Event: Pierce County Fair- Rugby

### **JULY 2026**

Date: July 3-12  
Event: Red River Valley Fair – West Fargo

Date: July 8-11  
Event: Kidder County Fair - Steele

Date: July 8-12  
Event: Griggs County Fair - Cooperstown

Date: July 9-10  
Event: Eddy County Fair- New Rockford

Date: July 10-12  
Event: Dunn County Fair – Killdeer

Date: July 9-11  
Event: Pembina County Fair – Hamilton

Date: July 9-11  
Event: Golden Valley County Fair- Beach

Date: July 9-12  
Event: Dickey County Fair - Ellendale

Date: July 9-12  
Event: Tri-County Fair – Wishek

Date: July 17-25  
Event: North Dakota State Fair- Minot

Date: July 23-26  
Event: Sargent County Fair - Forman

Date: July 28- August 1  
Event: Adams County Fair - Hettinger

Date: July 29 - August 2  
Event: Morton County Fair - New Salem

### **AUGUST 2026**

Date: August 6-9  
Event: Bowman County Fair – Bowman

Date: August 13  
Event: Grant County Fair - Carson

Date: August 26-30  
Event: Ransom County Fair - Lisbon

### **OCTOBER 2026**

Date: October 21-24  
Event: Walsh County Fair - Park River

# LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, JULY 16

9am..... VRH Horse Show - Arena II

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

8am..... Quarter Horse Show – All Seasons Arena  
12pm ..... Open Class Sheep & Beef not staying for 4-H/FFA must be penned  
5pm-8pm ..... Penning of All Poultry  
6pm ..... ARBA Rabbits must be penned

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

8am..... Quarter Horse Show – Arena II  
9am..... ARBA Rabbit Show – Rabbit Barn  
1:30pm ..... Pony Pull – All Seasons Arena  
4pm ..... Late arrival for Open Class Sheep & Beef showing Sunday & staying for 4-H/FFA  
4pm ..... Draft Horse Show Event Classes – All Seasons Arena

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

8am..... Corriedale Show, followed by Columbia, Southdown & Babydoll shows – Expo Barn  
8am..... Gelbvieh Show – All Seasons Arena  
8am..... 4-H/FFA Poultry Show - Poultry Barn  
8:30am..... Shorthorn Show – All Seasons Arena  
9am..... ARBA Rabbit Show – Rabbit Barn  
9am..... Chiangus Show – All Seasons Arena  
9am..... Open Western/English Show – Arena II  
9:30am..... Charolais Show- All Seasons Arena  
10am..... Hereford Show – All Seasons Arena  
11am..... Red Angus Show — All Seasons Arena  
12noon..... Maine-Anjou Show — All Seasons Arena  
12noon..... Decorator's Class & Ladies Leadline - Expo Barn  
12noon-6pm Entry/stalling of 4-H Horses – 4-H Horse Office  
1pm ..... Late arrival for Open class breeding Sheep & Beef showing Monday & staying for 4-H/FFA  
1pm ..... Rambouillet Show, followed by Lincoln, Nat'l Color, AOB Wool & Crossbred shows – Expo Barn  
1pm ..... Open Class Poultry Show - Poultry Barn  
1:30pm ..... Draft Horse Show Hitch Classes – All Seasons Arena  
2pm ..... Weigh in for Open Class Steer Show  
5pm ..... Horse Pull – All Seasons Arena  
5:30pm ..... Team Fitting Contest – Gooseneck Arena

## MONDAY, JULY 20

8am..... Horn Dorset Show, followed by Dorset, AOB Meat, Hampshire & Suffolk shows – Expo Barn  
8am..... All Other Beef Breeds – All Seasons Arena  
8am..... 4-H Horse Show – Arena II  
9am..... Sim Influence Show – All Seasons Arena  
10am..... Weigh-in for Market Lambs  
10am..... Limousin Show – All Seasons Arena  
10:30am..... Simmental Show – All Seasons Arena  
12noon..... Angus Show – All Seasons Arena  
1pm ..... Supreme Ewe & Ram selection – Expo Barn  
1:30pm ..... Supreme Heifer & Bull selection – All Seasons Arena  
2pm ..... Release of Open Class sheep  
3pm ..... Market Steer Show – All Seasons Arena  
4pm ..... Open Class Market Lamb Show – Expo Barn  
6pm ..... Release of Open Class Beef & Poultry, 4-H/FFA Poultry  
6:30pm ..... Bull Riding – All Seasons Arena

## TUESDAY, JULY 21

8am..... 4-H Horse Show – Arena II & All Seasons Arena  
8am-11am..... Entry of 4-H & FFA Sheep, Beef, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goats; Open Class Dairy Cattle, Goats & Swine; & All Junior Shows  
8am-11am..... Check-in/penning Open Class, 4-H & FFA Rabbits  
8:30am..... Jr. Shorthorn Show - Gooseneck Arena  
9am..... Jr. Limousin Show – Gooseneck Arena  
9:30am..... Jr. Charolais Show – Gooseneck Arena  
10am..... Jr. Angus Show – Gooseneck Arena  
11am..... All 4-H & FFA Sheep, Beef, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goats; Open Class Dairy Cattle, Goats & Swine; & Junior Beef, Sheep, Goats & Swine must be penned  
11:30am..... Jr. Red Angus Show – Gooseneck Arena  
12noon-4pm. Weigh-in for Open Class, Jr. Shows, 4-H & FFA Swine  
12noon..... 4-H & FFA Exhibitor Meeting  
12:30pm ..... Weigh-in for All Sheep and Beef  
1pm ..... Jr. Simmental Show – Gooseneck Arena  
3:30pm ..... ND Club Calf Assn. Show – Gooseneck Arena  
4pm..... Weigh-In for All Goats  
4:30pm..... Swine Declare Weight Deadline-Expo Barn  
6:30pm ..... Bull Riding – All Seasons Arena

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8am..... 4-H Horse Show – Arena II  
8am..... Jr. Steer & Heifer Show – All Seasons Arena  
9am..... 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show –Gooseneck Arena  
12pm ..... 4-H/FFA Sheep Show – Expo Barn  
2pm ..... Open Class Rabbit Show – Rabbit Barn  
4pm ..... Kids Show-de-o — Arena II  
4pm..... ND Jr Goat Show --- Gooseneck Arena  
6pm ..... Release of OC rabbits shown in ARBA  
7pm ..... Ranch Rodeo – All Seasons Arena

## THURSDAY, JULY 23

8am..... 4-H/FFA Beef Show – All Seasons  
8am..... Open Class Dairy Cattle Show – Gooseneck Arena  
10am..... Miniature Horse Show – Arena II  
1pm ..... Morgan/Paint/Appaloosa Horse Show – Arena II  
2pm ..... 4-H/FFA Swine Show – Expo Barn  
2pm ..... Open Class Dairy Goat Show – Gooseneck Arena  
3pm..... 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show- Rabbit Barn  
7pm ..... Ranch Rodeo – All Seasons Arena

## FRIDAY, JULY 24

8am..... Open Class Swine Show – Expo Barn  
8am..... 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Show – Gooseneck Arena  
8am..... Morgan/Paint/Appaloosa Horse Show – Arena II  
12noon..... 4-H/FFA Meat Goats Show –Gooseneck Arena  
4pm ..... ND Jr. Sheep Show – Expo Barn  
6pm..... 4-H Leadership Showmanship – All Seasons Arena

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

8am..... 4-H/FFA Round Robin – All Seasons Arena  
9:30am..... 4-H/FFA Awards – All Seasons Arena  
10am..... Kiddie Calf Show- Gooseneck Arena  
10:30am..... ND Jr. Market Hog Show – Expo Barn  
11am..... ND State Dairy Cattle Show –Gooseneck Arena  
2pm ..... Open Class Boer / Market Goat Show – Gooseneck Arena  
3pm-6pm ..... Staggered release of all 4-H & FFA Livestock  
4pm ..... Top of Dakota Lamb & Pig Show – Expo Barn  
5:30pm..... NDSF Barrel Jackpot – All Seasons  
6pm ..... Release of all Open Class Livestock

# Department 101 - Beef

Superintendents: Josh (701)720-1252 & Peyton Sundsbak (701)500-7579

<i>Beef Show Schedule</i>		
<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Gelbvieh - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 8:00am	Arena I
Shorthorn - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 8:30am	Arena I
Chiangus - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 9:00am	Arena I
Charolais - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 9:30am	Arena I
Hereford - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 10:00am	Arena I
Red Angus - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 11:00am	Arena I
Maine-Anjou - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - noon	Arena I
Team Fitting Contest	Sunday - 7/19 - 5:30pm	Gooseneck Arena
All Other Breeds - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 8:00am	Arena I
Sim-Influence - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 9:00am	Arena I
Limousin - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 10:00am	Arena I
Simmental - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 10:30am	Arena I
Angus - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - noon	Arena I
Open Supreme Heifer & Bull Selection	Monday - 7/20 - 1:30pm	Arena I
Market Animals - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 3:00pm	Arena I
Junior Show*	Wednesday - 7/22 - 8:00am	Arena I
4-H/FFA Show*	Thursday - 7/23 - 8:00am	Arena I
Shorthorn - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 8:30am	Gooseneck Arena
Limousin - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 9:00am	Gooseneck Arena
Charolais - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 9:30am	Gooseneck Arena
Angus - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 10:00am	Gooseneck Arena
Red Angus - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:30am	Gooseneck Arena
Simmental - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 1:00pm	Gooseneck Arena
ND Club Calf - Breed Association Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 3:30pm	Gooseneck Arena

*\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.*

## **RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARNS:**

- Barns will be locked until 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 16. No early arrivals or releases. Tie out is at 6:30 p.m. Under no circumstances will pens be allowed in tie-outs.
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information please see page 8.
- All beef will be stalled on wood chips. No straw will be allowed in the Beef or Expo Barn.
- Superintendents will stall cattle after vet checks.
- **No fans, fan stands, or butt fans of any type will be allowed in the barn aisles.**
- See Page 14 for Health Regulations
- See Page 6 for General Rules & Information

## ***Beef Barn Schedule***

Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Gelbvieh	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Shorthorn	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Chiangus	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Charolais	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Hereford	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Red Angus	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Maine-Anjou	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Market Animals	Thursday -7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon (weigh on 7/19 at 2:00pm)	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - All Other Breeds	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Sim-Influence	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Limousin	Thursday -7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Simmental	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
Open Cattle <b><u>Only</u></b> - Angus	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday -7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
4-H, FFA, or Jr. Point <b><u>Only</u></b> Cattle	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh in - 7/21 at 12:30pm following Goats & Sheep)	Saturday - 7/25 - 3-6pm Time varies on distance from Minot
Junior Show <b><u>Only</u></b> Cattle	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh in - 7/21 at 12:30pm following Goats & Sheep)	6pm - day of show
Any open cattle showing on <b>7/19</b> and staying for 4-H, FFA, or Junior Show	Friday -7/17 - 8:00am	Saturday - 7/18 - 4:00pm	Can leave at 6pm on the day of their last show
Any open cattle showing on <b>7/20</b> and staying for 4-H, FFA, or Junior Show	Friday -7/17 - 8:00am	Sunday - 7/19 -1:00pm	Can leave at 6pm on the day of their last show

## **RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com). For a step-by-step please see page 12
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. For any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office **prior** to fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees.
- **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- If five paid entries in one breed have not been received by check-in deadline, livestock will be required to show in the other breeds division.
- Specify special stalling needs on entry forms. Late entries have no stall guarantees.
- No exhibitor may enter more than two entries in any one class number. Animals may be shown in only one breed. If the number of animals in any class exceeds 15 the class will be split. Calves may be shown in only one class. All animals shown in the group and herd classes must have been entered and shown in one of the classes for single animals.
- Animals must be exhibited in the officially recorded owner's name. Get of Sire should be listed under one individual, even though the animals may be owned by other individuals
- All cattle must have a USDA 840 **official** ear tag, written tags will not be permitted.

### **The Herdsman Award**

Awarded to an exhibitor of beef cattle, is based on neatness and general appearance of the exhibit, as well as the exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy throughout the exhibition period.

### **TEAM FITTING CONTEST**

**Sunday, July 19 - 5:30PM - Gooseneck Arena**

Sign up due at 3:30pm in the Expo Office.

Top 3 teams will be announced.

1. 3 Team Members. 1 team member **MUST** be a junior member (13 & under as of October 1, 2025).
2. Following fitting of the animal, a showmanship contest will be held.
3. The junior member **MUST** be the showman for the showmanship contest.
4. Age Limit: 21 as of October 1, 2025.
5. Thirty (30) minutes will be allowed to fit and groom the animal.
6. Cattle will be clean and dry with no adhesive, oil, or other foreign substances prior to the fitting contest.
7. Straight up bars will be used.
8. No helpers will be allowed.
9. The two seniors from the previous year Champion Fitting Team can not compete on the same team back to back (two consecutive years).
10. Dress Code: Age-appropriate clothing is required
11. Prizes for top 3 teams.
12. Chairman of contest is: Lacey Lodoen. Co. Chairman: Haley Anderson. Please contact them to enter. 701-678-4484 Lacey



### **SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE & BULL SELECTION** **Monday, July 20 – 1:30pm- All Seasons Arena**

Those eligible will be the Champion Female and Bull of each breed. A banner will be awarded to each winner.

If an exhibitor has Champion Female or Bull of a breed, the whole herd must remain on the Fairgrounds until after the selection of Supreme Champion Female and Bull drive.

### **Purebred Steers**

A banner will be awarded to the Champion Steer and Reserve Champion Steer in each Breed.



**THE NORTH DAKOTA SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
will award...  
\$250 to the Champion Purebred Simmental Steer  
AND  
THE ND JR SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
will award...  
\$150 to the Reserve Champion Purebred  
Simmental Steer**

## OPEN BEEF SHOW - BREEDING CLASSES

Sunday, July 19 & Monday, July 20 – 8:00am

Entry Fee: \$7 per class plus \$20 per head for bedding

### Sliding Premium Schedule

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1-4	\$45.00	\$31.00	\$17.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5-8	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
9+	\$80.00	\$58.00	\$43.00	\$33.00	\$23.00	\$15.00

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.

### Breeding Divisions and Classes:

Division A .....Angus	Division G .....Limousin
Division B .....Hereford	Division H ..... Red Angus
Division C .....Gelbvieh	Division I .....Chiangus
Division D .....Simmental	Division J .....Shorthorn
Division E .....Charolais	Division K .....Maine-Anjou
Division F ... Simmental Influence	Division L .....Other Breeds*

\*Must have breed registration papers

### CLASS

- Junior heifer calves, calved between Jan. 1, 2026 and after  
*Junior Heifer Calf Champion*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion*.....Ribbon
- Senior heifer calves, calved between Sept. 1 & Dec. 31, 2025  
*Senior Heifer Calf Champion*.....Ribbon  
*Senior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion*.....Ribbon
- Late summer yearling heifer, calved between May 1 & Aug. 31, 2025  
*Intermediate Heifer Champion*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Intermediate Heifer Champion*.....Ribbon
- Junior yearling heifers, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
- Junior yearling heifers, calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2025  
*Junior Champion Heifer*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Junior Champion Heifer*.....Ribbon
- Senior yearling females, calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024  
*Senior Champion Female*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Senior Champion Female*.....Ribbon  
*Grand Champion Female*.....1st Place Cash Premium  
*Reserve Grand Champion Female (Champion and Reserve Champions competing)*.....½ of 1st Place Cash Premium
- Cow-Calf (any female older than the above ages with a calf at side)
- Junior bull calves, calved between Jan. 1, 2026 and after  
*Junior Bull Calf Champion*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Junior Bull Calf Champion*.....Ribbon
- Senior bull calves, calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025  
*Senior Bull Calf Champion*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion*.....Ribbon
- Late summer yearling bulls, calved between May 1 & Aug. 31, 2025  
*Intermediate Champion Bull*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull*.....Ribbon
- Junior yearling bulls, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
- Junior yearling bulls, calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2025  
*Junior Champion Bull*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Junior Champion Bull*.....Ribbon
- Senior yearling bulls, calved Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2024  
*Senior Champion Bull*.....Ribbon  
*Reserve Senior Champion Bull*.....Ribbon  
*Grand Champion Bull*.....1st Place Cash Premium  
*Reserve Grand Champion Bull (Champion and Reserve Champions competing)*.....½ of 1st Place Cash Premium
- Get of Sire.....½ of 1st Place Cash Premium
- Jr. Get of Sire.....½ of 1st Place Cash Premium  
 (3 animals, one sire, both sexes competing)

## OPEN BEEF SHOW - MARKET CLASSES

### DIVISION M

Monday, July 20 – 3:00pm

Entry Fee: \$7 per class plus \$20 per head for bedding

- All breeds are eligible for competition.
- No age or breed designation will be used for the determination of classes.
- All market animals must be weighed Sunday, July 20 at 2pm for the open show.
- No re-weighing of animals.
- Market animals will be divided into classes by weights.

### Premiums for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place of Class 16 & 17:

40.00	31.00	21.00	16.00	11.00	11.00
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### Premiums for 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> place of Class 18 - 29:

75.00	50.00	38.00	23.00	20.00	11.00	8.00	5.00
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### CLASS

- Market Heifers
- Group of 3 from weigh lots, owned by exhibitor.
- Purebred Steers -
 

18. Angus	24. Limousin
19. Hereford	25. Red Angus
20. Gelbvieh	26. Chiangus
21. Simmental	27. Shorthorn
22. Charolais	28. Maine-Anjou
23. Simmental Influence	29. Other Breeds*

\* must be papered and each breed must have a minimum of 5 head exhibited.

- Weight classes

### Premiums for Overall:

<i>Grand Champion</i> .....	\$800
<i>Reserve Champion</i> .....	\$500
<i>3rd</i> .....	\$200
<i>4th</i> .....	\$125
<i>5th</i> .....	\$75

## JUNIOR BEEF SHOW - DIVISION N

Wednesday, July 22 - 8:00am

Entry Fee: \$11 per animal

- Open to youth not older than 21 by October 1, 2025. **Do not need to be a point show member to participate.**
- Registration papers must be presented to the beef superintendent and must be in the youth's or ranch's name.
- Arrival date for those only entering this show is Tuesday, July 21 by 11am
- Departure date: Wednesday, July 22 6pm (unless staying for 4-H or FFA beef show)
- 2025 Heifers & 2024 Fall Heifers only, no cow/calf pairs or 2026 calves.
- Entry deadline: July 5, 2026. Any Jr. Steers that were not shown in the open show will be weighed after Goats and Sheep on Tuesday, July 21 at 12:30pm.

### CLASS

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| 1. Limousin       | 6. Maine-Anjou    | 11. Simmental       |
| 2. Gelbvieh       | 7. Shorthorn      | 12. Simm-influenced |
| 3. Commercial     | 8. Shorthorn Plus | 13. Angus           |
| 4. Charolais      | 9. Hereford       | 14. Market Heifers  |
| 5. Chi-influenced | 10. Red Angus     | 15. Market Steer    |

## JUNIOR BREED ASSOCIATION SHOWS

CONTACT YOUR ASSOCIATION ADVISOR TO ENTER THESE SHOWS.

### ND JUNIOR SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION SHOW

1. Exhibitors must be a Jr. under the age of 21 as of the show date.
2. Animals must be registered in their family or ranch name.
3. Classes will be split in Purebred, Shorthorn Plus and Steer divisions.
4. Showmanship classes will follow the show with Jr. (ages 14 & under) and Sr. (ages 15-21) divisions.
5. Entry fee of \$10 per head.
6. Premiums will vary depending on entries.

*For more information or to enter contact:*

*Jaci Cargo 701-516-7857 or Preston Cargo 701-721-0343*

### ND JUNIOR LIMOUSIN ASSOCIATION SHOW

**Tuesday, July 21 – 9:00am**

1. Animals shown must be owned by the member, family or ranch.
2. Member can belong to the Junior Association up to the age of 21.
3. All animals must be shown by North Dakota Junior Limousin Association members.
4. The show is a “No-glue” show.
5. Showmanship will be judged separately immediately following the show. Therefore, Junior members may participate in showmanship without showing in the open Junior Limousin show.
6. Purebred: Animals competing in this division must be orange papered and 75% Limousin or above.
7. LimFlex: Animals competing in this division must be purple papered Lim-Flex.

*For more information or to enter contact:*

*Maria Effertz: 701-626-2226*

### ND CHAROLAIS JUNIOR STEER & HEIFER SHOW

**Tuesday, July 21 - 9:30am**

1. Exhibitors must be a ND Jr. Charolais Association Member in good standing of current year. Dues are \$10/year.
2. The purebred and composite heifers will be split into their respective shows. Composite heifers must be registered as 50% or higher.
3. Steers must be 50%

*For more information or to enter contact: Lacey Kreft 701-537-3119*

### JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW

**Tuesday, July 21 – 10:00am**

Premium provided by ND Jr. Angus Association & Sponsors. No entry fee or bedding charge for animals entered in 4-H, FFA, or Open Class. \$25 Entry Fee

\*Must be member of ND Jr. Angus Association.

*For more information or to enter contact:*

*Madison Sundsbak Helms: 701-509-9157.*



### ND JUNIOR RED ANGUS ASSOCIATION STATE SHOW

**Tuesday, July 21 – 11:30 am**

1. Entry fees are \$25/animal entered.
2. Participants must attend the ND Junior Red Angus Association Meeting which will be held on Sunday at 12:00 pm on the ND State Fairgrounds prior to the ND Junior Red Angus Association State Show. Location will be announced.
3. Must be a member of the ND Junior Red Angus Association. Members may pay dues at the meeting.
4. Category 1A and 1B heifers, bulls and/or market animals must be registered in the junior member's name or family herd.
5. Commercial heifers and market animals must be sired by a Red Angus bull or be out of a Red Angus cow and be red or red baldy in color. Market classes will be divided into registered market and non-registered market animals.
6. Classes will be made after entries are received.
7. Showmanship classes will be judged separately.
8. The show is a “No glue” show.
9. Heifer grant recipients will receive \$750 credit towards the 2026 ND Red Select Sale if they win Grand or Reserve Overall Registered Female at this show.
10. Premiums and awards provided by the ND Junior Red Angus Association. Premiums are as follows: Division Grand Champions \$300; Division Reserve Champions \$200.
11. Look on the ND Red Angus Association website [www.ndredangus.org](http://www.ndredangus.org) for class descriptions and entry forms. (Please email entry forms to [heartrivergenetics@yahoo.com](mailto:heartrivergenetics@yahoo.com) by July 15)

*For more information contact:*

*ND Junior Red Angus Advisors*

*Annette Steffan, 701-290-9745,*

*Sara Lee, 701-240-7765,*

*Shaye Wanner 701-516-0077*

### ND JUNIOR SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION SHOW

**Tuesday, July 21 - 1:00pm**

The following rules apply:

1. Exhibitor must be a ND Jr Simmental member in good standing of current year. Membership dues are \$10/year.
2. Junior members are those that are 21 years of age or younger as of January 1 of the current year.
3. There will be two shows: one for purebred simmentals and one for % simmentals (registered 50% or higher) for heifers and steers.
4. Animal must be registered in the junior member's name or family membership.
5. Classes will be made after entries are received.
6. Entry fee is \$10 per head.
7. Showmanship classes will follow the show for two age divisions— one for junior division (ages 14 & under) and one for senior division (ages 15-21).
8. Premiums will vary depending on number of classes.
9. Look on the North Dakota Junior Simmental Association Facebook page or [www.northdakotasimmental.com](http://www.northdakotasimmental.com) website for entry forms.
10. Entry forms must be submitted before July 10, 2026.

*For more information or to enter contact a Junior Advisor:*

*Kim Myers: 701-308-1018 or [gkmyers@outlook.com](mailto:gkmyers@outlook.com)*

*Derek & Jen Sys: 701-509-5870 or [dj.sys@hotmail.com](mailto:dj.sys@hotmail.com)*

### ND CLUB CALF ASSOCIATION

**Tuesday, July 21 – 3:30pm**

Exhibitors must have purchased steers or heifers from current club calf association members. For a list of current members contact Richard Koski at 701-400-3669 or [koski@bektel.com](mailto:koski@bektel.com). Prize money will be paid out on both steers and heifers.

# Department 102 - Dairy

Superintendent: Rachel Howie (701)290-8166

## RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARN:

- **Barns will be locked until 1am on Tuesday, July 21.** Exhibitors may unload tack at 1am, however, no animals will be able to be unloaded until 7am after vet checks. No early arrivals or releases.
- Straw will be available for purchase.
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8.
- Superintendents will stall cattle after vet checks.
- Minimum milk collection facilities and equipment will be provided. Note: there is no market for milk produced during this event, so no revenues will be paid for milk collected. Nonetheless, the public is watching, so be sure to use best management practices as if the milk was being collected for food use. All exhibitors using these facilities are expected to keep the area and equipment spotless.
- **No fans, fan stands, or butt fans of any type will be allowed in the barn aisles.**
- See page 14 for Health Regulations
- See page 6 for General Rules & Information

## RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on ndstatefair.com. For a step-by-step, please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will be listed on the show program and receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. Any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office **prior** to fair or at **Gate F** during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- Stalls will be forfeited if the number of animals entered requires additional room for stalling.
- All animals shown in group or herd classes must be entered in single animal classes. When making entries, be sure to list breed of animal. Animals must be exhibited under the officially recorded owner's name or farm name.
- Registered, identified, and grade animals allowed. Registration papers must be available for review. Registration, DHIA or other records must be used for group class entries; the honor system will be used for birth dates in single animal classes for grade animals if papers are not available.
- If five paid entries in one breed have not been received by check-in deadline, livestock will be required to show in the other breeds division.
- All dairy cattle must have a USDA 840 **official** ear tag, written tags will not be permitted.

## *Dairy Barn Schedule -*

*Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival*

*\*Absolutely no dairy will be allowed to unload their animals before 7:00am on Tuesday, July 21*

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Open Class Dairy <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Tuesday - 7/21 - 1:00am for tack, 7:00 am for animals	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
4-H & FFA Dairy <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Tuesday - 7/21 - 1:00am for tack, 7:00 am for animals	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 3-6pm Time varies on distance from Minot
ND State Dairy Show <b>Only</b>	Tuesday - 7/21 - 1:00am for tack, 7:00 am for animals	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - concluding the show

## *Dairy Show Schedule*

<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Open Class Show*	Thursday - 7/23 - 8:00am	Gooseneck Arena
4-H/FFA Show*	Friday - 7/24 - 8am	Gooseneck Arena
Kiddie Calf Show	Saturday - 7/25 - 10:00am	Gooseneck Arena
ND State Dairy Show*	Saturday - 7/25 - 11:00am	Gooseneck Arena

*\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.*



# OPEN DAIRY SHOW

**Thursday, July 23 - 8:00am**

Entry Fee: \$6 per head in single animal classes; \$6 per group in multiple animal classes. Tack stalls (5 feet wide) are \$10 each.

### Sliding Premium Schedule

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1-4	\$118.07	\$102.07	\$86.07	\$80.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
5-8	\$141.07	\$118.07	\$107.07	\$94.07	\$84.07	\$80.07
9+	\$151.07	\$128.07	\$113.07	\$103.07	\$94.07	\$84.07

*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026*

### Show order for 2026:

The show will begin at 8 a.m. starting with all heifer divisions shown by class within breed, followed by all cow divisions by class for each breed. Breed order (rotated every year)

**Open Class:** Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Other Breeds, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey

Division A.....Ayrshires	Division E.....Jersey
Division B..... Brown Swiss	Division F.....Milking Shorthorn
Division C..... Guernsey	Division G.....Other Breeds
Division D..... Holsteins	

### The Herdsman Award

Awarded to an exhibitor of dairy cattle, is based on neatness and general appearance of the exhibit, as well as the exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy throughout the exhibition period.

### CLASS

1. Spring Heifer Calf - March 2026
2. Winter Heifer Calf - Dec. 2025 - Feb. 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calf - Sept. 2025 - Nov. 2025
4. Summer Yearling Heifer - June 2025 - Aug. 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer - March 2025 - May 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer - Dec. 2024- Feb. 2025
7. Fall Yearling Heifer - Sept. 2024 - Nov. 2024
  - Grand Champion Junior Female..... Rosette*
  - Reserve Champion Junior Female..... Rosette*
8. Junior Best Three Heifer Group..... ½ Cash Premium  
(Non-freshened, all bred & owned by one exhibitor)
9. Unfreshened Junior 2-year-olds (June, July, Aug. 2024 ONLY)
10. Junior 2-year-old cow (in milk) - March 2024 - Aug. 2024
11. Senior 2-year-old cow (in milk) - Sept. 2023 - Feb. 2024
12. 3-year-old cow - Sept. 2022 - Aug. 2023
13. 4-year-old cow - Sept. 2021 - Aug. 2022
14. 5-year-old cow - Sept. 2020 - Aug. 2021
15. Aged Cow - 6 years and older
16. Dry Cow – all ages (must have record) ..... ½ Cash Premium
  - Grand Champion Senior Female..... Rosette*
  - Reserve Champion Senior Female..... Rosette*
  - Best Udder Award..... ½ Cash Premium*  
(Judge will declare best udder in each milking class)
  - Champion of Breed (both Jr. & Sr. Champions)..... Rosette*
  - Reserve Champion of Breed..... Rosette*  
(Consists of both Junior and Senior Champions & Reserves)
17. Daughter/Dam..... ½ Cash Premium
18. Senior Best of 3
19. Herd of Five ..... ½ Cash Premium  
(2 senior females, 2 junior females and one any age)
  - Supreme Overall Female Junior..... Banner*
  - Supreme Overall Female Senior..... Banner*  
(Judge declares winner after all breeds have shown & milked out)

## Special Feature! Kiddie-Calf Show

**July 25, 2026**

**10:00 AM - Gooseneck Arena**

**The State Dairy Show Association invites all youth from any urban or rural background who is NOT in a 4-H or FFA project AND younger than 8 years of age to show a calf!**

***This is a one-of-a-kind event is open to the public and free of charge!***

**A calf will be provided! Each child will have an opportunity to have their picture take with the calf and receive a trophy sponsored by Hogerville Dairy, New Salem, ND**

# 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ND STATE DAIRY SHOW

Saturday, July 25 - 11:00am

- Entries close July 6 at 5pm.** Late entries may be requested after that deadline, but the entry fees double (\$10 per head).
- Note:** Entry fees are \$5 per head and MUST accompany all pre-registration entry forms. This includes a \$5 fee for each group class entered. Entry forms are available electronically from [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com).
- Note:** No limit on the number of entries in any one class from any one exhibitor. Premium payout will be issued up to the first six places regardless of the number of entries per class.
- No stall fee (in addition to the State Fair fee) is required, but stall space is subject to forfeiture if additional stalls are required for show animals. In lieu of stall fees, all exhibitors are required to purchase a daily gate pass.
- Eligibility: North Dakota breeders only.** Registered and breed approved identified (I.E.) cattle. No grade or crossbreed animals allowed. Proof of ownership shall accompany the registration certificate and be presented at registration prior to show. Registration and I.E. identification must accompany all animals. If registration is not in hand, breed association evidence of ownership and identity of animal must accompany these exhibits. DHIA or other records are also required for certain classes.
- Animals must be exhibited under the breed association's officially recorded owner or farm name.
- All animals entered in group classes must have been registered and exhibited in the appropriate individual classes. State Dairy Show breed divisions and classes are listed in this document.
- Syndicated or **partnership** cows must be owned by North Dakota breeders. Exception, if partially owned by out of state interests, exhibitor must provide evidence of enrollment in a North Dakota DHIA testing program. Syndicate animals must have a letter from the Breeders Association stating all owners of the exhibit.
- Substitution:** A previously entered animal may be replaced by a substitution in the same division, but only if the substitution is made on or before entry day and owned by the exhibitor.
- Refunds:** No refunds issued for animals scratched after printing of show catalogs, on entry day, or during the show.
- Animal health regulation and well-being:** Refer to General Livestock Health Requirements.
- Minimum milk collection facilities and equipment will be provided. Note: There is **no market** for milk produced during this event, so no revenues will be paid for milk collected. Nonetheless, the public is watching, so be sure to use best management practices as if the milk was being collected for food use. All exhibitors using these facilities are expected to keep the area and equipment spotless.
- Since this event does **NOT** include a youth show, youth are encouraged to compete in State Fair, 4-H or FFA events. However, no additional State Dairy Show premium will be issued to youth to supplement 4-H/FFA placing.
- Release:** Early release by special arrangement only. See Fair Management for arrangements. Any animals leaving before official release time will forfeit all premiums, no exceptions.
- Note:** All barns are locked and secured according to ND State Fair regulations, listed elsewhere in the book, sorry no exceptions.
- For vehicle passes, see official open class documentation in this booklet.

### Supreme Awards (all breeds):

- Supreme Heifer – All Breeds Jr. Champions
- Supreme Best Udder – All Breeds, (milked out at judge's request)
- Supreme Cow - All Breeds Sr. (milked out at judge's request)
- Supreme Producing Cow – All Breeds, DHIA records

### Premier Awards (all breeds):

- Premier Exhibitor – from top 6 placing, owned/shown
- Premier Breeder – from top 6 placing, bred/shown

### Show order for 2026:

The show will begin at approximately 11:00am starting with all heifer divisions shown by breed, followed by all cow and group divisions breed. Jr. & Sr. Supreme Champions & Premier Awards to conclude the show.

**State Dairy Show:** Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Guernsey

Division A.....Ayrshires  
 Division B.....Brown Swiss  
 Division C.....Guernsey  
 Division D.....Holstein  
 Division E.....Jersey  
 Division F... Milking Shorthorn

### CLASS – Description of the ages, groups, and champion classes

- Spring heifer calf, born March 1 - May 31, 2026
- Winter heifer calf, born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
- Fall heifer calf, born September 1 - November 30, 2025
- Summer yearling heifer, born June 1 - August 31, 2025
- Spring yearling heifer, born March 1 - May 31, 2025
- Winter yearling heifer, born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
- Fall yearling heifer, born September 1 - November 30, 2024  
*Jr. Champion Female, 1st place from Classes 1-7*  
*Reserve Jr. Champion Female, 2nd from remaining*
- GROUP: Jr. Best three females, all bred & 1 owned by exhibitor
- Un-freshened Jr. two-year-old, limited to June 1 - August 31, 2024 only
- Jr. two-year-old cow (in milk), born March 1 - August 31, 2024
- Sr. two-year-old cow (in milk), born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2024
- Three-year-old cow, born September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023
- Four-year-old cow, born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
- Five-year-old cow, born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
- Aged cow, six years or older, born before August 31, 2020
- Dry cow, all ages (must have record)  
*Sr. Champion Female, Classes 11-18*  
*Reserve Sr. Champion Female, 2nd from remaining*  
*Best udder award, from Classes 12 - 17 (in milk)*  
*Overall Grand Champion Female, Classes 8, 9, 21, 22*  
*Overall Reserve Champion Female, 2nd from remaining*
- Daughter/Dam, dam with offspring of any age
- Produce of Dam, 2 siblings any age
- Get of Sire, 3 females offspring of one sire
- Senior Best 3 females, 2 years and over; all bred and 1 owned
- Dairy Herd, 5 females; minimum 2 junior and 2 senior females  
*Grand Champion Female, Classes 8, 9, 19, & 20*  
*Reserve Grand Champion Female, from remaining*

Scale of Points										
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Unfreshened, Jr. Females & Dry Cows	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Sr. Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Premiums for the State Dairy Show						
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6
Unfreshened & Jr. Females	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4
Milking Sr. Females	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
Dry Cows	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$15	\$12	\$6
Group Classes, Jr.	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4	\$0
Group Classes, Sr.	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$5	\$0
Breed Champions	Rosette					
Supreme Champions	Plaque					
Premier Awards	Plaque					

# ND State Dairy Show Entry Form

Ranch or Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: 58 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature (if Jr. Exhibitor): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have reviewed and accept the rules established by the ND State Dairy Show in the premium list. Premium payment cannot be made to an exhibitor who does not furnish a social security number or federal I.D. number. I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event. A separate copy may be obtained on request from the show organizer.

Check here if exhibitor is under 21 years of age

*\*Duplicate pages as necessary  
for all entries*

Class #	Animal's Date of Birth	Name of Animal Registered or I.E. Certificate	Registration or Tattoo Number	Name of Breeder	Sire's Name & Dam's Name	Sire's Reg. # & Dam's Reg. #	Entry Fee

**OFFICE USE ONLY** Total Entries: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Head: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed entry to:  
 North Dakota State Dairy Show, Attn: Kim Ledger  
 9904 Kerry Lane, Bismarck, ND 58503  
 Email: cledger@bis.midco.net

# Department 103 - Swine

Superintendent: Brian Zimprich (701)799-2648

## Swine Show Schedule

<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
4-H/FFA Show*	Thursday - 7/23 -2:00pm	Main Expo Ring
Open Class Show*	Friday - 7/24 - 8:00am	Main Expo Ring
Junior Show*	Saturday - 7/25 - 10:30am	Main Expo Ring

\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.

## Swine Barn Schedule

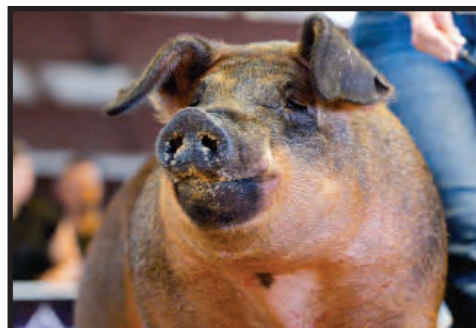
*Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival*

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Open Class <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 9:00-11:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
4-H & FFA <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 9:00-11:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 Time varies on distance from Minot
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
Junior Show <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 9:00-11:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
Top of Dakota <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 9:00-11:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		

You may begin weighing hogs at 10:00am. The deadline to declare your weight is 4:00pm, however, please bring weigh cards to the superintendent at your earliest convenience. Please see rules for full explanation.

### **RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARN:**

- No early arrivals or releases. Swine may arrive on Monday, July 20 from 9:00pm - 11:00pm or Tuesday, July 21 from 7:00am - 11:00am.
- Swine exhibitors must check in with swine superintendent upon arrival for pen assignments.
- Wood chips for bedding will be available for purchase.
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8
- Due to limited space, pigs will be stalled by the number of head entered. If you have pigs that cannot be stalled together, you will have to make arrangements for those animals in the pens allotted to you. This may mean bringing your own portable panels to split pens. There will be no tack pens allowed unless room permits.
- **Fan Policy: No fans, fan stands, or butt fans of any type will be allowed in the barn aisles.**
- See Page 14 for Health Regulations
- See Page 6 for General Rules & Information



**RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on ndstatefair.com. For a step-by-step, please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will be listed on the show program and receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. Any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office **prior** to fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- If five paid entries in one breed have not been received by check-in deadline, livestock will be required to show in the other breeds division.
- Specify special stalling needs on entry forms. Late entries have no stall guarantees.
- When filling out entry form, be sure to list breed. All breeding animals must have association registration papers. Animals must be exhibited in the officially recorded owner's name.
- Breeding swine classes will have a maximum class size of 15 head. If a class exceeds 15 head, the registered classes will be split by date of birth and the grade classes will be split by weight.
- Junior yearling sows shall have farrowed and suckled a litter or show ample evidence of carrying a litter at the time of exhibition.
- All hogs must have a USDA 840 **official** ear tag (not just a metal clip), written tags will not be permitted.

**DECLARATION OF WEIGHT PROCEDURES:**

- The Swine Show will operate under a Declare Your Weight process for market animals (Market Gilts, Purebred Barrows, Crossbred Barrows) as well as Crossbred Breeding Gilts. This means each exhibitor will be responsible for weighing his or her own hogs during the weigh-in period on Tuesday, July 21. The weigh-in period will run from 10am until 3pm. Weight cards will be available Tuesday morning for exhibitors to pick up to record their pig's weight and other required information. The cards will be in duplicate form. **In 2026, you will turn in a separate weigh card for each show that pig is entered in. Since the shows are spread out throughout the week this allows exhibitors to turn in weights for pigs showing at the end of the week that should reflect their pigs weight gain while at the fair.** The top copy of each card will be turned into your respective superintendent while the duplicate copy should be retained by the exhibitor for their records. Required information will be the exhibitor's name; 840 tag number and ear notch number; whether the animal is a purebred or crossbred barrow breeding or market gilt; breed and pig weight. All weight cards must be submitted to the appropriate superintendents by 4pm on Tuesday, July 21. If weight cards are not turned in by the 4pm deadline, those animals will not be eligible to show in their respective shows.
- Along with the Declare Your Weight, a weigh-back is required for each of the shows. It is the judges discretion on how many hogs will be weighed after the minimums have been reach for each show to determine if they are eligible to return for the overall drive. If a pig does not weigh within the allotted plus/minus 15-pound weight allowance, it will not receive a placing for that class and will not be eligible for champion/reserve market hog competition. The next pig in the lineup will move up in class and be called to the scale for a weight check.
- Following the weigh-in time period and declaration of weight, the show management will determine the splitting of the classes according to the weight distribution and number of animals, with no more than 15 in a group. Class weight breakdowns will be posted.

**OPEN SWINE SHOW  
PUREBRED BREEDING CLASSES**

**Friday, July 24 - 8:00am**

Entry Fee: \$7 per head

*Breeding Divisions and Classes:*

Division A.....Poland China	Division F.....Spotted
Division B.....Chester White	Division G.....Duroc
Division C.....Berkshire	Division H.....Landrace
Division D.....Hampshire	Division I.....Hereford
Division E.....Yorkshire	Division J.....*Other Breeds

*\*Must have breed registration papers*

**Sliding Premium Schedule**

**Divisions A-K, except Grand and Reserve Classes**

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
9+	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9
7-8	\$26	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$10		
5-6	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$9				
3-4	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$9						
1-2	\$11	\$8								

*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.*

**CLASS**

1. Junior yearling sow, January 1 to June 30, 2025
2. Senior sow, July 1 to November 30, 2025
3. December gilts, farrowed during December 2025
4. January gilts, farrowed during January 2026
5. February gilts, farrowed during February 2026
6. March gilts, farrowed on or after March 1 and before July 1, 2026  
*Grand and Reserve Senior Champion Female*  
*Grand and Reserve Junior Champion Female*  
*Grand Champion Female - \$50*  
*Reserve Champion Female - \$25*

**OPEN SWINE SHOW - GRADE GILT  
DIVISION K**

*Declaration of weight procedures will be utilized for the grade gilts*

**CLASS**

13. Grade Gilt, 385 lbs or less.  
*Grand Champion Grade Gilt - \$50*  
*Reserve Champion Grade Gilt - \$25*

**Selection of Supreme Champion Female**

**Friday, July 24 -After Division K**

Those eligible will be the Champion Female of each breed. A banner will be awarded to the Supreme Champion Female. If an exhibitor has Champion Female of a breed, all of the exhibitors pigs must remain on the Fairgrounds until after the selection of Supreme Champion Female.

**The Herdsman Award**

Awarded to an exhibitor of swine, is based on neatness and general appearance of the exhibit, as well as the exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy throughout the exhibition period.

## OPEN SWINE SHOW - MARKET CLASSES DIVISION L

Entry Fee: \$7 per head

- Barrows & gilts will be shown separately with the exception of class 15 where they will be shown together.
- All breeds and crossbreeds eligible.
- Base date for age – December 1, 2025.
- Weight classes to be established by show superintendent.
- The classes shall be determined based upon weight at the discretion of the superintendent utilizing natural breaks or a maximum class size of 15.
- Champion and Reserve Barrows will show against Champion and Reserve Gilts for overall market hog.

### CLASS (220 lbs or less)

15. Prospect Pig\*    35.00   26.00   21.00   16.00   11.00

\*Not Eligible for Classes 16-27

### CLASS (min 221 lbs & max 300 lbs)

16. Market Gilts            35.00   27.00   22.00   17.00   12.00   7.00   2.00  
Purebred Barrows

35.00   27.00   22.00   17.00   12.00   7.00   2.00

- \*Barrows must have registration papers.
- Minimum of 5 paid entries by entry deadline and a minimum of 5 head exhibited in the show.
- If a breed does not meet minimum, they will show in other breeds and class will be split by weight.

17. Poland China	22. Spotted
18. Chester White	23. Duroc
19. Berkshire	24. Landrace
20. Hampshire	25. Hereford
21. Yorkshire	26. *Other Breeds

27. Market Barrows    35.00   27.00   22.00   17.00   12.00   7.00   2.00

*Grand Champion Overall.....\$800*  
*Reserve Champion Overall.....\$500*  
*3rd Overall.....\$200*  
*4th Overall.....\$125*  
*5th Overall.....\$75*

### Champion Purebred Barrow

A Belt Buckle will be awarded to the Champion Purebred Barrow  
In Memory of Nick Germann.



## JUNIOR MARKET HOG SHOW - DIVISION M

**Saturday, July 25 - 10:30am**

Entry Fee: \$7 per head

1. **You do not have to be a point show member to participate.** This show is open to all youth not older than 21 by Oct. 1, 2025.
2. Declaration of Weight procedures will be used from the Open, 4-H and FFA weigh-ins.
3. The class champions will compete for division champion, then division champions will compete for overall champion.
4. There will be no more than 15 animals to a class.

### CLASS

28. Registered Breeding Gilt – Poland China
29. Registered Breeding Gilt – Chester White
30. Registered Breeding Gilt – Berkshire
31. Registered Breeding Gilt – Hampshire
32. Registered Breeding Gilt – Yorkshire
33. Registered Breeding Gilt – Spotted
34. Registered Breeding Gilt – Duroc
35. Registered Breeding Gilt – Landrace
36. Registered Breeding Gilt – Hereford
37. Registered Breeding Gilt – Other Breeds
38. Crossbred Breeding Gilt
39. Market Gilts
40. Purebred Barrow- Poland China
41. Purebred Barrow- Chester White
42. Purebred Barrow- Berkshire
43. Purebred Barrow- Hampshire
44. Purebred Barrow- Yorkshire
45. Purebred Barrow- Spotted
46. Purebred Barrow- Duroc
47. Purebred Barrow-Landrace
48. Purebred Barrow- Hereford
49. Purebred Barrow- Other Breeds
50. Market Barrow

**The National Spotted Swine Record, Inc.** (Box 9758, Peoria, IL 61612. Phone: 309-691-0151) will award \$50 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Barrow if won by a Spotted Barrow from a recorded litter, providing the owner furnishes the Association with the litter number, picture and story of said barrow

**The Poland China Record Association** (Box 9758, Peoria, IL 61612. Phone 309-691-0151) offers \$50 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion barrow over all breeds if they are from a recorded Poland China litter, and a picture of the winning entry is provided:

**The Chester White Swine Record Association** (Secretary, Box 9758, Peoria, IL 61612. Phone: 309-691-0151) offers \$50 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion barrow if won by a Chester White from a recorded litter, providing the owner furnished the Association with the litter number and a picture and story of said barrow.

**Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc and Landrace:** The National Swine Registry, 2639 Yeager Rd., West Lafayette, Indiana, 47906, is a consolidation of the American Yorkshire Club, American Landrace Association, Hampshire Swine Registry, and United Duroc Swine Registry.

**The National Swine Registry** offers \$100 to the owners of the Grand Champion Barrow overall breeds in the on-foot show provided the barrow is a registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, or Yorkshire, and is from a recorded litter. The owner must provide proof of registration and a picture to receive their award.

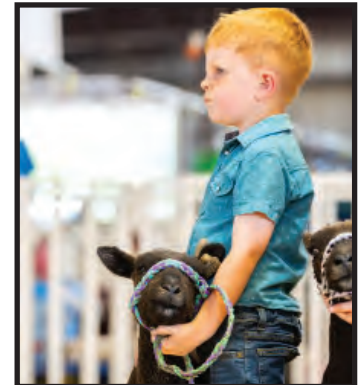
All award winners must submit proof of registry and supply appropriate picture to the National Swine Registry within 60 days of the show to receive their award.

# Department 104 - Sheep

Superintendent: Brian Zimprich (701)799-2648

## RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARN:

- Barns will be locked until 3pm on Thursday, July 16. **No early arrivals or releases.**
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8
- Exhibit animals will not be muzzled while on the Fairgrounds.
- Sheep will be stalled by number of head brought. Tack or fitting pens will not be allowed unless room permits.
- **No fans, fan stands, or butt fans of any type will be allowed in the barn aisles.**
- See Page 14 for Health Regulations
- See Page 6 for General Rules & Information



## *Sheep Show Schedule*

<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Decorator's Class & Ladies Leadline	Sunday - 7/19 - 12:00pm	Main Expo Ring
Corriedale - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 8:00am	Main Expo Ring
Columbia - Open Show	Following Corriedales	Main Expo Ring
Southdown - Open Show	Following Columbias	Main Expo Ring
Babydolls - Open Show	Following Southdowns	Main Expo Ring
Rambouillet - Open Show	Sunday - 7/19 - 1:00pm	Main Expo Ring
Lincoln- Open Show	Following Rambouillets	Main Expo Ring
Natural Color - Open Show	Following Lincolns	Main Expo Ring
AOB Wool - Open Show	Following Natural Color	Main Expo Ring
Crossbred - Open Show	Following AOB Wool	Main Expo Ring
Horn Dorset - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 8:00am	Main Expo Ring
Dorset - Open Show	Following Horn Dorset	Main Expo Ring
AOB Meat- Open Show	Following Dorset	Main Expo Ring
Hampshire - Open Show	Following AOB Meat	Main Expo Ring
Suffolk - Open Show	Following Hampshire	Main Expo Ring
Supreme Ram & Ewe Selection - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 1:00pm	Main Expo Ring
Market Lambs - Open Show	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00pm	Main Expo Ring
4-H/FFA Show*	Wednesday - 7/22 - noon	Main Expo Ring
Jr. Point*	Friday - 7/24 - 4:00pm	Main Expo Ring

*\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.*

*Also, please be aware all breed shows are contingent on receiving five paid entries in the breed before entry deadline.*

## Sheep Barn Schedule

*Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival*

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Corriedale	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Columbia	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Southdown	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Rambouillet	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Lincoln	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Horn Dorset	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Natural Color	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Babydoll	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - AOB Meat	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - AOB Wool	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Crossbred	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Dorset	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Hampshire	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Suffolk	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon	Monday - 7/20 - 2:00pm
Open Sheep <b>Only</b> - Market Lambs	Thursday - 7/16 - 3:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - noon (weigh in 7/20 at 10:00am)	After the Conclusion of the Show
4-H, FFA, or Jr. Point <b>Only</b> Sheep	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh in - 7/21 at 12:30pm following Goats)	Saturday - 7/25 Time varies on distance from Minot
Jr. Point <b>Only</b> Sheep	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh in - 7/21 at 12:30pm following Goats)	After the Conclusion of the Show
Any open Sheep showing on <b>7/19</b> and staying for 4-H, FFA, or Jr. Point	Friday - 7/17 - 7:00am	Saturday - 7/18 - 4:00pm	Can leave at 6pm on the day of their last show
Open Breeding Sheep showing on <b>7/20</b> and staying for 4-H, FFA, or Jr. Point	Friday - 7/17 - 7:00am	Sunday - 7/19 - 1:00pm	Can leave at 6pm on the day of their last show

## **RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com). For a step-by-step please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. For any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office **prior** to the fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after that day by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- If five paid entries in one breed have not been received by check-in deadline, livestock will be required to show in the other breeds division.
- Specify special stalling needs on entry forms. Late entries have no stall guarantees.
- Base date for age is September 1. All animals must have association registration papers, presented at the time of check-in.
- Animals may be shown in only one breed. Only two entries in the individual rings and one in the groups will be accepted from any exhibitor. Any class containing over 24 head shall be split by birth date.
- Animals must be exhibited in the officially recorded owner's name. Get of Sire should be listed under one person's name, even though the animals may be owned by other individuals.
- All animals must have an **official** ear tag (scrapie tag), written tags will not be permitted.

## **SHEPHERD'S LEAD CLASS**

**Sunday, July 19 - 12:00pm**

The objective of this class is to present the sheep and wool industry in an attractive manner, giving spectators an opportunity to view the sheep and participants in a fashionable presentation. Entrants must have a sheep background and/or an interest in sheep or wool and be at least 10 years of age. The entrants will be judged on the garment worn, which must be constructed of at least 60% wool and may be purchased or made, and also the presentation of the sheep with the contestant during the show. The garment will be judged on fit, style, attractiveness, and appropriate use of wool while adding elegance to the class. Entrants will participate in individual, personal interviews with the judges regarding general knowledge of the sheep and wool industry and garment construction. Entrants are encouraged to construct their own garments. Entrants must also furnish a blanket for their sheep to wear during this class. A total of 20 points will be available during the judging process.

Up to 10 points available on the knowledge and presentation of the sheep and up to 10 points available for the garment, its construction, fit, style, and appropriate use of wool. Out of the 10 points available for the garment, each contestant that constructs their own garment will automatically be awarded 2 points of the 10 possible points in this area.

There are three divisions for this class:

- Junior Division: ages 10 to 15
- Intermediate Division: 16 to 21 years
- Senior Division: 22 years and above

### Premiums

1st .....	\$60	2nd .....	\$50
3rd .....	\$40	4th.....	\$30
5th.....	\$20	6th.....	\$10

All contestants will also be awarded ribbons.  
Please contact Karla Bredahl with any questions.

## **DECORATOR'S CLASS**

**Sunday, July 19 - 12:00pm**

The Decorator Class is a special class open to children through the age of 9 years. These children will lead a sheep decorated in any manner and need not wear a wool costume. The Decorator Class gives children the chance to be imaginative and promote the Sheep Industry. Adult assistance is permissible in the Decorator Class. Characters of all kinds are seen in this class.

The Decorator Class will follow the Lead Class.

The Decorator Class will be divided into two divisions: individuals and groups of two or more. Entrants may be in one division, but not both. A \$10.00 premium will be awarded to each individual that participates in the Decorator Class.

Rules regarding the sheep used in these special classes:

- The Sheep used in either the Lead Class or Decorator Class must be registered and/or shown in the Open Class Sheep Show, 4-H, or FFA Shows.
- The sheep must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to lead at halter. An entrant may be sponsored by an exhibitor at State Fair and does not need to own the animal.
- To aid the producers of the classes in making a script, please send a short resume, including your outfit description, to: North Dakota State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702
- Participants in these contests need to have their scripts to the coordinators of the class by 8:30 am on Sunday, July 19, or they will not be allowed to participate.



### **The Herdsman Award**

Awarded to an exhibitor of sheep, is based on neatness and general appearance of the exhibit, as well as the exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy throughout the exhibition period.

### **Premier Exhibitor**

Awarded to an exhibitor of sheep, is based on the premium dollars won

## OPEN SHEEP SHOW - BREEDING CLASSES

Sunday, July 19 & Monday, July 20 - 8:00am

Entry Fee: \$4 per head

### Sliding Premium Schedule

#### Individuals

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
9+	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9
1-8	\$26	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$10		

#### Groups

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1-9	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	
10+	\$24	\$21	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026

Division A.....Southdown	Division H.....Columbia
Division B.....Dorset	Division I.....Natural Color
Division C.....Horn Dorset	Division J.....AOB Meat
Division D.....Hampshire	Division K.....AOB Wool
Division E.....Suffolk	Division L.....Lincoln
Division F.....Corriedale	Division M.....Babydoll
Division G.....Rambouillet	Division N.....Crossbred

#### CLASS

- Ram, one year and under two
- Pair of yearling rams
- Fall ram lamb (Sept. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2025)
- Spring ram lamb (Jan 1-31, 2026)
- Spring ram lamb (Feb. 1, 2026 and after)
- Pair of ram lamb  
*Champion and Reserve Champion Ram ..... \$50/25*
- Ewe, one year and under two
- Pair of ewes, one year and under two
- Fall ewe lamb (Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025)
- Spring ewe lamb (Jan. 1-31, 2026)
- Spring ewe lamb (Feb. 1, 2026 and after)
- Pair ewe lambs  
*Champion and Reserve Champion ewe..... \$50/25*
- Exhibitors Flock, to consist of one ram, any age, two ewes, one year and under two; and two ewe lambs
- Get of Sire, to consist of four animals, any age, both sexes, bred by an exhibitor and the get of one sire



## OPEN SHEEP SHOW - MARKET CLASSES DIVISION O

Monday, July 20 - 4:00pm

Entry Fee: \$7 per head

The classes shall be determined based upon weight at the discretion of the superintendent utilizing natural breaks or a maximum class size of 12.

**All market lambs must be slick shorn the entire body by weigh-in on Monday, July 20.**

**CLASS:** 90 lbs. minimum

- Market wethers (non-wool breed wethers), under 1 year old  
\$30.00 \$22.00 \$17.00 \$12.00 \$7.00 \$3.00
- Wether lambs (wool breeds wether class)  
Columbia, Rambouillet, and Corriedale  
\$30.00 \$22.00 \$17.00 \$12.00 \$7.00
- Ewe lamb (wool and non-wool breeds)  
\$30.00 \$22.00 \$17.00 \$12.00 \$7.00 \$3.00
- Pair of market lambs, under 1 year  
\$30.00 \$22.00 \$17.00 \$12.00 \$6.00

*Grand Champion Overall.....\$800*  
*Reserve Champion Overall.....\$500*  
*3rd Overall.....\$200*  
*4th Overall.....\$125*  
*5th Overall.....\$75*

### Selection of Supreme Champion Ewe & Ram

Monday, July 20 - 1:00pm

Those eligible will be the Champion Ewe and Ram of each breed. A banner will be awarded to the Supreme Champion Ewe and Ram. If an exhibitor has Champion Ewe or Ram of a breed, the whole flock must remain on the Fairgrounds until after the selection of Supreme Champion Ewe and Ram drive.



# JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW - DIVISION P

**Friday, July 24 - 4:00pm**

Entry Fee: \$7 per head

The Junior show is open to youth not older than 21 by Oct. 1, 2025. **You do not have to be a point show member to participate.**  
The class champions will compete for division champion, then division champions will compete for overall champion.

**CLASS**

- 13. Yearling Ewe - Corriedale
- 14. Fall Ewe - Corriedale
- 15. Spring Ewe - Corriedale
- 16. Yearling Ewe - Rambouillet
- 17. Fall Ewe - Rambouillet
- 18. Spring Ewe - Rambouillet
- 19. Yearling Ewe - Southdown
- 20. Fall Ewe - Southdown
- 21. Spring Ewe - Southdown
- 22. Yearling Ewe- Horn Dorset
- 23. Fall Ewe- Horn Dorset
- 24. Spring Ewe- Horn Dorset
- 25. Yearling Ewe - Dorset
- 26. Fall Ewe - Dorset
- 27. Spring Ewe - Dorset
- 28. Yearling Ewe - Hampshire
- 29. Fall Ewe - Hampshire
- 30. Spring Ewe - Hampshire
- 31. Yearling Ewe - Suffolk
- 32. Fall Ewe - Suffolk
- 33. Spring Ewe - Suffolk
- 34. Yearling Ewe - Columbia
- 35. Fall Ewe - Columbia
- 36. Spring Ewe - Columbia
- 37. Yearling Ewe - Natural Color
- 38. Fall Ewe - Natural Color
- 39. Spring Ewe - Natural Color
- 40. Yearling Ewe - AOB Meat



- 41. Fall Ewe - AOB Meat
- 42. Spring Ewe - AOB Meat
- 43. Yearling Ewe - AOB Wool
- 44. Fall Ewe - AOB Wool
- 45. Spring Ewe - AOB Wool
- 46. Yearling Ewe - Babydoll
- 47. Fall Ewe - Babydoll
- 48. Spring Ewe - Babydoll
- 49. Yearling Ewe - Commercial\*
- 50. Fall Ewe - Commercial\*
- 51. Spring Ewe - Commercial\*
- 52. Yearling Ewe - Wether Dam\*\*
- 53. Fall Ewe - Wether Dam\*\*
- 54. Spring Ewe - Wether Dam\*\*
- 55. Market Ewe Lamb
- 56. Market Wether Lamb



\*Fitted - Non-Papered  
\*\* Slick Shorn - Non-Papered



**THE NORTH DAKOTA LAMB AND WOOL  
PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**  
will award...

**\$150 to the Champion Overall Breeding Ewe  
AND  
\$100 to the Reserve Champion Overall Breeding  
Ewe in the ND Junior Sheep Show**

Visit [www.ndsheep.org](http://www.ndsheep.org) for information on  
becoming a member or email [NDLWPA@gmail.com](mailto:NDLWPA@gmail.com)  
for membership form

# *Journey with Dakota Wool*

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**  
**Expo Barn**  
**11:00am - Wool Show**

The Wool Show promotes wool production and encourages the continuous improvement of wool quality in the United States.

## **Eligibility:**

1. Entry fee is \$2 per fleece - payable when fleece is delivered to the Expo Barn by 10am Sunday, July 19, 2026
2. Fleeces are to be in a clear plastic Bag
3. Fleece must be shorn in 2025 or 2026
4. Fleece may only represent one year growth (12 months)
5. Exhibitors may enter multiple fleeces per class
6. Fleeces are to be picked up by the exhibitor by 5pm Sunday, July 19, 2026

## **Classes:**

- |                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Corriedale  | 5. AOB Fine Wool   |
| 2. Columbia    | 6. AOB Medium Wool |
| 3. Rambouillet | 7. AOB Course Wool |
| 4. Targhee     |                    |

**Prizes Sponsored by:**  
**North Dakota Lamb & Wool**  
**Producers Association**

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**For more information contact:**

**Joana Friesz**  
**(701) 400-8744**  
**frieszlivestock@gmail.com**

**Or**  
**David Brown**  
**(701)840-7598**

# **MUTTON BUSTIN'**

**MUTTON BUSTIN' WILL BE THE  
OPENING ACT TO THE RANCH RODEO**

**JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**STARTING AT 6:30PM  
IN THE ALL SEASONS ARENA**



**BRAVE KIDS AGES 4-6 ARE INVITED  
TO TRY THEIR HAND AT RIDING SHEEP**

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026**

**REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE AT**

**WWW.NDSTATEFAIR.COM**

# Department 105 - Rabbits

Superintendent: Jana Costa (701)263-5313

## Rabbit Barn Schedule

*Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival*

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
ARBA Show <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Friday - 7/17 - 8:00am	Friday - 7/17 - 6:00pm	After last show
Open Class <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
4-H & FFA <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 Time varies on distance from Minot
Top of Dakota <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm

*\*If in ARBA shows and Open Class show, you may leave Wednesday 7/22 at 6:00pm*

## Rabbit Show Schedule

<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
ARBA*	Saturday - 7/18 - 9:00am	Rabbit Barn
ARBA*	Sunday - 7/19 - 9:00am	Rabbit Barn
Open*	Wednesday - 7/22 - 2:00pm	Rabbit Barn
4-H/FFA	Thursday - 7/23 - 3:00pm	Rabbit Barn

*\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.*

### **RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- Entries will close July 6 at 5pm. Our online entry system can be found on ndstatefair.com. For a step-by-step please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will be listed on the show program and receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. Any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office prior to fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees.
- **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- Entries will not be accepted when ear number tattoo, breed and variety, color or broken color is not noted on entry.
- All entries must be made in the name of the exhibitor and must be bona fide property of the exhibitor.
- Rabbits must meet minimum Jr. weight per ARBA standard and be at least 10 weeks of age to be placed in the bunny barn.
- Youth may not show the same animal in 4-H & FFA, but may show the same rabbit in the open show.
- All rabbits must have a legible tattoo to show in the open show.
- Open class exhibitors may exhibit more than one animal per division and class, but can only receive one premium per division and class. Animals in pens or pairs cannot show as individuals and individuals cannot show in pairs or pens. Those shown in breed classes cannot show in market classes and those shown in market classes cannot be shown in breed classes.
- Specify special stalling needs on entry forms. Late entries have no stall guarantees. Entries once registered must stay at the Fair until release time or will forfeit premiums.
- All entries are subject to inspection by the North Dakota State Fair, and must be paid in full at the time entry is made.
- The State Fair reserves the right to make substitutions when necessary.
- You must be present to show and bring your rabbit to the judging table. Entries must be on the show table by third call to avoid possible elimination from the contest.
- This open show will be governed by the latest ARBA rules.

## **RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARN:**

- The Fair will furnish cages, feed, water, and bedding for rabbit exhibits. Exhibitors are asked to furnish water cups and feed cups. Exhibitors must furnish their own padlocks for cages if they need to be locked. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and cleaning of their own rabbits daily while on exhibit. The bunny barn will be locked and secured from 8pm to 8am.
- Check the bulletin board in the Rabbit Barn for any changes in schedules. Show order will be posted.
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8.
- No early arrivals or releases. Release time will be 6pm on Saturday, July 25. Removal of open class animals before 6pm on departure day will result in forfeiture of all premiums.
- Rabbits will be inspected after they are caged. Please see Page 14 for Health Regulations.
- See page 6 for General Rules & Information

## **ARBA SANCTIONED SHOWS**

**Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19 - 9:00am**

Entry Fee: \$3 per head per show



### **Saturday, July 18**

Show 1 Open and Youth  
Show 2 Open and Youth  
Show 3 Open and Youth

### **Sunday, July 19**

Show 1 Open and Youth  
Show 2 Open and Youth  
Show 3 Open and Youth

#### **Show Rules:**

1. This show will be governed by the latest ARBA rules.
2. All rabbits must be permanently and legible tattooed.
3. All exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to the show table when breed is called.
4. After the third call if an entry is not on the judging table it will not be judged.
5. Judges have the right to refuse to judge an animal not true to breed.
6. State Fair reserves the right to substitute judges.
7. Awards, remark cards, and ribbons must be picked up at the show.
8. All entries must be in owner's names - no rabbitry names.
9. Not responsible for loss due to accident, theft, or vandalism. Every precaution will be taken to prevent any of these occurrences.
10. Exhibitors need not be members of ARBA to show in sanctioned shows.
11. Arrival date: Friday, July 17. Departure date: After last show unless staying for open show on Wednesday.
12. Substitutions in same sex and class up until 8 a.m. day of show.

### **Sliding Premium Schedule**

	<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>
<i>1-6 entries</i>	\$7.50	\$7.25	\$6.75
<i>7+ entries</i>	\$10.00	\$7.00	\$6.50
<i>Meat Pens</i>	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026*

Best of Show and Best Opposite are awarded at judge's discretion.  
Only Best of Breed winners are eligible for Best of Show awards.



# OPEN RABBIT SHOW

Wednesday, July 22 - 2:00pm

Entry Fee: \$2 per head

## Purebred - Divisions

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 6A American            | 4F Dwarf Hotot         |
| 6B American Chinchilla | 4G English Angora      |
| 6C Argentine Brun      | 4H English Spot        |
| 6D Beveran             | 4I Florida Whites      |
| 6E Californian         | 4J French Angora       |
| 6F Champagnes D'Argent | 4K Harlequin           |
| 6G Checkered Giant     | 4L Havana              |
| 6H Cinnamon            | 4M Himalayan           |
| 6I Creme D'Argent      | 4N Holland Lop         |
| 6J English Lop         | 4O Jersey Wooly        |
| 6K Flemish Giant       | 4P Lilac               |
| 6L French Lop          | 4Q Mini Lop            |
| 6M Giant Chinchilla    | 4R Mini Rex            |
| 6N Giant Angora        | 4S Netherland Dwarfs   |
| 6O Hotot               | 4T Polish              |
| 6P New Zealand         | 4U Rex                 |
| 6Q Palomino            | 4V Rhinelander         |
| 6R Satin               | 4W Satin Angora        |
| 6S Silver Fox          | 4X Silver Martin       |
| 6T Any Other           | 4Y Silvers             |
| 4A American Fuzzy Lop  | 4Z Standard Chinchilla |
| 4B American Sable      | 4AA Tans               |
| 4C Belgian Hare        | 4BB Thrianta           |
| 4D Brianni Petite      | 4CC Mini Satin         |
| 4E Dutch               | 4DD Lion Head          |
| 4EE Czech Frosty       | 4FF Dwarf Papillon     |

## CLASS

1. Senior Buck over 8 months
2. Senior Doe over 8 months
3. Intermediate Buck 6-8 months
4. Intermediate Doe 6-8 months
5. Junior Buck 3-6 months old
6. Junior Doe 3-6 months old

ARBA standards will be followed in determining class classifications for each breed. (6 class breeds may have pre-junior and intermediate lots; 4 class breeds have only junior and senior lots). Weights and ages, will be determined by ideals for breed according to ARBA standards.

## Division BB - Market Class

### CLASS

7. Individual fryer, 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs, under 70 days
8. Pen of three fryers, 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs, under 70 days
9. Individual roaster, 5 ½ - 9lbs, under 6 months
10. Individual stower, 8 lbs, over 6 months



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### Membership Dues:

**Adult:** \$20 per year or \$50 for 3 years  
**Youth:** \$12 per year or \$30 for 3 years  
**Combination Husband/Wife:** \$30 per year or \$75 for 3 years  
**Single Adult Family:** \$20 plus \$5 per youth per year or \$50 plus \$10 per youth for 3 years  
**Husband/Wife Family:** \$30 per year plus \$5 per youth or \$75 for 3 years plus \$10 per youth

**Sanction Fees:** \$25 pen, \$25 Youth



## The Herdsman Award

Awarded to an exhibitor of rabbit, is based on neatness and general appearance of the exhibit, as well as the exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy throughout the exhibition period.

# Department 106 - Boer Goats

Superintendent: Kadey Klain (701)535-1226

## Boer Goat Barn Schedule

*Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival*

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Junior Goat Show <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00 - 9:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh-in @ 4pm)	After the conclusion of the show
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
Open Class <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00 - 9:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh-in @ 4pm)	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
4-H & FFA <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00 - 9:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am (weigh-in upon arrival)	Saturday - 7/25 Time varies on distance from Minot
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
Top of Dakota <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00 - 9:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		

## Boer Goat Show Schedule

<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Junior*	Wednesday- 7/22 - 4:00pm	Gooseneck Arena
4-H/FFA*	Friday - 7/24 - 12noon	Gooseneck Arena
Open*	Saturday - 7/25 - 2:00pm	Gooseneck Arena
Top of Dakota*	Saturday - 7/25 - 4:00pm	Main Expo Ring
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday - 7/23 - 10:00am	Main Expo Ring

*\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.*

*Also, please be aware all breed shows are contingent on receiving five paid entries in the breed before entry deadline.*

### **RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARN:**

- All goats must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. No early arrivals or releases. Removal of goats before 6pm on the closing day of the Fair will result in forfeiture of all premiums
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8.
- **Fan Policy:** No fans, fan stands, or butt fans of any type will be allowed in the barn aisles.
- Exhibitor is responsible for providing divider panels if necessary to separate animals.
- Specify special stalling needs on entry forms. Late entries will have no stall guarantees. No exhibitor will be granted a "tack stall" until all animals are housed and if room is available.
- Straw and woodchips will be available for purchase.
- Please see Page 14 for Health Regulation.
- Please see Page 6 for General Rules & Information.



## **RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com). For a step-by-step please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will be listed on the show program and receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. Any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office prior to fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- The open show is an official ABGA Sanctioned Show and their rules shall govern.
- Base date for age is July 6, 2026. Only two entries in the individual rings will be accepted from any exhibitor. Premiums are paid on only 2 entries per class. Any class containing over 24 head shall be split by birthdate.
- All animals must have association registration papers. Photocopies will not be accepted.
- All registration papers must be presented when the animals are checked in at the Expo Barn Office. All goats must be entered into ABGA herd book by the opening day of the ND State Fair to be shown in Division A or B. All goats in Division A or B must be correctly tattooed and all ID numbers, name and tattoo information must be included on Fair registration papers or given at registration.
- All animals must have an **official** ear tag (scrapie tag), written tags will not be permitted.
- Animals must be exhibited in the officially recorded owner's name. Get of Sire to be listed under one person's name, even though the animals may be owned by other individuals.

### ***Rule 1400: Sanctioned Show Rules***

#### **Eligibility of Animals**

- I. All goats must be registered in the ABGA herd book by the date specified by the show.
- II. All goats entered into ABGA sanctioned shows must be registered with the ABGA in order to acquire Ennoblement points.
- III. Original registration certificates are required, except that a copy of a registration application, stamped with the date received by one of the listed associations, can be accepted for kids less than 3 months of age. Animals over the age of 3 months must have the original registration certificate in hand at time of show.
- IV. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. Call 1-888-USDA TAG (873-2824) or visit the following website for more information: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/)

#### **Entries**

- I. Any show receiving ABGA sanctioning shall be open to all ABGA registered Boer goats. Show Representatives may use their discretion and have the right to ban an individual if they consider it necessary for the good of the show.
- II. There should be no limit on the number of animals that can be entered in a class by an exhibitor, unless the sponsoring show deems this limit necessary.
- III. Any show limiting the number of entries in any way must state this in their rules.
- IV. ABGA sanctioned shows may not require animals to sell in a sale as a condition of participating in the show.
- V. When the original registration certificates are presented at check-in, registered name, ABGA registration number and tattoos of each animal must be recorded so that they may be displayed on the results that are turned in to the ABGA office
- VI. \*For further rules and regulations regarding ABGA sanctioned shows please refer to the ABGA web site

#### **Non-sanctioned Division D & E Rules**

##### **A. Animals not meeting ABGA Eligibility**

- I. Division D Commercial Does will be available for all Boer/Boer cross does that don't meet eligibility for Division A or B.
- II. Division A or B eligible does that are disqualified for a fault may immediately move to Division E.
- III. Classes for Division D will be based on weights rather than birth date, non-registered goats that have no proof of birthdate and therefore we will class animals according to weight. Classes will be determined and posted following weigh-in of animals.
- IV. Weigh-ins for open class meat goats (does and market animals) will take place upon arrival until Tuesday at 4pm. If you have an animal showing in either 4-H/FFA that weight will be accepted.



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Awarded to an exhibitor  
of goat, is based on neatness and general  
appearance of the exhibit, as well as the  
exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy  
throughout the exhibition period.



## OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW - BREEDING CLASSES

**Saturday, July 25 - 2:00pm**

Entry Fee: \$4 per class

### Sliding Premium Schedule

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1-2	\$11	\$8				
3-4	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8		
5+	\$22	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$12	\$10

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.

- Division A.....Percentage Does
- Division B.....Fullblood/Purebred Does
- Division C.....Percentage Bucks
- Division D.....Fullblood Bucks

### CLASS

1. 0 to under 3 months, after 4/6/2026
2. 3 to under 6 months, 1/6/2026 to 4/5/2026
3. 6 to under 9 months, 10/6/2025 to 1/5/2026
4. 9 to under 12 months, 7/6/2025 to 10/5/2025
  - Junior Division Champion.....Ribbon
  - Junior Division Reserve Champion.....Ribbon
5. 12 to under 16 months, 3/6/2025 to 7/5/2025
6. 16 to under 20 months, 11/6/2024 to 3/5/2025
7. 20 to under 24 months, 7/6/2024 to 11/5/2024
  - Yearling Division Champion.....Ribbon
  - Yearling Division Reserve Champion.....Ribbon
8. 24 to under 36 months, 7/6/2023 to 7/5/2024
9. 36 months plus
  - Senior Division Champion.....Ribbon
  - Senior Division Reserve Champion.....Ribbon
  - Breed Division Champion & Reserve Selection.....\$50/25
  - Overall Champion & Reserve Selection.....\$200/100

## OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW COMMERCIAL DOES - DIVISION D

### CLASS

10. Weight Class

## OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW MARKET GOATS - DIVISION E

### CLASS

11. Wether, any breed or crossbreed, born on or after 1/1/2026
12. Doe, any breed or crossbreed, born on or after 1/1/2026

### Market Animal Premiums

Grand Champion Overall.....	\$800
Reserve Champion Overall.....	\$500
3rd Overall.....	\$200
4th Overall.....	\$125
5th Overall.....	\$75

## JUNIOR GOAT SHOW - BREEDING CLASSES

**Wednesday, July 22 - 4:00pm**

Entry Fee: \$7 per head

1. The Junior show is open to youth not older than 21 by Oct. 1, 2025.  
**You do not have to be a point show member to participate.**
2. The same weights will be used from the Open, 4-H & FFA weigh-ins.

- Division F ..... Percentage Does
- Division G ..... Fullblood/Purebred Does

### CLASS

1. 0 to under 3 months, after 4/6/2026
2. 3 to under 6 months, 1/6/2026 to 4/5/2026
3. 6 to under 9 months, 10/6/2025 to 1/5/2026
4. 9 to under 12 months, 7/6/2025 to 10/5/2025
  - Junior Division Champion & Reserve Selection
5. 12 to under 16 months, 3/6/2025 to 7/5/2025
6. 16 to under 20 months, 11/6/2024 to 3/5/2025
7. 20 to under 24 months, 7/6/2024 to 11/5/2024
  - Yearling Division Champion & Reserve Selection
8. 24 to under 36 months, 7/6/2023 to 7/5/2024
9. 36 months plus
  - Senior Division Champion & Reserve Selection
  - Grand Champion.....Rosette
  - Reserve Grand Champion.....Rosette
  - Breed Division Champion & Reserve Selection.....\$50/25
  - Overall Champion & Reserve Selection.....\$100/50

## JUNIOR GOAT SHOW COMMERCIAL DOES - DIVISION H

### CLASS

10. Weight Class

## JUNIOR GOAT SHOW MARKET GOATS - DIVISION I

### CLASS

11. Wether, any breed or crossbreed, born on or after 1/1/2026
12. Doe, any breed or crossbreed, born on or after 1/1/2026



# Department 107 - Dairy Goats

Superintendent: Pat Bachmeier (701)833-0257

<b>Dairy Goat Barn Schedule</b>			
<i>Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival</i>			
<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Open Class <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00 - 9:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 - 6:00pm
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		
4-H & FFA <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Monday - 7/20 - 4:00 - 9:00pm	Tuesday - 7/21 - 11:00am	Saturday - 7/25 Time varies on distance from Minot
	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:00am		

<b>Dairy Goat Show Schedule</b>		
<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
4-H/FFA*	Wednesday - 7/22 - 9:00am	Gooseneck Arena
Open*	Thursday - 7/23 - 2:00pm	Gooseneck Arena
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday - 7/23 - 10:00am	Main Expo Ring

\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.

## **RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on ndstatefair.com. For a step-by-step please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will be listed on the show program and receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. Any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office prior to fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- If five paid entries in one breed have not been received by check-in deadline, livestock will be required to show in the other breeds division.
- Base date for age is July 6, 2026
- Only two entries in the individual rings will be accepted from any exhibitor. Premiums are paid on only 2 entries per class. Any class containing over 24 head shall be split by birthdate.
- All animals must have association registration papers. Photocopies will not be accepted. All registration papers must be presented when the animals are checked in at the Expo Barn Office. All entries must be made in the name of the exhibitor and must be bona fide property of the exhibitor.
- All animals must have an **official** ear tag (scrapie tag), written tags will not be permitted.
- Specify special stalling needs on entry forms. Late entries have no stall guarantees. No exhibitor will be granted a "tack stall" until all animals are housed and if room is available. Exhibitor is responsible for providing divider panels if necessary to separate animals.
- Youth may not show the same animal in 4-H & FFA, but may show the same animal in the open show.
- **Fan Policy: No fans, fan stands, or butt fans of any type will be allowed in the barn aisles.**

## **RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARN:**

- All goats must be penned by 11am Tuesday, July 21. No early arrivals or releases. Release time will be 6pm on Saturday, July 25. Removal of open class animals before 6pm on departure day will result in forfeiture of all premiums.
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8.
- This is an official ADGA sanctioned show and their rules shall govern. If you do not have a copy of Rules Governing the Conduct of Official Shows, write the North Dakota State Fair for a copy. This is a separately sanctioned Junior and Senior Show. In order to make the show run smoothly, the show order is subject to change.
- See Page 14 for Health Regulations.
- See Page 6 for General Rules & Information.

### **The Herdsman Award**

Awarded to an exhibitor of goat, is based on neatness and general appearance of the exhibit, as well as the exhibitor's cooperation and courtesy throughout the exhibition period.

# OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW

**Thursday, July 23 - 2:00pm**

Entry Fee: \$4 per class

Sliding Premium Schedule

<u>Individuals</u>	<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>6<sup>th</sup></i>	<u>Groups</u>	<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>1 or 2</i>	\$11	\$8					<i>2 or less</i>	\$13	\$11		
<i>3 or 4</i>	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8			<i>3 or more</i>	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$10
<i>5 or more</i>	\$22	\$17	\$15	\$13	\$12	\$10					

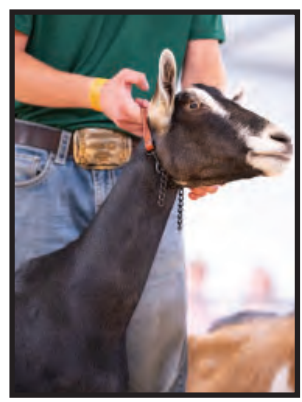
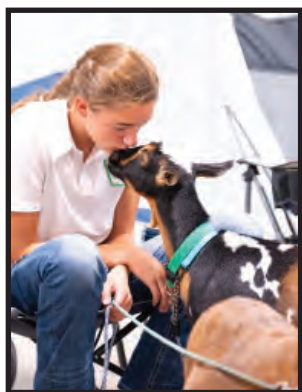
*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.*

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| Division A.....Nubian         | Division D.....All Other Purebred   |
| Division B.....Nigerian Dwarf | Division E.....Recorded Grades  |
| Division C.....Alpine         | Division F.....Non-Registered Commercial<br>(not part of the ADGA show, to be held after) |

**CLASS**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yearling Milkers (Any doe in milk born 7/6/24 or later)</li> <li>2. 2 Year Old (Born 7/6/23 - 7/5/24)</li> <li>3. 3 Year Old (Born 7/6/22 - 7/5/23)</li> <li>4. 4 Year Old (Born 7/6/21 - 7/5/22)</li> <li>5. 5 Years and Older (Born on or before 7/5/21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Senior Champion</i></li> <li><i>Reserve Senior Champion</i></li> <li><i>Overall Grand Champion Senior Doe</i></li> <li><i>Overall Reserve Champion Senior Doe</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Junior Doe Kid (Born 5/1/26 - 7/6/26)</li> <li>7. Intermediate Doe Kid (Born 3/1/26 - 4/30/26)</li> <li>8. Senior Doe Kid (Born 1/1/26 - 2/28/26)</li> <li>9. Dry Yearling (Born 7/6/24 - 12/31/25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Junior Champion</i></li> <li><i>Reserve Junior Champion</i></li> <li><i>Overall Grand Champion Junior Doe</i></li> <li><i>Overall Reserve Champion Junior Doe</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Junior Buck Kid (Born 1/1/26 - 7/5/26)</li> <li>11. Senior Buck Kid (Born 7/6/25 - 12/31/25)</li> <li>12. Yearling Buck (Born 7/6/24 - 7/5/25)</li> <li>13. Buck, 2 years and older (Born on or after 7/6/24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Senior Champion</i></li> <li><i>Reserve Senior Champion</i></li> <li><i>Overall Grand Champion Buck</i></li> <li><i>Overall Reserve Champion Buck</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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**Breed Division Champion & Reserve Selection.....\$50/25**  
**Overall Champion & Reserve Selection.....\$200/100**



# Department 108 - Poultry

Superintendent: Kayla & Eric Streete (701)721-6952

## Poultry Barn Schedule

*Check Veterinarian Schedule on Page 15 before arrival*

<u>Show</u>	<u>May Begin Arrival</u>	<u>Must Be In Place/ Check-In Deadline</u>	<u>Release Time</u>
Open Class <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Friday - 7/17 - 5:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - 8:00pm	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm
4-H & FFA <b>Only</b> - All Breeds	Friday - 7/17 - 5:00pm	Friday - 7/17 - 8:00pm	Monday - 7/20 - 6:00pm

## Poultry Show Schedule

<u>Show</u>	<u>Show Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
4-H/FFA*	Sunday - 7/19 - 8:00am	Poultry Barn
Open*	Sunday - 7/19 - 1:00pm	Poultry Barn

\*These are the shows start time, breed breakdowns will be available on the show program.

### **RULES REGARDING ENTRIES:**

- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.** Our online entry system can be found on ndstatefair.com. For a step-by-step please see page 12.
- Only entries received by the July 6 deadline will be listed on the show program and receive their passes in the mail, if any were requested. Any entry after the deadline that requested passes, the passes can be picked up at the NDSF office prior to fair or at Gate F during the fair.
- Entries may be made after the deadline by paying triple the normal fees. **Entries will not be received after 5pm on Friday, July 10.**
- Youth may show their animal in either 4-H or FFA, not both. They may show both in the open shows.
- When filling out entry form, remember that a “cock” or “hen” is a bird over one year. A “cockerel” or “pullet” is a bird under one year. A trio is one male and two females of the same breed and age. “Pens” are three-of-one kind listed. Birds entered as singles are not allowed to be entered as trios and vice versa. A bird may not be entered in more than one class. There is no limit to the number of entries per class.
- All entries must be made in the name of the exhibitor and must be bona fide property of the exhibitor.
- The superintendent may elect to use bands for identification and to re-classify birds at his discretion.
- The awarding of premiums will be by comparison. The premium paid and the ribbon to be placed on an exhibit will be left to the discretion of the judge.

### **RULES REGARDING SPECIE SCHEDULE & BARNES:**

- Birds are released Monday, July 20 at 6pm. Early withdrawal may result in premium forfeiture.
- Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Camper vehicle can park in assigned camping lot with appropriate pass. All vehicles used to transport livestock and/or RV's must have a valid auto pass. Vehicles without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes must be requested in advance of the first day of Fair, and will not be available at the gate. Livestock load/unload passes will be limited to one (1) per family and can be requested on the livestock entry form. These passes will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, please see page 8.
- No early arrivals or releases.
- The North Dakota State Fair will exercise all reasonable care of the exhibits and will not be responsible for loss by any causes.
- See Page 14 for Health Regulations.

### **Poultry Premium Schedule**

	<i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	
<b>ALL</b>	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50	
<b>BV</b>	Best of Variety			<i>Ribbon</i>
<b>RV</b>	Reserve Variety			<i>Ribbon</i>
<b>BB</b>	Best of Breed			<i>\$9.00</i>
<b>RB</b>	Reserve Breed			<i>\$7.00</i>
<b>BD</b>	Best in Division			<i>\$10.00</i>
<b>RD</b>	Reserve Division			<i>\$8.00</i>
<b>BOA</b>	Best Overall			<i>\$15.00</i>
<b>ROA</b>	Reserve Overall			<i>\$10.00</i>

*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026*

# OPEN POULTRY SHOW

Sunday, July 19 - 1:00pm

Entry Fee: \$1 per bird entered, or \$2 for trios and pens

Please enter the division letter, breed number, variety and class number so the show can be placed in the proper order for judging.

## Classes for Division A – L Chickens

*Class 1 Cock*  
*Class 2 Hen*  
*Class 3 Cockerel*  
*Class 4 Pullet*  
*Class 5 Old Trio*  
*Class 6 Young Trio*

## Classes for Division M – P Ducks

*Class 1 Adult Drake*  
*Class 2 Adult Duck*  
*Class 3 Young Drake*  
*Class 4 Young Duck*  
*Class 5 Old Trio (1 male, 2 females)*  
*Class 6 Young Trio (1 male, 2 females)*

## Classes for Division Q - S Geese

*Class 1 Adult Gander*  
*Class 2 Adult Goose*  
*Class 3 Young Gander*  
*Class 4 Young Goose*  
*Class 5 Old Trio*  
*Class 6 Young Trio*

### *Large Fowl*

#### **Division A - American Large Fowl:**

001 Jersey Giants  
002 Plymouth Rocks  
003 Rhode Island Reds  
004 Wyandottes  
005 Any Other American

#### **Division B - Asiatic Large Fowl:**

006 Brahmas  
007 Cochins  
008 Langshans

#### **Division C - English Large Fowl:**

009 Australorps  
010 Cornish  
011 Orpingtons  
012 Sussex  
013 Any Other English

#### **Division D - Mediterranean Large Fowl:**

014 Anconas  
015 Andalusians  
016 Leghorns dark  
017 Minorcas  
018 Sicilian Buttercups  
019 Any Other Mediterranean

#### **Division E - Continental Large Fowl:**

020 Campines  
021 Faverolles  
022 Hamburgs  
023 Polish  
024 Any Other Continental

#### **Division F - All Other Standard Breeds (AOSB):**

025 Ameraucanas  
026 Frizzles  
027 Naked Necks  
028 Phoenix  
029 Sumatras  
030 Any Other AOSB

### *Bantams*

#### **Division G - Modern Game Bantams:**

031 Brown Red  
032 Birchin  
033 Any Other Modern Game

#### **Division H - Old English Game Bantams:**

034 Black  
035 Black Breasted Red  
036 Blue  
037 Silver Duckwing  
038 Wheaten  
039 White  
040 Any Other Old English Game

#### **Division I - Single Comb Clean Legged Bantams (SCCL):**

041 Dutch  
042 Japanese  
043 Leghorn  
044 Naked Neck  
045 Orpington  
046 Plymouth Rock  
047 Rhode Island Red  
048 Any Other SCCL

#### **Division J - Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantams (RCCL):**

049 Belgian D'Anver  
050 Rose comb  
051 Sebrights  
052 Wyandottes  
053 Any Other RCCL

#### **Division K - All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams (AOCCL):**

054 Ameraucana  
055 Cornish  
056 Polish  
057 Sumatra  
058 Any Other AOCCL

#### **Division L - Feather Legged Bantams:**

059 Belgian D'Uccle  
060 Brahma  
061 Cochin  
062 Fizzles  
063 Silkies  
064 Any Other Feather Legged

#### **Division M - Heavy Ducks:**

065 Aylesbury  
066 Muscovy  
067 Pekin  
068 Rouen  
069 Saxony  
070 Silver Appleyard

#### **Division N - Medium Ducks:**

071 Cayuga  
072 Crested  
073 Swedish

#### **Division O - Light Ducks:**

074 Campbell  
075 Harlequin  
076 Magpie  
077 Runner

#### **Division P - Bantam Ducks:**

078 Call  
079 East Indie  
080 Mallard

#### **Division Q - Heavy Geese:**

081 African  
082 Embden  
083 Toulouse

#### **Division R - Medium Geese:**

084 American  
085 Pilgrim Sexlinked  
086 Saddleback Pomeranian  
087 Sebastopol

#### **Division S - Light Geese:**

088 Canadian Eastern  
089 Chinese  
090 Egyptian Colored  
091 Tufted Roman

### Classes for Division T: Turkeys

- Class 1 Old Tom*
- Class 2 Old Hen*
- Class 3 Young Tom*
- Class 4 Young Hen*
- Class 5 Pen of 3 Young Toms*
- Class 6 Pen of 3 Young Hens*

### **Division T - Turkeys:**

- 092 Beltsville Small White
- 093 Black
- 094 Bourbon Red
- 095 Bronze
- 096 Narrangansett
- 097 Royal Palm
- 098 Slate
- 099 White Holland

### **Division U - Any Other Misc. Fowl:**

- 100 Guineas
- 101 Peacocks
- 102 Pheasants
- 103 Quail
- 104 Other

### Classes for Division U:

#### Any Other Misc. Fowl

- Class 1 Old Male*
- Class 2 Old Female*
- Class 3 Young Male*
- Class 4 Young Female*

### **Division V - Fancy Pigeons:**

- 105 Standard Fantail
- 106 Indian Fantail
- 107 Modena
- 108 Toy Modena
- 109 Show Roller
- 110 Show Racing Homer
- 111 American Show Racer
- 112 Chinese Owl
- 113 Jacobin
- 114 Saxon
- 115 Oriental Frill
- 116 Classic Oriental Frill
- 117 Swing Pouter
- 118 Damascene
- 119 Valencia Figurita
- 120 Any Other Fancy

### Classes for Division V - X Pigeons

- Class 1 Old Cock*
- Class 2 Old Hen*
- Class 3 Young Cock*
- Class 4 Young Hen*

Pigeons can be reclassified by variety according to the number of entries per breed so please list the color also.

### **Division W - Performing Breeds:**

- 121 Racing Homer
- 122 Flying Roller
- 123 Parlor Roller
- 124 Parlor Tumbler
- 125 Tippler
- 126 Flight
- 127 Any Other Performing

### **Division X - Utility Breeds:**

- 128 American Giant Homer
- 129 Show King
- 130 Carneau
- 131 Giant Crest
- 132 Auto Sexing Texan
- 133 French Mondain
- 134 Any Other Utility



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#### SPECIAL MEET

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**A free listing plus a Bantam Buck is provided in the upcoming ABA Yearbook for all Best and Reserve of the seven bantam classes with a minimum of 25. Star pins will be awarded to all wins in classes of 100 or more.**

All wins in Classes of 100 or more will be denoted with a star \* and be retained in the ABA records to accumulate towards the Master Exhibitor, Master Breeder, and Lifetime Achievement awards.

Only ABA members are eligible to compete for the above awards.

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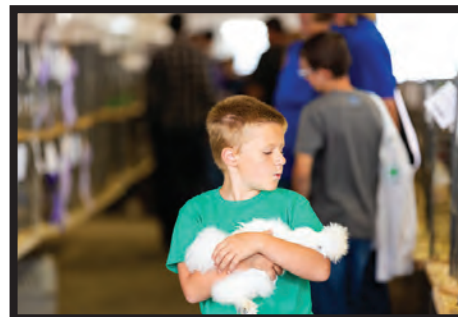
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Starred wins are earned in classes of 100 or more in the following:

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- Best and Reserve of Breed and Variety.
- Best Display when 7 or more bantam displays are shown
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A single bird is eligible for only one award and can earn only one starred win.

\*\*\*\*\*Awards are subject to change.\*\*\*\*\*



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## EXHIBITOR SWEATSHIRTS

**Free sweatshirt to all competitive entries:  
FFA, 4-H, Livestock,  
& Static**



Only the exhibitor may pick up their sweatshirt at the Redemption Center booth in the Magic Place Hall located in the State Fair Center between 10am & 4pm, July 17-25, 2026

# Static Exhibits Information

## STATIC EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

- Entries must be made online at [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com). All entries need to be filled out properly and given all information asked.
- **Entries will close July 6 at 5pm.**
- Please label each exhibit with division and class number, as well as exhibitor's name and contact information.
- All exhibitors are expected to read the IAFE Code of Ethics. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Those picking up exhibits on the last Saturday of the fair, must pay for gate admission.

## JUDGING/PREMIUMS:

- Judges will not act in any partial way toward any of the exhibits or exhibitors. Judges will not be allowed to have entries in a division where he/she is the judge.
- Any person who shall attempt to interfere with or influence the judges while in the discharge of their duties, or shall at any time on the grounds of the Fair use contemptuous or abusive language to any judge, or within the hearing, in consequence of any awards made by him, shall forfeit his right to any premiums he/she may have won, and may be excluded from the grounds. Judges are requested to report any infraction of this rule.
- Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.
- Premiums will be paid as soon as it is possible to check over the records and judge's report.
- Checks that are issued for premiums must be cashed promptly.
- Awards will be designated by proper colored cards and ribbons as follows: Blue for first, red for second, white for third, pink for fourth, yellow for fifth, green for sixth and purple for championships.
- State Fair has confirmed the intent of all premium sponsors, but assumes no guarantee of their commitment.
- Judges need not make awards in classes where competition is lacking
- In classes where there is but one entry, placing will be awarded at the discretion of the judge.

## SUPERINTENDENTS:

- Superintendents of the various departments will be designated by suitable badges and attire.
- Each superintendent will have full charge of his or her department with authority to select all assistants and helpers, unless otherwise provided, subject to approval of the management or directors.
- All claims and payrolls must be certified by the superintendent and filed with the Fair office.
- Each superintendent must take charge of the books and return same promptly to the secretary's office as soon as each class is judged. No changes will be allowed in the judges' books unless on order of the board. All orders for premiums must be made out and signed by the superintendent and countersigned by secretary before they will be honored.
- It shall be the duty of the superintendent at the close of the Fair to furnish a report in detail giving full information on exhibitors and entries entitled to special premiums, also give the number of exhibitors and entries in each class.
- The superintendent of each division will have charge of the exhibits in his/her division and of the assistants and attendants employed there. Requests and complaints should be made through the superintendent. Exhibitors should confer daily with the superintendents of their divisions.
- The superintendent of each department will have information as to the time and place at which judging will be done. Exhibitors will be expected to secure this information from the division superintendents.

## PROTEST:

- All protests must be made in writing within five hours to the management after the award has been made, it being considered that an award is made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered in the department award book.
- All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25 in the Livestock Department and \$10 in all other departments, which shall be returned to the complainant if sustained, and if the protest shall not be sustained, then said sum shall be forfeited.
- No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article, will be considered by the management or the board of directors.
- Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of facts relied upon by the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
- All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Governing Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

## NEW TO THE STATIC DEPARTMENT

We are excited to offer a theme for the entire static department for the 2026 fair as a way to celebrate America's 250th birthday! This year's theme is "Patriotic". Please view the class listing under the respective division to see if the theme class applies. After the department judging has taken place, we will pull all the first place exhibits that are entered in the theme classes. The first place themed exhibits will be placed in one display and we will title one exhibit as the "Best of Theme" Be creative! We can't wait to see what you come up with!

## NEW CLASS:

Don't throw those graduation caps away, you have a chance to receive premium dollars for it!

You can enter them under Department 111, Division H, Class 24

# Department 109 - Ag. Products

Superintendents: Hadley Magilke & Ashley Bachmeier

## Ag. Products Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
First Show	Thursday - 7/16 - 8am-12pm	Thursday - 7/16	Monday- 7/20 7-9pm
Second Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 8-11am	Tuesday - 7/21	Saturday - 7/25 - 10am-2pm

**Deadline for entries July 6, 2026.** Open class crops and gardens are shown in the Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

There are two shows, beginning Friday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 21, to ensure fresh displays.

**ENTRY FEE:** None

### WHO MAY ENTER:

- Any North Dakota resident — farmer, gardener or seed grower may be an exhibitor, but no person shall be permitted to enter more than one exhibit in any one class, nor shall members of the same family living on the same farm or household be permitted to compete in the same class. Exhibits must have been raised and owned by the person entering them.

### HOW TO ENTER:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com).
  - Variety should be listed with the name of each sample.** A gate pass for an auto, driver and one passenger, good for the necessary times and dates of entry and change-over only, will be provided. Abuse of this pass will result in discontinuation. Entries must be received by entry deadline to qualify for this pass. The any other crop/produce class in various sections is included to make provision for exhibiting other named crop/produce which are less commonly grown. All crop/produce in a given class competes with each other for places but will be judged on the basis of individual merit with respect to the particular crop/produce.

### DROPPING OFF:

- Exhibits may be mailed to the ND State Fair or brought to the 4-H Hall. The Fair management is not bound to take entries made after noon Thursday, July 16 for the first show and after 11am on Tuesday, July 21 for the second show. See special information governing show period for vegetables and garden produce.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- At judging ribbons will be attached, except the special information governing the second show period for vegetables and garden produce. Instructions on size of exhibits are given under each division. Follow these closely; exhibits of less than the required amount will not be considered for premiums. Treating entries with oil chemicals or processing in any way injurious to the exhibit is not permitted. The judges are instructed not to award premiums to entries unfit for the show or those incorrectly named.
  - This a Produce Show:** only high quality material should be exhibited. The show management reserves the right to reject any exhibits which are determined undesirable. 4-H and FFA Pure Seed members should make duplicate exhibits if they wish to enter open class.
  - Return of samples:** Exhibits may be picked up between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the last day of each show. After 9 p.m., they will be disposed of. Exhibits will be returned to the exhibitor at exhibitor's own expense if request is made before the close of the show.
    - The Fair reserves the right to color any sample. This will not injure the growing qualities of the sample, but is a precedent followed by all leading Fairs in the country. The show management will exercise reasonable precaution with all items but will not be responsible for loss of or mixture of samples. All exhibits must remain in place for each show as specified. Ribbons must remain on the exhibits during the entire show. All exhibits will become the property of the Fair unless claimed by 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25.
- Blue ribbon winners of the First Show or members of the same farm or household may not re-enter that a same class for the Second Show. Exhibitors are required to collect their own containers at the end of each show period in which they have exhibited.

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026

## DIVISION A - GRAIN & FORAGE BUNDLES

**To make small grain, grasses, and millet sheaves entered for seed production:** Select uniform high quality plants. Spread the grain plants out in a sheltered area and allow to dry for one day. Strip off all leaves, taking care not to break the straw in handling. Form a core of 30 to 40 stems, then place the other stems around the core to form a sheaf 7-9 inches in circumference (around) at a point halfway between the heads and the butt. Tie the bundle firmly in three places, using cord which will not cut the straw. Form the crown (heads) in a rounded shape by moving the core up and down. Cut off the butt squarely and hang the sheaf with heads down until exhibited.

**To make alfalfa and sweet clover sheaves entered for seed production:** Use same guidelines as for forage production; select stalks showing maximum seed development.

**To make a sunflower sheaf:** The entire plant should be shown with the leaves removed.

### Seed Production Sheaf

**Premiums: \$17.00 • \$15.00 • \$13.50**

#### CLASS

1. Any hard red spring wheat
2. Any Durum Wheat
3. Safflower
4. Any barley variety
5. Any oat variety
6. Any flax variety
7. Any rye variety
8. Millet for seed
9. Sweet clover for seed
10. Alfalfa for seed
11. Bromus for seed
12. Crested wheat grass for seed
13. Sunflower, 6 stalks
14. Canola
15. Any other crop seed

**To make a forage sheaf:** Select the leafiest types to be found in the field and cut close to the ground. Do not strip a single leaf or branchlet from the stem as forage should retain its color and leaves. In making up show bundles, select those individual stems that have retained the most and best leaves with their color. Make bundles from 3 to 5 inches in diameter (across) or 9.4 to 11 inches in circumference (around) tied securely once at a point 1/3 from the base, and tied a second time loosely once about halfway up to prevent spreading. Sheaves measuring under 9.4 inches in circumference will be disqualified. Corn, Sudan, Sorghum and Millet sheaves shall be tied three times at uniform spacing.

### Forage Production Sheaf

**Premiums: \$17.00 • \$15.00 • \$13.50**

#### CLASS

16. Crested wheat grass forage
17. Sudan grass forage
18. Corn forage, 6 stalks
19. Bromus forage
20. Alfalfa forage
21. Sweet clover forage
22. Sorghum forage
23. Millet forage
24. Any other variety forage

### The North Dakota Wheat Commission

on behalf of the North Dakota Wheat Producers and in recognition of outstanding wheat sample preparation, North Dakota Wheat Commission offers the following additional premiums for wheat and durum exhibits:



**1st - \$40    2nd - \$30    3rd - \$25**

## DIVISION B - FIELD CROPS & GRAINS

Grains, grasses, corn and legume exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor in the State of North Dakota in 2025 and 2026. Minimum requirements - grains, grasses, legumes or flax - one quart, corn - six ears. Variety name must be listed on classes 1-7.

**Premiums: \$17.00 • \$15.00 • \$13.50**

#### CLASS

- |  |                                 |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Any variety of HRS wheat            | 12. Yellow mustard              | 19. Sunflower (oil variety)           |
| 2. Any variety of durum wheat          | 13. Crested wheat grass         | 20. Sunflower (confectionery variety) |
| 3. Any variety of flax                 | 14. Other garden or field beans | 21. Field corn (shelled)              |
| 4. Malting barley                      | 15. Pinto beans                 | 22. Any variety of soybean            |
| 5. Feed barley                         | 16. Navy beans                  | 23. Safflower                         |
| 6. Any variety oats                    | 17. Winter wheat                | 24. Canola                            |
| 7. Any variety rye                     | 18. Millet                      | 25. Any other crop                    |
| 8. Alfalfa                             |                                 |                                       |
| 9. Sweet clover                        |                                 |                                       |
| 10. Brome grass                        |                                 |                                       |
| 11. Field corn (6 ears, husks removed) |                                 |                                       |

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## DIVISION C & D - VEGETABLES & FRUIT PRODUCE

- Vegetables must have been grown by the exhibitor in North Dakota in 2026. Exhibits must consist of that part of the plant commonly used for human consumption.
- An auto and one passenger pass, good for the necessary times and dates of entry and change-over only, will be provided for this year's Fair. Abuse of this pass will result in discontinuation for 2026. The gate at the NW end of the Fairgrounds and the door at the NW corner of the Theater shall be unlocked and manned for your delivery and pick-up convenience.
- There will be two show periods for this division

### DIVISION C - VEGETABLES

Vegetables will be judged on the following criteria: uniformity, maturity, correct number and preparation, full size, good color and shape, firm, free of damage by insects, disease or mechanical injury.

**Beans:** Exhibit 12 pods with calyx (stem).

**Beets:** May wash, tops one to one and one-half inches long, leave tap root. Exhibit six beets.

**Broccoli:** Over three inch head diameter, remove all leaves, head and stock six to eight inches long. Exhibit one head.

**Cabbage:** Do not peel excessively, leave layers of sound green outer leaves, but loose leaves should be removed. Trim root smooth with the base of the leaves. Exhibit one head.

**Carrots:** Top one to one and one-half inches long, may wash and leave tap root. Exhibit six carrots.

**Cauliflower:** Trim leaves even with outer edge of head, remove older leaves, cut stem 1" below base of the head. Exhibit one head.

**Celery:** Trim leaves uniformly, cut roots even with stock. Exhibit one plant.

**Cucumbers:** Wipe clean, leave half inch stem.

**Dill:** Trim to a four inch stem. Exhibit six, seed bearing heads tied together at 1" from the base.

**Eggplant:** One inch of stem attached. Exhibit one specimen.

**Garlic:** One inch stem, trim root to one inch of bulb. Exhibit six garlic.

**Kohlrabi:** Cut root off at base. Cut off all leaves to within approximately one and one half inches of the bulb. Exhibit three kohlrabi.

**Lettuce (head):** Trim older outer leaves, remove root. Exhibit one plant

**Muskmelons:** Stems removed, exhibit one melon.

**Onions (red, yellow, and white):** Remove all dead layers of skin, clean but do not wash, leave one to one and one-half inch stem; however, do not injure bulb, trim root to 1/4 inch. Exhibit six onions.

**Onions (green):** Remove outer covering on bulb, trim tops so overall length is six to eight inches, trim root 3/4 inch of bulb. Exhibit six onions.

**Parsnips:** Cut tops one to one and one-half inches, leave tap root. Exhibit three parsnips.

**Peas:** 12 pods with calyx (stem).

**Peppers:** Leave one-half to one inch stem. Exhibit three peppers.

**Potatoes (red, white or russet):** Brush or wipe off with soft cloth, can be washed but do not scrub. Exhibit six potatoes.

**Radishes (globe or icicle):** Leave one-half inch top growth and tap root. Exhibit six radishes.

**Rhubarb:** Trim so two inches of leaf blade remains attached to stalks, do not remove ends. Tie six stalks at each end and center. Exhibit one bunch.

**Rutabaga:** Cut tops to one to one and one-half inches, leave tap root. Exhibit three rutabagas.

**Squash, other:** Normal harvest size, leave stem, exhibit one.

**Summer Squash:** Zucchini type, maximum eight inches long, leave stem. Exhibit three.

**Sweet Corn:** Do not remove husks, trim silk to within one inch of top of husk, shank one to two inches long. Exhibit three ears.

**Swiss Chard:** Use three plants, trim older outer leaves, leave root, wrap root in wet paper and cover with plastic.

**Tomatoes:** Remove stems. Exhibit six larger fruits or 12 cherry types.

**Turnips:** Cut tops one to one and one-half inches, leave tap root. Exhibit three turnips.

**Watermelon:** One to one and one-half inch stem, exhibit one melon.

### DIVISION D - FRUITS

All fruits shown must be raised by the exhibitor in North Dakota and proof of the same may be required.

**All fruit classes:** remove stems except strawberries. Grapes should be displayed in clusters.



## Division C - Vegetables

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### 1st Show Class

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### 2nd Show Class

- 101. Beans - green pods 12 pods
- 102. Beans - wax pods 12 pods
- 103. Beets - 6 beets
- 104. Broccoli - 1 head
- 105. Cabbage - 1 head
- 106. Carrots - table 6 carrots
- 107. Cauliflower - 1 head
- 108. Celery - 1 plant
- 109. Cucumbers, slicing - 3 cucumbers
- 110. Cucumbers, pickling - 3 cucumbers
- 111. Dill - 6 seed heads
- 112. Eggplant - 1 specimen
- 113. Garlic - 6 bulbs
- 114. Kohlrabi - 3 bulbs
- 115. Lettuce, head - 1 head
- 116. Muskmelons - 1 melon
- 117. Onions, green - 6 onions
- 118. Onions, red - 6 onions
- 119. Onions, white - 6 onions
- 120. Onions, yellow - 6 onions

### 1st Show Class

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### 2nd Show Class

- 121. Parsnips - 3 roots
- 122. Peas, green pods - 12 pods
- 123. Peas, edible pods - 12 pods
- 124. Peppers, bell - 3 peppers
- 125. Peppers, others - 3 peppers
- 126. Potatoes, red - 6 potatoes
- 127. Potatoes, russet - 6 potatoes
- 128. Potatoes, white - 6 potatoes
- 129. Radish, globe - 6 radishes
- 130. Radish, icicle - 6 radishes
- 131. Rhubarb - 6 stalks
- 132. Rutabaga - 3 roots
- 133. Squash, summer - 3 squash
- 134. Squash, other - 1 squash
- 135. Sweet Corn - 3 ears
- 136. Swiss Chard - 3 plants
- 137. Tomatoes - 6 large
- 138. Tomatoes - 12 cherry
- 139. Turnips - 3 root
- 140. Watermelons - 1 melon
- 141. Any other Vegetable Reasonable amount
- 142. Theme Class- (See Static Information Page)

## Division D - Fruits

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### 1st Show Class

- 1.
- 2.
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### 2nd Show Class

- 101. Apples - 6 fruits
- 102. Cherries (all varieties) - 1 pint
- 103. Choke Cherries - 1 pint
- 104. Crabapples - 12 fruits
- 105. Gooseberries - 1 pint

### 1st Show Class

- 6.
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### 2nd Show Class

- 106. Juneberries - 1 pint
- 107. Plums - 12 fruits
- 108. Raspberries - 1 pint
- 109. Strawberries - 1 pint
- 110. Any other Fruit - Similar size as fruit above
- 111. Theme Class- (See Static Information Page)



# Department 110 - Plants & Flowers

Superintendents: Wanda Bachmeier & Karla Thompson

## *Plants & Flowers Schedule*

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
First Show	Thursday - 7/16 - 7:30-10:30 am	Thursday - 7/16	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7-9 am
Second Show	Tuesday - 7/21 - 7:30-10:30 am	Tuesday - 7/21	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8 pm
			Sunday - 7/26 - 10 am-2 pm

**Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026.** Open Class Plants & Flowers may be brought to Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center. There are two shows, beginning Friday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 21, to ensure fresh displays.

**ENTRY FEE:** None

### RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on ndstatefair.com.
- Only one entry may be made in any one class from any one family except for Any Other class, where exhibitors may enter three varieties or pots in this class.
- List variety and name. For size of planters, measure pot diameter at the top, edge to edge.
- Class numbers 1-102 are for the first show, class numbers 101-202 are for the second show.
- Blue ribbon winners of the First Show or members of the same farm or household may not re-enter that a same class for the Second Show. Also, if first show results in a ribbon, the same plant cannot be re-entered in the second show
- The superintendent in charge will see that all plants on exhibition are properly cared for during the time of the Fair, but will not be responsible for loss or injury.

### RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Entry tags will be mailed in advance of the first show so exhibitor can tag their own exhibits.
- The Fair management is not bound to take entries made after 10:30am Thursday, July 16 for the first show and after 10:30am on Tuesday, July 21 for the second show.
- A gate pass for an auto, driver and one passenger, good for the necessary times and dates of entry and change-over only, will be provided. Abuse of this pass will result in discontinuation for 2026. Entries must be received by entry deadline to qualify for this pass.
- Please enter the gate at the northwest end of the Fairgrounds; you may deliver and pick-up your entries through the FFA Hall.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Exhibitors must provide their own vases or other receptacles and place their exhibits in water or otherwise ensure their preservation. Foam only allowed in arrangements.
- **No exhibitors allowed in the hall during judging.**
- Authorized judges shall award ribbons and the decisions of these judges shall be final. Regardless of the number of entries in a division, prizes and ribbons will not be awarded to unworthy exhibits.
- One Best of Show ribbon will be awarded for each of the two shows.

### RULES ON PICKING UP:

- All exhibits will become the property of the Fair unless claimed by 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25.
- Exhibitors are required to collect their own containers at the end of each show period in which they have exhibited.
- All exhibits must remain in place for each show period. Ribbons must remain on exhibits during the entire show period

### SUGGESTIONS FOR

- o Remove buds
- o May have attached foliage and sufficient stems
- o Count the flowers, and do not crowd the flowers
- o Keep petals out of water
- o Use the right height and width of container for the arrangement.
- o Lythrum is illegal: do not use in arrangements.
- o Outdoor planters may have other plants Lot 96-99 & 196-199 only.

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.

## Division A - Annuals

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

1st Show Class	2nd Show Class	1st Show Class	2nd Show Class
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.	<input type="checkbox"/> 101. Bachelor Buttons, 8-12 blooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 22.	<input type="checkbox"/> 122. Petunias, singles, grandiflora, 5 blooms, over 2 -1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.	<input type="checkbox"/> 102. Bells of Ireland, 3 to 5 stems (Leave leaves on)	<input type="checkbox"/> 23.	<input type="checkbox"/> 123. Petunias, singles, multiflora, 5 blooms, 1 1/2 - 2- 1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.	<input type="checkbox"/> 103. Calendulas, singles/doubles, 5-7 blooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 24.	<input type="checkbox"/> 124. Petunias, doubles, grandiflora, 5 blooms, over 2- 1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.	<input type="checkbox"/> 104. Celosia, plumed or crested (cockscomb), 1 bloom	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.	<input type="checkbox"/> 125. Petunias, doubles, multiflora, 5 blooms, 2-1/2" across or less
<input type="checkbox"/> 5.	<input type="checkbox"/> 105. Cleome, 3-5 stems (Spider Flower)	<input type="checkbox"/> 26.	<input type="checkbox"/> 126. Petunias, Fantasy, miniature, 5 blooms, less than 1 1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 6.	<input type="checkbox"/> 106. Cosmos, 3-5 stems	<input type="checkbox"/> 27.	<input type="checkbox"/> 127. Phlox (annual), 3-5 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 7.	<input type="checkbox"/> 107. Dahlia, dinner plate, over 8", 1 bloom	<input type="checkbox"/> 28.	<input type="checkbox"/> 128. Salvia, 3 spikes
<input type="checkbox"/> 8.	<input type="checkbox"/> 108. Dahlia, large, 3 blooms, 3" to 8"	<input type="checkbox"/> 29.	<input type="checkbox"/> 129. Snapdragons, 3-5 stems, miniature, less than 8"
<input type="checkbox"/> 9.	<input type="checkbox"/> 109. Dahlia, miniatures, 5 blooms, under 3"	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.	<input type="checkbox"/> 130. Snapdragons, 3-5 stems, large, 8" or more
<input type="checkbox"/> 10.	<input type="checkbox"/> 110. Daisy, 5-7 blooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 31.	<input type="checkbox"/> 131. Statice, 3-5 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 11.	<input type="checkbox"/> 111. Daisy, Gloriosa, or Rudbeckia and any other daisy single and / or doubles (3-5 stems)	<input type="checkbox"/> 32.	<input type="checkbox"/> 132. Sunflower, 3-5 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 12.	<input type="checkbox"/> 112. Dianthus - type blooms, 5-7 stems	<input type="checkbox"/> 33.	<input type="checkbox"/> 133. Sweet Peas, 10-12 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.	<input type="checkbox"/> 113. Geranium, 5-7 stems	<input type="checkbox"/> 34.	<input type="checkbox"/> 134. Verbenas, 5-7 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 14.	<input type="checkbox"/> 114. Gladiolus, large, 3 spikes	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.	<input type="checkbox"/> 135. Zinnias, (large), 5-7 blooms
<input type="checkbox"/> 15.	<input type="checkbox"/> 115. Impatiens, 3-5 stems	<input type="checkbox"/> 36.	<input type="checkbox"/> 136. Zinnias, (small), 8-10 blooms, under 2"
<input type="checkbox"/> 16.	<input type="checkbox"/> 116. Marigolds, large, 3-5 blooms, more than 2"	<input type="checkbox"/> 37.	<input type="checkbox"/> 137. Any Other Annual (name & variety)
<input type="checkbox"/> 17.	<input type="checkbox"/> 117. Marigolds, small, 5-7 blooms, less than 2"		Category will be added if there are more than five entries of the same species. May enter 3 different varieties of flowers. (Please label)
<input type="checkbox"/> 18.	<input type="checkbox"/> 118. Marigolds, singles, 5-7 blooms		
<input type="checkbox"/> 19.	<input type="checkbox"/> 119. Nicotiana, 3-5 stems		
<input type="checkbox"/> 20.	<input type="checkbox"/> 120. Ornamental grass cut (3-7 stems)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 21.	<input type="checkbox"/> 121. Pansies or violas, 5-7 blooms		

## Division B - Perennials/Biennials

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

1st Show Class	2nd Show Class	1st Show Class	2nd Show Class
<input type="checkbox"/> 38.	<input type="checkbox"/> 138. Carnations, 3-5 stems	<input type="checkbox"/> 52.	<input type="checkbox"/> 152. Roses, Floribunda, 3-5 stems (multiple large flowers on stems)
<input type="checkbox"/> 39.	<input type="checkbox"/> 139. Daisy, Shasta, 3-5 blooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 53.	<input type="checkbox"/> 153. Roses, Miniature, 3-5 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 40.	<input type="checkbox"/> 140. Daisy, (Any other Daisy), 3-5 blooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 54.	<input type="checkbox"/> 154. Roses, Tea Rose, 3 blooms
<input type="checkbox"/> 41.	<input type="checkbox"/> 141. Delphinium, large, 3 spikes, 3 ft. and higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 55.	<input type="checkbox"/> 155. Roses, Shrub, 3-5 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 42.	<input type="checkbox"/> 142. Delphinium, small 3 spikes, up to 3 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/> 56.	<input type="checkbox"/> 156. Statice, German, 3-5 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 43.	<input type="checkbox"/> 143. Gaillardia, singles or doubles, 3-5 blooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 57.	<input type="checkbox"/> 157. Yarrow, 5-7 stems
<input type="checkbox"/> 44.	<input type="checkbox"/> 144. Liatris or Shooting Star, 3 spikes	<input type="checkbox"/> 58.	<input type="checkbox"/> 158. Any Other Perennials/Biennials (name & variety), 1-3 stems, 12" tall or less Category will be added if there are more than five entries of the same species. May enter 3 different varieties of flowers.
<input type="checkbox"/> 45.	<input type="checkbox"/> 145. Lilies, Day, 3-5 stems		
<input type="checkbox"/> 46.	<input type="checkbox"/> 146. Lilies, Asiatic type, 3-5 stems (remove pollen by hand)	<input type="checkbox"/> 59.	<input type="checkbox"/> 159. Any Other Perennials/Biennials (name & variety) 1-3 stems, greater than 12" tall. May enter 3 different varieties of flowers.
<input type="checkbox"/> 47.	<input type="checkbox"/> 147. Lilies, Oriental type, 3-5 stems (remove pollen by hand)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 48.	<input type="checkbox"/> 148. Lilies, any other type, 3-5 stems (remove pollen by hand)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 49.	<input type="checkbox"/> 149. Mums, 3-5 sprays		
<input type="checkbox"/> 50.	<input type="checkbox"/> 150. Phlox, 3-5 stems		
<input type="checkbox"/> 51.	<input type="checkbox"/> 151. Ornamental Grass Cut (3-7 stems)		

## Division C - Artistic Arrangements

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

1st Show Class	2nd Show Class
<input type="checkbox"/> 60.	<input type="checkbox"/> 160. All Greens and/or Green arrangement
<input type="checkbox"/> 61.	<input type="checkbox"/> 161. "Autumn Harvest" (using grain and fresh flowers)
<input type="checkbox"/> 62.	<input type="checkbox"/> 162. Bouquet of Fragrant Flowers
<input type="checkbox"/> 63.	<input type="checkbox"/> 163. Buffet Arrangement
<input type="checkbox"/> 64.	<input type="checkbox"/> 164. Dinner Centerpiece, large
<input type="checkbox"/> 65.	<input type="checkbox"/> 165. Dinner Centerpiece, small
<input type="checkbox"/> 66.	<input type="checkbox"/> 166. Floating Flowers
<input type="checkbox"/> 67.	<input type="checkbox"/> 167. "Garden Flowers in a Basket"
<input type="checkbox"/> 68.	<input type="checkbox"/> 168. Garden Harvest (using flowers and garden vegetables)
<input type="checkbox"/> 69.	<input type="checkbox"/> 169. Miniature Arrangement, less than 5" x 5"
<input type="checkbox"/> 70.	<input type="checkbox"/> 170. Mixed Bouquet Arrangement
<input type="checkbox"/> 71.	<input type="checkbox"/> 171. Mixed Bouquet Bud Vase
<input type="checkbox"/> 72.	<input type="checkbox"/> 172. Monochromatic (shades of one color)
<input type="checkbox"/> 73.	<input type="checkbox"/> 173. "North Dakota" (wild flowers and grasses)
<input type="checkbox"/> 74.	<input type="checkbox"/> 174. Rose Bud Vase, one bloom with greens and/or fills
<input type="checkbox"/> 75.	<input type="checkbox"/> 175. Single Stem with greens and/or fills
<input type="checkbox"/> 76.	<input type="checkbox"/> 176. "The Desert Song" (all dried arrangement)
<input type="checkbox"/> 77.	<input type="checkbox"/> 177. Tuberous Begonia, 1 stem
<input type="checkbox"/> 78.	<input type="checkbox"/> 178. Theme of the Display, "Up, Up, & Away" (your own creation)
<input type="checkbox"/> 79.	<input type="checkbox"/> 179. Bouquet for Church Altar

## Division D - Potted Plants

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

1st Show Class	2nd Show Class
<input type="checkbox"/> 80.	<input type="checkbox"/> 180. African Violets
<input type="checkbox"/> 81.	<input type="checkbox"/> 181. Aloe Vera
<input type="checkbox"/> 82.	<input type="checkbox"/> 182. Begonia
<input type="checkbox"/> 83.	<input type="checkbox"/> 183. Succulents
<input type="checkbox"/> 84.	<input type="checkbox"/> 184. Cactus, Flowering and Non-Flowering
<input type="checkbox"/> 85.	<input type="checkbox"/> 185. Coleus
<input type="checkbox"/> 86.	<input type="checkbox"/> 186. Dish or Bowl Garden, less than 6" deep
<input type="checkbox"/> 87.	<input type="checkbox"/> 187. Fairy Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> 88.	<input type="checkbox"/> 188. Fern
<input type="checkbox"/> 89.	<input type="checkbox"/> 189. Foliage, Potted
<input type="checkbox"/> 90.	<input type="checkbox"/> 190. Foliage, Hanging Basket
<input type="checkbox"/> 91.	<input type="checkbox"/> 191. Fuschia, Flowering
<input type="checkbox"/> 92.	<input type="checkbox"/> 192. Geranium, Flowering
<input type="checkbox"/> 93.	<input type="checkbox"/> 193. Indoor, Flowering
<input type="checkbox"/> 94.	<input type="checkbox"/> 194. Ivy Plant
<input type="checkbox"/> 95.	<input type="checkbox"/> 195. Million Bells (Callibrachoa)
<input type="checkbox"/> 96.	<input type="checkbox"/> 196. Outdoor Hanging, Flowering
<input type="checkbox"/> 97.	<input type="checkbox"/> 197. Outdoor Planter (less than 10" pot)
<input type="checkbox"/> 98.	<input type="checkbox"/> 198. Outdoor Planter (10" to 14" pot)
<input type="checkbox"/> 99.	<input type="checkbox"/> 199. Outdoor Planter, greater than 14"
<input type="checkbox"/> 100.	<input type="checkbox"/> 200. Petunias Potted (just petunias)
<input type="checkbox"/> 101.	<input type="checkbox"/> 201. Herb Garden (any size) with or without flowers
<input type="checkbox"/> 102.	<input type="checkbox"/> 202. Specimen, other than mentioned (name & variety)

Category will be added if there are more than five entries of the same species. May enter 3 different potted plants. (Please label).

# Department 111 - Fine Arts & Crafts

Superintendent: Taube Museum of Art

## Fine Arts & Crafts Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Fine Arts & Crafts Exhibits	Friday - 7/10 - 10 am-5 pm	Tuesday - 7/14	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8 pm
	Monday - 7/13 - 10 am-5 pm		Sunday - 7/26 - 10 am-2 pm

**Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026.** Open Class Fine Arts & Crafts may be brought to Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

### ENTRY FEE:

- Division A and Division B: \$3.00 / artist
- Division C – L: No entry fee

### RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com)
- Only North Dakota resident artists may enter the Adult Divisions. Only artists' ages 10-16 years of age may enter the Junior Divisions. Those under ten years of age may enter the Children's Divisions.
- All work must have been completed in the past two years and must not have been shown previously at the North Dakota State Fair.
- No entry may be larger than four feet in any dimension including frame, except under textiles where the length may not exceed six feet.
- Please label each entry with division and class number, as well as exhibitor's name and contact information.
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and the Taube Museum of Art will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition.
- All entries must have names and addresses attached to the back lower left-hand corner, unless otherwise specified.
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and its staff will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations. Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

### RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 111, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702. The ND State Fair will place the goods on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office by 5 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Entries mailed must be shipped with substantial packing in boxes strong enough for return shipment.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- An acceptance committee will review all entries for compliance with the rules. Only those entries meeting the rules, as written here, will be judged and displayed. If too many entries are received for the allotted display area, the acceptance committee will choose entries to be displayed. All entries that meet the rules, as written here, will be judged. All prize-winning entries will be displayed. Only original works of art will be eligible.
- Judges need not make awards in any category where competition is lacking.

### RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm, or on Sunday, July 26, between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Ticket stubs must be shown before release. Those picking up exhibits on Saturday, July 25 must pay gate admission.

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Oils must be framed, dry and ready to hang. Use ONLY screw eyes and wire
- Watercolors, prints, and drawings must be matted, backed with cardboard or foam core, covered with acetate or shrink wrap and ready for hanging. It is not recommended that glass be used, is at owner's risk. Pieces must have proper and sturdy hanging system. (Ex. Attach wire to back tabs. Use strapping tape to secure tabs.)
- Sculptures of excessively fragile type or enormous size will not be accepted.
- Ceramics, pottery, mosaics: no plaster objects will be accepted.
- Only original works are eligible (no commercial molds or designs).
- Textiles: No kits will be accepted. Hand-woven or loomed, original batik, block printed and/or hand decorated will be accepted. Each item must be labeled for identification. Art-tex or Tri-Chem will not be accepted.
- Crafts - no plastic model kits will be accepted.

**Professional:** refers to those whose work is produced primarily for the purpose of selling; or who have a diploma, certificate, degree or three or more years of art school training; or teach in their art media.

**Amateur:** refers to those who do not derive income directly from art. The amateur generally does his art for the pleasure involved and has had little or no art training.

**People's Choice:** There will be a box for folks to vote for their favorite Fine Art entry in classes A-C. The announcement of the "People's Choice" will be Saturday afternoon. Ten dollars cash prize will be awarded to the winning entry.

**Best of Division:** One Best of Division Rosette will be awarded in each division of this department. (See each division for amount of award.)

**Best of Show:** Only (1) Best of Show Award will be given in Fine Arts and Crafts Department. This will be designated by a Purple Rosette Ribbon and a \$35.00 Award

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.

## ADULT DIVISIONS - FINE ARTS

### DIVISION A - ORIGINAL WORK

- **Entry fee \$3.00 per artist.** No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.
- All work entered under Original Work cannot be a kit or replica, etc., of someone else's work or work done in an instructional setting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$23.00 cash**  
**Premiums: \$37.00 • \$27.00 • \$18.00 • HM – Ribbon**

#### CLASS

1. Paintings: Traditional or representational. Includes oils, acrylics, transparent and opaque water colors, done with a brush or painting knife.
2. Paintings: Non-representational. Includes same media as Class 1.
3. Portraits: Include any media or same media as Class 1.
4. Paintings: North Dakota subjects or scene. Includes same media as Class 1.
5. Drawings: pencil, ink, pastels (anything done with a drawing medium)
6. Prints: etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium).
7. China Painting: Includes freehand; no stencils or patterns.

### DIVISION B - ORIGINAL WORK

- **Entry fee \$3.00 per artist.** No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.
- All work entered under Original Work cannot be a kit or replica, etc., of someone else's work or work done in an instructional setting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$23.00 cash**  
**Premiums: \$37.00 • \$27.00 • \$18.00 • HM – Ribbon**

#### CLASS

1. Sculpture: Any media (includes assemblage and collage)
2. Pottery, Mosaics: Includes clay or earthenware. No molds or kits allowed.
3. Textiles: Hand-weaving, macramé, batik, creative, stitchery, beading. Length limited to 6 ft.
4. Ethnic or Heritage Painting: Any media.
5. Computer Art

### DIVISION C - AMATEUR CLASS

- Open to amateurs who do not teach or sell their works.
- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50 • HM – Ribbon**

#### CLASS

1. Paintings: Traditional or representational, includes oils, acrylics, transparent & opaque water colors, done with a brush or painting knife.
2. Paintings: Abstract or non-objective or non-representational, Includes same media as Class 1.
3. Portraits: Include any media or same media as Class 1.
4. Paintings: North Dakota subjects or scene. Same media as Class 1.
5. Drawings: pencil, ink, pastels (anything done with a drawing medium)
6. Prints: etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium).
7. Scratch Board
8. Mixed Media



## DIVISION D - WOODWORKS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number except as collections or displays.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$15.50 • \$14.50 • \$13.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Wood Carving/Sculpture
2. Wood Turning
3. Wood Construction
4. Wood Toys
5. Any other
6. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION E - TAXIDERMY

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number except as collections or displays.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.50 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

- |                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Bird – Large | 6. Large Animal                     |
| 2. Bird – Small | 7. Game Heads                       |
| 3. Fish – Large | 8. Any Other                        |
| 4. Fish – Small | 9. Theme Class -                    |
| 5. Small Animal | (See Static Information on Page 50) |

## DIVISION F - BARN QUILTS

A barn quilt is a basic quilt pattern painted on a piece of wood, large enough and bright enough to be seen from a distance. They are often inspired by fabric quilt patterns and are generally one block of the pattern.

- Entries cannot exceed 3' X 3', but must be a minimum of 16" X 20"
- Exhibitor may enter one item per class
- No entry fee.

**Premiums: \$25.00 • \$20.00 • \$15.00**

### CLASS

1. Barn Quilt on wood
2. Barn Quilt on canvas
3. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION G - COLLECTIBLE DOLLS/ DOLL RELATED

- No entry fee.
- Each person limited to one entry per class

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50**

### Collectible Dolls

#### CLASS

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Antique - Pre 1940       | 5. Miniature – 8" or smaller        |
| 2. Old – 1940 to 1970       | 6. Handcrafted – Any                |
| 3. Modern – 1971 to Present | 7. Theme Class -                    |
| 4. Ethnic - Any             | (See Static Information on Page 50) |

## DIVISION H - ADULT CRAFTS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Homemade/Crafted Dolls
2. Ceramics (form molds) - Glazed
3. Ceramics - Chalks
4. Ceramics - Dry Brushing
5. Ceramics - Any Other
6. Ethnic Crafts
7. Artificial Flowers/Dried Flowers
8. Carved or Tooled Leather
9. Centerpieces
10. Buttons (Anything done with buttons)
11. Recycled or Original Craft Items
12. Stain Glass/Glass Etching/Gallery Glass/Mosaic Glass
13. Stationary/Card Design/Calligraphy
14. Wall Hangings
15. Stitchery
16. Wood Crafts/Wood Toys
17. Soft Sculpture (not dolls)
18. Holiday Crafts
19. Jewelry
20. Basketry
21. Paper Sculpture/Paper Making/Paper Mache
22. Models (architecture, other objects) - no kits
23. Diamond Dots- size limit 11x14
24. Decorated Graduation Caps
25. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## FINE ART - JUNIOR DIVISIONS

*This division is open to anyone ages 10 to 16 years.  
Please state age on entry blank.*

## DIVISION I - JUNIOR ART

- No entry fee.
- Each artist limited to four entries in this division, but only one entry per class.
- Be sure and follow special rule #2 concerning mounting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$25.00 • \$20.00 • \$15.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Painting - all brush media
2. Prints - etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium)
3. Drawings - lead or graphite pencils, black ink, charcoal
4. Drawings - colored (pencil, markers, pastels, ink)
5. Pottery, Mosaics (clay, earthenware) - No molds
6. Computer Art
7. Scratch Board
8. Mixed Media
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION J - JUNIOR CRAFTS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$20.00 • \$18.00 • \$15.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Leather Work
2. Wood Construction
3. Ceramics - from molds
4. Plaques
5. Creative Stitchery
6. Kits/Puzzles/Legos
7. Jewelry
8. Holiday Crafts
9. Hand-crafted Dolls
10. Soft Sculpture (not dolls)
11. Paper Sculpture/Paper Making/Paper Mache
12. Models (architecture, other objects) - No kits
13. Centerpieces
14. Artificial Flowers/Dried Flowers
15. Buttons (anything done with buttons)
16. Recycled or Original Craft Items
17. Diamond Dots- size limit 8x10
18. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## FINE ART - CHILDREN'S DIVISION

*This division is open to anyone age 9 and under.  
Please state age on entry blank.*

## DIVISION K - CHILD'S ART

- No entry fee.
- Each artist limited to four entries in this division, but only one entry per class.
- Be sure and follow special rule #2 concerning mounting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$25.00 • \$18.00 • \$15.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Painting - All brush media
2. Prints - Etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium)
3. Drawings - Lead or graphite pencil, black ink
4. Drawings - Colored (pencil, markers, pastels, ink)
5. Pottery, Mosaics - (clay, earthenware) - No molds or kits
6. Computer Art
7. Scratch Board
8. Mixed Media
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)



## DIVISION L - CHILD'S CRAFT

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$12.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Wood Construction
2. Ceramics - from molds
3. Plaques
4. Hand-crafted Doll
5. Creative Stitchery
6. Holiday Crafts
7. Jewelry
8. Soft Sculpture (not dolls)
9. Kits/Puzzles/Legos
10. Paper Sculpture/Paper Making/Paper Mache
11. Models (architecture, other objects) - No kits
12. Centerpieces
13. Artificial Flowers / Dried Flowers
14. Buttons (anything done with buttons)
15. Recycled or Original Craft Items
16. Diamond Dots- size limit 8x10
17. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## FINE ART - CHILDREN'S DIVISION

*This division is open to anyone age 65 and over.  
Please state age on entry blank.*

## DIVISION M - SENIOR CITIZEN ARTS & CRAFTS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and a \$15.00 award.**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Painting - All brush media
2. Prints - etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any print making medium)
3. Drawings - black and white or colored pencil, ink, markers, pastels (any drawing medium)
4. Diamond Dots- size limit 11x14
5. Sculpture - Any media (includes assemblage and collage)
6. Pottery, Mosaics - (clay, earthenware) - No molds or kits
7. Wood Crafts/Wood toys
8. Ceramics - From molds - Glazes
9. Ceramics - From molds - Stains
10. Ceramics - Any other
11. Plastic Canvas
12. Stitchery, Macramé
13. Soft Sculpture (includes hand crafted dolls)
14. Holiday Crafts
15. Jewelry
16. Wall Hangings
17. China Painting - free hand, no stencils or patterns
18. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

# Department 112 - Food

Superintendents: Sharon Schwarz & Carol Kraft

## Food Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Food Exhibits	Wednesday - 7/15 - 10 am-5 pm	Thursday - 7/16 -2 pm	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8 pm
	Thursday - 7/16 - 8-11 am		Sunday - 7/26 - 10 am-2 pm

**Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026.** Open Class Foods may be brought to Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

ENTRY FEE: None

RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on ndstatefair.com
- Competition is open to North Dakota residents only.
- No person can enter more than one item under the same class number in any department. The “any other” class is for items not listed. All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and its staff will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 112, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702, where it will then be placed on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office no later than noon Wednesday, July 15.
- No entries will be accepted after deadline. Judging will begin Thursday, July 16 at 2:00pm.
- All baked goods must be removed from pans before exhibited, except pies which should be in disposable pans.
- Exhibits must be entered on disposable plates and wrapped in plastic.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- The judges are instructed not to award prizes unless the articles are deemed of real merit, even though they may be the only entry in the class.

RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm or on Sunday, July 26 between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Claim checks must be shown before release. The building will be closed at 8pm Saturday, July 25. Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission.

**Best of Division:**

One Best of Division Rosette will be awarded in each division of this department as deemed appropriate by the judge.

**Best of Show:**

Best of Show Award will be awarded to one exhibit in this department as deemed appropriate by the judge.


*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026*

**NORTH DAKOTA MILL & ELEVATOR**

sponsors the following special prizes for the following culinary classes:

**Division A: Class 4 - White Bread, Class 7 - Rolls**  
**Division E: Class 4 - Filled Cookies**

**1st Place - 50 lbs. Dakota Maid Flour**  
**2nd Place - 25 lbs. Dakota Maid Flour**  
**3rd Place - 10 lbs. Dakota Maid Flour**

**The North Dakota Wheat Commission**

The North Dakota Wheat Commission promotes the use of high quality wheat and offer the following prizes to the first place winners in each class

Division A  
Classes 1-17: \$25.00



## CULINARY DIVISIONS A-G

### DIVISION A - YEAST BREADS

May enter large or small loaf, one unless otherwise listed.

**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50**

#### CLASS

1. Bread, multi-grain, (please include recipe)
2. Bread, fruit
3. Bread, rye
4. Bread, white
5. Bread, whole wheat (please include recipe)
6. Bread, made in electric breadmaker
7. Rolls, dinner, 4
8. Rolls, cinnamon, 4
9. Rolls, cinnamon, frosted, 4
10. Rolls, fancy, frosted 4
11. Rolls, crescent, 4
12. Rolls, caramel, 4
13. Breakfast Loaf, 1
14. Buns, white, 4
15. Buns, whole wheat, 4 (please include recipe)
16. Sourdough (flour and water starter, **no milk** - please include recipe)
17. Artisan
18. Any other (please label)
19. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

### DIVISION B - QUICK BREADS

May enter large or small loaf, one unless otherwise listed.

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

#### CLASS

1. Baking Powder Biscuits, 4
2. Banana Bread
3. Date Bread
4. Zucchini Bread
5. Pumpkin Bread
6. Muffins, 4
7. Gingerbread
8. Any other (please label)
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

### DIVISION C - CAKES

Commercial mixes **ONLY** accepted in category 11

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

#### CLASS

1. Angelcake, not frosted
2. Chocolate Layer or Loaf Cake, any frosting
3. Fruit Cake, light or dark, not frosted
4. Sponge Cake, not frosted
5. White Layer or Loaf Cake, any frosting
6. Jelly Roll
7. Bundt Cake
8. Decorations (decorations only judged) Layer or Sheet cake
9. Decorations (decorations only judged) Novelty Cakes
10. Cupcakes
11. Cake Mixes
12. Any other (please label)
13. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

### DIVISION D - PIES

Please Use large or small disposable pans

**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50**

#### CLASS

1. Apple Pie
2. Cherry Pie
3. Rhubarb Pie
4. Any Berry Pie
5. Any Other Fruit Pie
6. Cream Pie
7. Lemon Pie
8. Any other (please label)
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

### DIVISION E - COOKIES

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

#### CLASS

1. Butter Cookies, Plain, 4
2. Butter Cookies, Fancy, 4
3. Chocolate Drop Cookies, 4
4. Filled Cookies, 4
5. Ginger Cookies, frosted, 4
6. Molasses Cookies, 4
7. Ice Box Cookies, 4
8. Macaroons, 4
9. Oatmeal Cookies, 4
10. White Cookies, rolled, 4
11. Chocolate Chip Cookies, 4
12. Unbaked Cookies, 4
13. Peanut Butter Cookies, 4
14. Sugar Cookies, 4
15. Special Party Cookies, 4
16. Monster Cookies, 4
17. Cake Mix Cookies, 4
18. Bars, Frosted, 4
19. Bars, Unfrosted, 4
20. Bars, Rice Krispies, 4
21. Bars, Lemon, 4
22. Bars, Unbaked, 4
23. Cookies, Any Other, 4 (please label)
24. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

### DIVISION F - CANDY

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

#### CLASS

1. Dip Candy, 6 pieces
2. Divinity, 6 pieces
3. Peanut Brittle, 6 pieces
4. Fudge, 6 pieces
5. Caramels, 6 pieces
6. Pinoche, 6 pieces
7. Plate of Assorted Candies, 4 kinds, 8 pieces total
8. Any other, 6 pieces (please label)
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION G - FRIED/ETHNIC

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 1. Raised Doughnuts, 4 | 8. Sandbakkelse, 4                                       |
| 2. Doughnuts, 4        | 9. Kuchen, 1 Whole                                       |
| 3. Fattigman, 4        | 10. Julekaka Christmas Bread,<br>1 loaf                  |
| 4. Flat Bread, 4       | 11. Any other, 4 (please label)                          |
| 5. Krumkaka, 4         | 12. Theme Class - (See Static<br>Information on Page 50) |
| 6. Lefse, 4            |  |
| 7. Rosettes, 4         |  |

## DIVISION H - SPECIAL DIET

(Sugar-free, lowfat, low cholesterol, salt-free, and gluten-free)

Please label as to which diet and include recipe

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. Cake         | 6. Yeast Breads  |
| 2. Candy        | 7. Any other   |
| 3. Cookies, 4   | 8. Theme Class - (See<br>Static Information on<br>Page 50) |
| 4. Pie          |  |
| 5. Quick Breads |  |

## Don't Forget to LABEL!



## FOOD PRESERVATION DIVISIONS I-N

Canned foods for exhibit must be in standard canning jars, with standard lids or covers. Use current USDA guidelines for preserving foods. Please label jars with name of product and date of preparation. Please indicate method of preparation: boiling water or pressure canner.

Must be canned from crop of 2024 or 2025.

## DIVISION I - CANNED FRUITS

(Please label jars)

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### CLASS

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. Apples            | 13. Peaches  |
| 2. Applesauce        | 14. Pears  |
| 3. Apricots          | 15. Plums  |
| 4. Blueberries       | 16. Plums, wild  |
| 5. Cherries, bing    | 17. Raspberries  |
| 6. Cherries, compass | 18. Rhubarb  |
| 7. Crabapple         | 19. Strawberries   |
| 8. Currant, red      | 20. Fruit Pie Filling, any kind (please label)           |
| 9. Fruit Cocktail    | 21. Fruit Juice, any kind (please label)                 |
| 10. Grapes           | 22. Any other Wild Fruit (please label)                  |
| 11. Gooseberries     | 23. Theme Class -<br>(See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 12. June Berries     |  |

## DIVISION J - JELLIES & JAMS (SOFT SPREADS)

(Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

Jellies and jams should be shown in standard 1/2 or 1 cup sealed jars. Process with boiling water bath. Must be safe without refrigeration. Use a 1/4" head space.

### CLASS

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Jelly, Apple or Crabapple   | 18. Jam, Blueberry                                       |
| 2. Jelly, Bing Cherry          | 19. Jam, Chokecherry                                     |
| 3. Jelly, Blueberry            | 20. Jam, Grape   |
| 4. Jelly, Chokecherry          | 21. Jam, Plum, wild                                      |
| 5. Jelly, Nanking Cherry       | 22. Jam, Raspberry                                       |
| 6. Jelly, Cranberry, high bush | 23. Jam, Rhubarb   |
| 7. Jelly, Currant, red         | 24. Jam, Strawberry                                      |
| 8. Jelly, Grape                | 25. Jam, Strawberry Rhubarb                              |
| 9. Jelly, Grape, wild          | 26. Jam, Tomato  |
| 10. Jelly, Gooseberry          | 27. Jam, Peach   |
| 11. Jelly, Juneberry           | 28. Apple Butter   |
| 12. Jelly, Plum                | 29. Marmalade, Peach and Apricot                         |
| 13. Jelly, Plum, wild          | 30. Marmalade, Rhubarb                                   |
| 14. Jelly, Raspberry, red      | 31. Syrups, Fruit  |
| 15. Jelly, Rhubarb             | 32. Any other (please label)                             |
| 16. Jelly, Strawberry          | 33. Theme Class - (See Static<br>Information on Page 50) |
| 17. Jam, Apricot               |  |

## DIVISION K - DRIED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Dried sample for display of 1 cup in covered glass container  
(Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. Apple         | 9. Peaches   |
| 2. Apricots      | 10. Pears  |
| 3. Banana        | 11. Potatoes   |
| 4. Carrots       | 12. Snack Mix  |
| 5. Celery        | 13. Tomatoes   |
| 6. Corn          | 14. Any other (please label)                             |
| 7. Fruit Leather | 15. Theme Class - (See Static<br>Information on Page 50) |
| 8. Onions        |  |

## DIVISION L - CANNED VEGETABLE

NOTE: Meat, Poultry & Vegetables (not tomatoes) must be  
canned by use of a pressure cooker  
(Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. Asparagus    | 12. Sauerkraut   |
| 2. Beans, green | 13. Tomatoes   |
| 3. Beans, wax   | 14. Tomato Juice   |
| 4. Beets        | 15. Tomatoes, stewed                                     |
| 5. Carrots      | 16. Zucchini   |
| 6. Corn         | 17. Mixture of vegetables for soup                       |
| 7. Corn on Cob  | 18. Vegetable Juice, any kind (please<br>label)          |
| 8. Greens       | 19. Any other (please label)                             |
| 9. Parsnip      | 20. Theme Class -<br>(See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 10. Peas        |  |
| 11. Pumpkin     |  |

## THE NORTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION

promotes the use of high quality wheat and offered the following prizes to the first place winners in each class  
 Division O, Junior Department  
 Classes 1, 2, 7-10: \$25.00



## DIVISION M - PICKLES & RELISHES

Canned items must have a 1/2" to 1" headspace as applicable. (Please label jars)

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

### CLASS

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Beet Pickles             | 16. Zucchini Pickles                                  |
| 2. Green Bean Pickles       | 17. Ketchup   |
| 3. Carrot Pickles           | 18. Barbecue Sauce                                    |
| 4. Crabapple Pickles        | 19. Chili Sauce                                       |
| 5. Cucumbers, sweet         | 20. Salsa Sauce                                       |
| 6. Dill Pickles             | 21. Spaghetti Sauce, without meat                     |
| 7. Bread and Butter Pickles | 22. Corn Relish                                       |
| 8. Green Tomato Pickles     | 23. Cucumber Relish                                   |
| 9. Mixed Pickles            | 24. Tomato Relish                                     |
| 10. Mustard Pickles         | 25. Zucchini Relish                                   |
| 11. Onion Pickles           | 26. Any other not listed (please label)               |
| 12. Peach Pickles           | 27. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 13. Pear Pickles            |   |
| 14. 10 to 14 Day pickles    |   |
| 15. Watermelon Pickles      |   |

## DIVISION N - MEATS

All meats must be pressure canned.  
 (Please label jars)

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

### CLASS

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. Beef, canned    | 6. Canned Fish  |
| 2. Chicken, canned | 7. Wild Game  |
| 3. Pork, canned    | 8. Jerky  |
| 4. Sausage, canned | 9. Any other (please label)                           |
| 5. Mincemeat       | 10. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |

## Kid's Cupcake Decorating Contest



Saturday, July 25  
 Upper Atrium



Registration Opens at 12:30  
 Contest Begins at 1:00

## DIVISION O - JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Ages 10 & under AND Ages 11-17

Please list age on entry form

**Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00**

### CLASS

1. Bread, White, small loaf
  2. Bread, Dark, small loaf
  3. Bread, Banana, small loaf
  4. Bread, Any Other, small loaf
  5. Buns, White, 4
  6. Buns, Wheat, 4
  7. Muffins, 4
  8. Rolls, Cinnamon, 4
  9. Rolls, Fancy - Frosted, 4
  10. Rolls, Caramel, 4
  11. Rolls, Any Other, 4 (Please Label)
  12. Decorations (decorations only judged) Cake
  13. Decorations (decorations only judged) Cupcakes, 4
  14. Decorations (decorations only judged) Special Party Cookies, 4
  15. Cake, Chocolate, One Layer, unfrosted
  16. Cake, White, One Layer
  17. Cookies, Chocolate Chip, 4
  18. Cookies, Chocolate Chip, 4 in a Decorated Container (container and cookies judged)
  19. Cookies, Peanut Butter, 4
  20. Cookies, Unbaked, 4
  21. Cookies, Oatmeal, 4
  22. Cookies, White, 4
  23. Cookies, Ginger, 4
  24. Cookies, Monster, 4
  25. Cookies, Frosted, 4
  26. Cookies, Cake Mix, 4
  27. Cookies, Any Other Kind, 4 (please label)
  28. Unfrosted Brownies, 4
  29. Unbaked Bars, 4
  30. Crispy Rice Bars, 4
  31. Bars, Any Other, 4 (please label)
  32. Doughnuts, 4
  33. Pie
  34. Peanut Brittle, 6 Pieces
  35. Fudge, 6 Pieces
- (Label jars and see Division B instructions)*
36. Jelly, grape
  37. Jelly, chokecherry
  38. Jelly, any other
  39. Jam, strawberry
  40. Jam, rhubarb
  41. Jam, raspberry
  42. Jam, any other
  43. Apple butter
  44. Applesauce
  45. Dill Pickles
  46. Sweet Pickles
  47. Relish, state kind
  48. Vegetables, any kind, canned
  49. Fruit, any kind, canned
  50. Dried Fruit
  51. Fruit Leather
  52. Salsa
  53. Any other canned item
  54. Any other not listed above
  55. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

# Department 113 - Needlework

Superintendents: Sharon Schwarz & Carol Kraft

## Needlework Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Needlework Entries	Friday - 7/10 - 10am-5pm	Tuesday - 7/14	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8pm
	Monday - 7/13 - 10am-5pm		Sunday - 7/26 - 10am-2pm

**Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026.** Open Class Needlework may be brought to Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

ENTRY FEE: None

### RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on ndstatefair.com
- Competition is open to North Dakota residents only.
- No person can enter more than one item under the same class number in any department. The “any other” class is for items not listed.
- Please enter exhibit under person’s name who made it
- Needlework items must be constructed using some type of needle and thread or yarn
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and its staff will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

### RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 113, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702, where it will then be placed on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office no later than 5pm Thursday, July 9.
- No entries will be accepted after deadline.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- The judges are instructed not to award prizes unless the articles are deemed of real merit, even though they may be the only entry in the class.
- Any article exhibited in prior years at the North Dakota State Fair is ineligible to show

### RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm or on Sunday, July 26 between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Claim checks must be shown before release. The building will be closed at 8pm Saturday, July 25. Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission.

*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026*

#### **Best of Division:**

**One Best of Division Rosette will be** awarded in each division of this department as deemed appropriate by the judge.

#### **Best of Show:**

One Best of Show Award will be given in the Needleworks Department, and as well in Division M: Quilting

## DIVISION A - AFGANS/BEDSPREADS

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### CLASS

1. Afghan, Crocheted (pieced)
2. Afghan, Crocheted (continuous)
3. Afghan, Knitted
4. Baby Afghans (30" x 48" max), Crocheted (pieced)
5. Baby Afghans (30" x 48" max), Crocheted (continuous)
6. Baby Afghans (30" x 48" max), Knitted
7. Afghan, Any other
8. Child's Bedspread (45" x 60") Sewn or Quilted
9. Bedspread (72" x 90" or larger), Crocheted
10. Bedspread, Any other, Sewn or Quilted
11. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION B - TABLE COVERINGS

Tablecloths (2 yards & over)  
Luncheon cloths (under 2 yards)  
Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### CLASS

1. Tablecloth, Crocheted
2. Tablecloth, Embroidered (Hand)
3. Tablecloth, Embroidered (Machine)
4. Tablecloth, Any other
5. Luncheon, Crocheted
6. Luncheon, Embroidered (Hand)
7. Luncheon, Embroidered (Machine)
8. Luncheon, Any other
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION C - SMALL TABLE COVERINGS

(Oval, Round or Square- 14" to 30")  
(Rectangle- any size)  
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Oval, Round or Square, Hardanger
2. Oval, Round or Square, Crocheted
3. Oval, Round or Square, Embroidered- Hand
4. Oval, Round or Square, Embroidered- Machine
5. Oval, Round or Square, Appliqued
6. Oval, Round or Square, Wool
7. Oval, Round or Square, Cloth- Sewn or Quilted
8. Oval, Round or Square, Any other
9. Rectangle Table Runner, Sewn or Quilted
10. Rectangle Table Runner, Wool
11. Rectangle Table Runner, Any other
12. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION D - DOILIES

Oval or Round (Under 14")  
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Doily, Knitted
2. Doily, Crocheted
3. Doily, Embroidered
4. Doily, Hardanger
5. Doily, Any Other
6. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION E - TOYS

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Animals, Sewn and Stuffed
2. Animals, Any other
3. Doll, Sewn and Stuffed
4. Doll, Any other
5. Doll, Dressed with Wardrobe (3 outfits)
6. Doll, Dressed (1 Outfit on Doll)
7. Quiet Book
8. Toy, Any other
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION F - CROCHETED WEARING APPAREL

Premiums: \$15.00 • \$14.50 • \$13.50

### CLASS

1. Collar or Cowl
2. Neck Scarf
3. Sweater, Adult
4. Sweater, Child
5. Sweater, Infant
6. Bonnet or Cap, Infant
7. Booties, Infant
8. Slippers, Any size
9. Dress, Infant
10. Shawl, Adult, Color work
11. Shawl, Adult, Textured
12. Hat, Adult
13. Hat, Infant
14. Original design/pattern
15. Adult, Any other
16. Child or Infant, Any other
17. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION G - KNITTED WEARING APPAREL

Premiums: \$15.00 • \$14.50 • \$13.50

### CLASS

1. Sweater, plain, adult
2. Sweater, plain, child (over 2 years)
3. Sweater, color work, adult
4. Sweater, color work, child (over 2 years)
5. Sweater, textured, adult
6. Sweater, textured, child (over 2 years)
7. Sweater, machine knitted, adult
8. Sweater, machine knitted, child (over 2 years)
9. Collar or cowl
10. Neck Scarf
11. Outerwear, Adult
12. Outerwear, Child (over 2 years)
13. Vest or Shell, Adult
14. Sweater & cap, Infant
15. Booties, Infant
16. Mittens, Any size
17. Slippers, Any size
18. Stockings, Any size
19. Shawl, Adult, Textured
20. Shawl, Adult, Color work
21. Gloves, Any size
22. Hat, Any Size
23. Original design/pattern
24. Adult, Any other
25. Child, Any other
26. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION H - CLOTHING, INFANTS (SEWN)

(Under 2 years of age)

Premiums: \$15.00 • \$14.50 • \$13.50

### CLASS

1. Bib
2. Outerwear
3. Dress
4. Play Set
5. Sleepwear
6. Receiving Blanket
7. Baptismal Wear
8. Any other
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION I - CLOTHING, CHILDREN (SEWN)

(2 years and older)

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### CLASS

1. Coat, lined
2. Jacket
3. Shorts and Top Outfit
4. Dress
5. Special Dress (Communion, etc.)
6. Sweat suit (Knit fabric)
7. Jumper
8. Skirt
9. Shirt or Blouse
10. Sleepwear
11. Vest
12. Apron
13. Costume
14. Made Over Garment
15. Wearable Art
16. Original Design/pattern
17. Any other
18. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION J - CLOTHING, ADULTS

Premiums: \$15.00 • \$14.50 • \$13.50

### CLASS

1. Dress, one piece, any fabric
2. Dress, two pieces, any fabric
3. Suit, lined
4. Suit, unlined
5. Coat or Jacket, lined
6. Coat or Jacket, unlined
7. Blazer, lined
8. Blazer, unlined
9. Cape or shawl
10. Skirt
11. Blouse or Shirt
12. Vest
13. Sporting Outfit, 2 pieces
14. Nightwear
15. Pants or Slacks
16. Sweatshirt, decorated, any kind
17. Wedding Gown
18. Bridesmaid Gown
19. Costume
20. Wearable Art
21. Made Over Garment
22. Original Design/pattern
23. Any other
24. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION K - SENIOR CITIZEN

(65 years and older)

Articles must have been made within the last two years

Premiums: \$15.50 • \$14.50 • \$13.50

### CLASS

1. Afghan, crocheted
2. Afghan, knitted
3. Afghan, granny squares
4. Luncheon cloth (under 2 yards)
5. Table cloth (over two yards)
6. Pot Holder, (2) crocheted
7. Pot Holder, (2) knitted
8. Pot Holder, (2) cloth
9. Oval, Round or Square Table Covering, 14" - 30", Crochet or Knit
10. Oval, Round or Square Table Covering, 14" - 30", Cloth, Sewn or Quilted
11. Table Runner, Rectangular, Cloth, Sewn or Quilted
12. Doily, 14" & under, Crochet or Knit
13. Doily, any other
14. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Embroidered, Hand
15. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Embroidered, Machine
16. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Applique
17. Pillow, any kind
18. Pillowcases (one pair, any kind)
19. Gloves or mittens, Crochet or Knit
20. Garment, Crochet or Knit
21. Neck Scarf, Crochet or Knit
22. Collar or Cowl, Crochet or Knit
23. Apron
24. Floor Rug, any type
25. Children's Clothing, sewn
26. Infant Wear, Knit
27. Infant Wear, Crochet
28. Quilt, any size
29. Wall Hanging, any kind or size
30. Purse, any size or kind
31. Tote bag, any size or kind
32. Shawl, knit, crochet or cloth
33. Hardanger, any size
34. Wool item, any size
35. Any other
36. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)



## DIVISION L - YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Children: Ages 10 and Under

Juniors: Ages 11 - 17

(Please list age on entry form)

**Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00**

### CLASS

1. Blouse or shirt
2. Vest
3. Shorts or Pants
4. Dress
5. Nightwear
6. Wearable Art
7. Stuffed Toy or Animal
8. Doll clothes (one outfit)
9. Pillow, any kind or size
10. Pillowcase (1), sewn
11. Tote Bag or Purse
12. Knit Item
13. Crocheted Item
14. Latch Hook Item
15. Counted Cross Stitch Item
16. Plastic Canvas Item
17. Embroidered Item, Hand
18. Embroidered Item, Machine
19. Seasonal or Holiday Item
20. Recycled Item, any kind
21. Any other item or garment
22. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)



## DIVISION M - QUILTING

Sponsored by the Minot Prairie Quilt Guild and the  
North Dakota State Fair

**Premiums: \$16.00 • \$15.00 • \$14.50**

*100% of monies sponsored by North Dakota quilt guilds and quilt shops  
will be added to premiums in this division.*

- Quilts including more than one technique should be entered in the category of the predominant technique.
- The term “Machine Quilted” indicates that the quilting was done on a home sewing machine or a mid-arm or long-arm machine, by either the person entering the quilt or by someone who is not being paid to do the quilting (not limited to one person).
- “Professionally” quilted indicates that quilting was done by someone who quilts for hire.
- A “quilt” is a fabric sandwich (three layers) held together with hand or machine quilting stitches, no false backs.
- Mixed techniques must have at least 2 techniques, i.e., piecing, applique, embroidery, trapunto, folding, etc.
- Quilted items must be clean and odor free.
- No hanging rods please.
- The State Fair reserves the right to move an entry to another class or combine with another class as needed.
- Entries must have been completed within the previous two years.

### Bed Quilts – intended for use on a queen or king size bed (350" and OVER perimeter)

1. Pieced – Hand or Machine Quilted
2. Pieced – Professionally Quilted
3. Applique, Mixed, Special Techniques – Any Quilting Method

### Bed Quilts – intended for use on twin or full size bed (OVER 300" and UNDER 350" perimeter)

4. Pieced – Hand or Machine Quilted
5. Pieced – Professionally Quilted
6. Applique, Mixed, Special Techniques – Any Quilting Method

### Throw/Lap/Child or Crib Quilts – intended for use as such (UNDER 300" perimeter)

7. Pieced – Hand or Machine Quilted
8. Pieced – Professionally Quilted
9. Applique, Mixed, Special Techniques – Any Quilting Method

### Large Wall Hanging – intended for use on a wall (OVER 200" perimeter)

10. Pieced – Hand or Machine Quilted
11. Pieced – Professionally Quilted
12. Applique, Mixed, Special Techniques – Any Quilting Method

### Medium Wall Hanging – intended for use on wall (120" to 200" perimeter)

13. Pieced – Hand or Machine Quilted
14. Pieced – Professionally Quilted
15. Applique, Mixed, Special Techniques – Any Quilting Method

### Small Wall Hanging – intended for use on wall

(UNDER 120" perimeter)

16. Pieced – Hand or Machine Quilted
17. Pieced – Professionally Quilted
18. Applique, Mixed, Special Techniques – Any Quilting Method

### Household Items

19. Any technique, must include quilting (any table topper/runner, placemats, pillows, or kitchen accessory)

### Holiday Theme

20. Any technique, must include quilting

### Challenge Quilt

21. Local Quilt Challenge 2023-2024 year  
(Include name of guild and challenge rules)

### Group Quilt

22. Bed Quilt (include name of quilting group)

### Memory/Album Quilt

23. Any technique, must include quilting

### Hand-Tied Quilt

24. Any size, any technique, must include three layers (batting)

### Special Surface Design Techniques

25. Includes cross stitch, yo yos, felt, embroidery, whole cloth, etc. (must include quilting)

### Modern Quilt Design

*A quilt using a new design or reinterpreted traditional design, including improvisational piecing, alternative block structures, or emphasis of negative space and asymmetry.*

26. Pieced, any quilt, any quilting method

### Display Only

27. Any size, any quilting method

### Youth Division

28. Ages 10 and under (current age), any size, any quilting method
29. Ages 11 to 17 (current age), any size, any quilting method

### Theme Division

30. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION N - ACCESSORIES

Hats must be made by hand, but may have a manufacturer's form or frame.

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

### CLASS

1. Apron, cobbler or full-length
2. Apron, hostess
3. Hat or Veil, brides
4. Tote bags
5. Purse, crocheted
6. Purse, knitted
7. Purse, other
8. Beadwork
9. Any other
10. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION O - HOME ACCESSORIES

**Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50**

### CLASS

1. Pillow, Crochet
2. Pillow, Crewel Embroidered
3. Pillow, Thread Count or Cross-Stitch
4. Pillow, Needlepoint
5. Pillow, Embroidered, Hand or Machine
6. Pillow, Latch Hook
7. Pillow, Knit
8. Pillow, Cloth, Sewn or Quilted
9. Pillow, Novelty
10. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Embroidered, Hand
11. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Embroidered, Machine
12. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Applique
13. Kitchen/Dish Towels, (2) Novelty
14. Potholders, (2) Crochet
15. Potholders, (2) Knit
16. Potholders, (2) Cloth
17. Oven Mitts, (2) Cloth
18. Placemats, (2) Cloth
19. Napkins, (2) Cloth
20. Coasters, (4) Cloth
21. Mug Rug, (6" x 8" minimum) Cloth
22. Floor Rug, Crocheted, any size
23. Floor Rug, Hooked, any size
24. Floor Rug, Cloth, any size
25. Wool Item, any size
26. Any other
27. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

### The following rosettes will be award in Quilting - Division M

- Best Youth Quilter
- Best Use of Color
- Best Quilt Technique
- Best of Division
- Best of Show

*Best Youth Quilter*

sponsored by:

**Bernina Plus**

Bernina Plus will offer blue ribbon winners a

\$30 Gift Certificate to the

**Youth Quilter**

Division M - Class 29 & 30



104 Main Street South  
Minot, ND 58701  
(701) 837-5638

## DIVISION P - SEASONAL/HOLIDAY HOME DECORATION

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Tablecloth or Luncheon Cloth
2. Christmas Tree Skirt
3. Christmas Stocking
4. Christmas Tree Ornament (1)
5. Christmas Ornament (not tree)
6. Seasonal Centerpiece or Table Runner, cloth
7. Wreath, any season
8. Valentine's Day Item
9. Halloween Item
10. Thanksgiving Item
11. Easter Item
12. Patriotic Item
13. Wool Item, any season
14. Any other seasonal/holiday item
15. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION Q - LARGE PICTURES

(Framed, Over 12" stitched design)  
Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### CLASS

1. Crewel Embroidery
2. Embroidery (not wool yarn)
3. Needlepoint
4. Printed Cross Stitch
5. Counted Cross Stitch
6. Hardanger
7. Any other
8. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION R - MEDIUM PICTURES

(Framed, 8" to 12" stitched design)  
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Crewel Embroidery
2. Embroidery (not wool yarn)
3. Needlepoint
4. Printed Cross Stitch
5. Counted Cross Stitch
6. Hardanger
7. Any other
8. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION S - SMALL PICTURES

(Framed, Up to 8" stitched designs)  
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Crewel Embroidery
2. Embroidery (not wool yarn)
3. Needlepoint
4. Printed Cross Stitch
5. Counted Cross Stitch
6. Hardanger
7. Any other
8. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION T - WALL HANGINGS

(Unframed, any size)  
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

### CLASS

1. Embroidery (not wool yarn)
2. Crewel Embroidery
3. Crocheted
4. Latch Hook
5. Needlepoint
6. Counted Cross Stitch
7. Hardanger
8. Any other method
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION U - ORIGINALS

(Exhibitor's Own Creation & Design)  
Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

### CLASS

- |                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Crewel Embroidery          | 6. Latch Hook                       |
| 2. Crocheted                  | 7. Needlepoint                      |
| 3. Counted Cross Stitch       | 8. Any other method                 |
| 4. Embroidery (not wool yarn) | 9. Theme Class                      |
| 5. Hardanger                  | (See Static Information on Page 50) |

## DIVISION V - CONTESTS

### CLASS

1. Machine Embroidery Contest



### Machine Embroidery Contest

Vacuum & Sewing Center of Minot will sponsor the Machine Embroidery Contest. Your imagination and creativity will determine the winner of this contest. Some ideas are embroidered landscape on garment, embroidery on a quilt, machine cross-stitch, or whatever you like, as long as it is embroidered. The contest will be judged on the use of your imagination. The more unique the better! Winners will receive a gift card for any product at Vacuum Sewing center of Minot.

1st Place - \$25 Gift Card  
2nd Place - \$20 Gift Card  
3rd Place - \$15 Gift Card

\*In this category, you are only judged on your embroidery. The item you embroider will have no influence on your placing\*

# Department 114 - Photography

Superintendent: Taube Museum of Art

## Photography Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Photography Exhibits	Monday - 7/6 - 8am-5pm	Wednesday - 7/15	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8pm
			Sunday - 7/26 - 10am-2pm

**Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026.** Open Class Photography may be brought to 4-H Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

**ENTRY FEE:** Division A & B: \$1/class  
Division C: \$1/exhibitor

### RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com)
- Competition is open to North Dakota residents only.
- Entry must include the title of each exhibit being entered. Attach entry information to work with tape.
- Please enter exhibit under person's name who made it
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and the Taube Museum of Art will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

### RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 114, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702, where it will then be placed on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office no later than 5pm Friday, July 3.
- No entries will be accepted after deadline. Judging will begin Wednesday, July 15 at 1:30pm.
- All entries must be in a sack, package, box, etc., for protection and return.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- The judges are instructed not to award prizes unless the articles are deemed of real merit, even though they may be the only entry in the class.
- Any article exhibited in prior years at the North Dakota State Fair is ineligible to show
- The Acceptance Committee will review all exhibits for eligibility for judging, and for display if space is limited. All prize winners will be displayed. Unworthy entries will not be awarded places or displayed.

### RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm or on Sunday, July 26 between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Claim checks must be shown before release. The building will be closed at 8pm Saturday, July 25. Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission.

#### **Best of Division:**

One Best of Division Rosette will be awarded in each division of this department.

#### **Best of Show:**

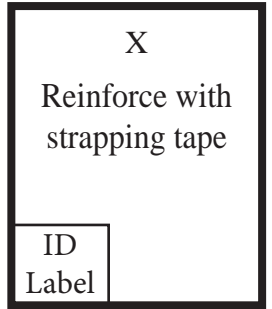
One Best of Show Award will be given in the Needleworks Department.

*Cash awards will be mailed September 2026*

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINT

### (Black/White and Color)

- Minimum size of print 8"x10", maximum size of mount 16"x20" (including frame).
- All photos must be covered in some way - plastic, acetate or shrink wrap. No LOOSE photos or photos with glass will be accepted.
- All photos must be matted. No corrugated cardboard, masonite, poster board, etc. Mount may be same size as print, but may not be larger than 16" x 20". Only one print per mount.
- Place hanger on back of mount (see diagram), centered 2" from top. Reinforce hanger with strapping tape. Photos are hung for the entire fair, and must be ready to hang. Due to the nature of our facility, do not use tape, string or any type of metal hook. Saw tooth hangers will be allowed on framed pictures only.
- Photographer's name, address, print title, Division and Class number must be on the back of the mount.



### Definitions (Amateur and Junior):

- **Scenes:** A view, landscape, seascape, etc.
- **Portraits:** Recognizable likeness of a person or persons.
- **Pure Nature:** Wild flowers, wild animals, etc. Prints of stuffed animals and museum sets will not be accepted. Nature subjects should not include the handiwork of man (roads, buildings, cultivated plants, domesticated animals, etc.)
- **Domestic Nature:** Animals, pets and cultivated flowers.
- **Photojournalism:** Picture that tells a story.
- **Still Life / Contemporary:** An arrangement of inanimate objects or creative or imaginative departure from reality.
- **North Dakota State Fair:** Must have been taken at the 2024 or 2025 ND State Fair of educational, livestock, produce, commercial exhibits, human interest scenes, or Carnival Midway. The State Fair Board reserves the right to use any of this lot for advertising purposes, with exhibitor retaining ownership of print. (Three State Fair and three carnival pictures may be entered).
- **Miscellaneous:** Must not fit in any other category.

### Premiums

- **Classes:** \$19.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00 • **HM: Ribbon** • **Best of Division:** \$23.00 and special ribbon

## SECTION ONE - AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

**Entry Fee: \$1.00 per class (Limit 4 entries per class)**

### Amateur Rules and Information:

1. Competition open to **amateur** photographers, residents of North Dakota.
2. Photography must have been taken by the exhibitor. All work must have been completed in the past year and must not have been previously entered at the ND State Fair.
3. Exhibitors may have no more than four (4) entries in any class, except State Fair classes, which may have six (6).

### DIVISION A - COLOR PRINTS

#### CLASS

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. Scenics                      | 6. Photojournalism                                       |
| 2. Portraits                    | 7. Still Life/Contemporary                               |
| 3. Pure Nature                  | 8. North Dakota State Fair/<br>Carnival Midway           |
| 4. Domestic Nature -<br>Animals | 9. Miscellaneous   |
| 5. Domestic Nature -<br>Flowers | 10. Theme Class - (See Static<br>Information on Page 50) |

### DIVISION B - BLACK/WHITE OR SEPIA PRINTS

#### CLASS

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Scenics                   | 7. Still Life/Contemporary                               |
| 2. Portraits                 | 8. North Dakota State Fair/<br>Carnival Midway           |
| 3. Pure Nature               | 9. Miscellaneous   |
| 4. Domestic Nature - Pets    | 10. Theme Class - (See Static<br>Information on Page 50) |
| 5. Domestic Nature - Flowers |  |
| 6. Photojournalism           |  |

## SECTION TWO- JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

**Entry Fee: \$1.00 per exhibitor**

### Junior Rules and Information:

1. Competition open to **junior** photographers, age 15 and under. Include birthdate on your entry blank by your name
2. Limit two (2) entries per class.
3. Print specifications apply.

### DIVISION C - JUNIOR

#### CLASS

1. Scenics
2. Nature – Domestic or Wild
3. People
4. Photojournalism
5. Miscellaneous
6. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)



# Education Department

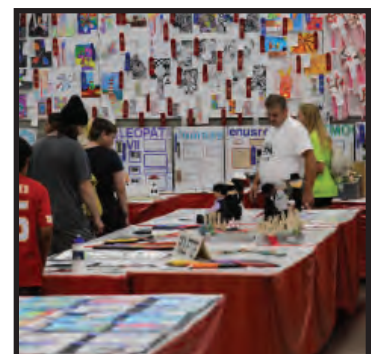
Superintendent: Lori Olson

## *Education Department Schedule*

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Education Exhibits	May 14 - July 6	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8pm
		Sunday - 7/26 - 10am-2pm

Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission. NDSF is not responsible for exhibits after August 7, 2026.

1. Obtain tags and entry forms by calling 701-857-7620 or download them at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com)
2. Complete the entry form
  - Under contact name list the teacher or school administrator and a phone number.
  - Complete the entry form with a list of Fair exhibits; specify if these are County Fair Blue Ribbon winners.
    - **Please enter Elementary, Middle School, High School and Home School on separate sheets.**
3. Select School Class, Grade Class, and Division from the box below.
4. Follow the guidelines on the back for Mounting, Display, Showmanship, and Stability.
5. Complete the entry tag
  - Label entry tag: School Classification, Grade Class, Division, County, School, Teacher, & Student Name
  - Example: An exhibit of penmanship by a first-grade child in a school with 200 students.
  - School Class – A      Grade– P      Division – 1      Entry No. – Leave blank
  - If more than one student completes the entry, indicate on the entry tag or form how many students were involved in the project so all may receive ribbons.
  - Attach entry tags SECURELY to each entry where they can easily be seen.
6. **Send or bring exhibits to the State Fair Office from May 14 through July 6.** If mailed, mark packages Education Dept. Provide return instructions for exhibits. (i.e., COD, adequate return postage enclosed)
7. **Pickup exhibits between 6pm and 8pm on Saturday, July 25 (you MUST pay the \$12 gate admission) OR Sunday, July 26 between 10am and 2pm. Exhibits not picked up at these designated times may be obtained by calling the NDSF office. NDSF is not responsible for any exhibits left after August 7, 2026.**
8. Receive cash and ribbons
  - All schools receiving more than \$1.00 in premiums (cash prizes) will be mailed a check in September 2026
  - First place (Blue ribbon) - \$1.75; Second place (Red ribbon) - \$0.75; Third place (White ribbon) - \$0.50.
  - Premiums will be paid for school classification only. Example: Class A enters 35 exhibits and receives 20 blue, 10 red, and 5 white ribbons. Premiums will be paid on the 20 blues and 10 reds. (Class A = limit 30 entries)



## CRITIQUE

(Please send a school sign to put with your display items)



### 1. MOUNTING

- No more than eight exhibits on a tag board.
- Lettering should be well planned, balanced and attractive.
- Same quality of work should be mounted together in any one display.
- Student's names should be visible on display.
- Only one entry tag per board is needed.
- Please remove all county fair ribbons.

### 2. DISPLAY

- Select the BEST work for display and not the work of the entire class, e.g., 20 students draw sketches: only the best should come to the Fair, other students may enter another project.
- Science projects need art and language skills for proper presentation.
- Use Showmanship in all displays (see below).
- Do not display small projects on extremely large bases.

### 3. SHOWMANSHIP

- Explanations in the form of 3 x 5 cards may be necessary.
- Include the special circumstance and history of the project.

### 4. STABILITY

- Construct projects so they will not fall apart in normal handling and transportation.

Obtain tabs and entry forms online at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com) or by calling 701-857-7620.

Questions? Email Superintendent Lori Olson: [lori.olson@minot.k12.nd.us](mailto:lori.olson@minot.k12.nd.us)

#### SCHOOL CLASS:

Entry Premium Limit

- CLASS A 30 entries/elementary school-under 400 students  
CLASS B 40 entries/elementary school-400 students & over  
CLASS C 30 entries/middle or junior high school-under 400 students  
CLASS D 40 entries/middle or junior high school-400 students & over  
CLASS E 30 entries/high school-under 400 students  
CLASS F 40 entries/high school-400 students & over  
CLASS G 30 entries/home school

#### DIVISIONS:

What projects will you submit?

1. Handwriting
2. Illustrated Booklets
3. Special Study Projects: a. Science b. North Dakota  
c. Social Studies d. Collections
4. Creative / Visual Arts: a. Drawing f. Sculpture  
b. Painting g. Weaving  
c. Photography h. Computer Art  
d. Pottery i. Pen and Ink  
e. Printmaking j. Three Dimensional
5. Holiday Art/Craft
6. Original Writing
7. Computer Projects
8. Recycled Art – Made from recycled Items
9. Open – Any project not listed

#### GRADE CLASS:

What grade are your students?

- K - Kindergarten  
P - Grades 1, 2, 3  
I - Grades 4, 5, 6  
MS - Grades 6, 7, 8 or 7, 8, 9  
HS - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12  
SN - Special Needs



**North Dakota State Fair**  
**July 17-25, 2026**

# WRITING CONTEST

WRITING CONTEST–Best of Show: \$150	Best of Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hon. Mention
Division A (Junior: Ages 13 or younger on July 17)	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$6.00
Division B (Young Adult: Ages 14–20 on July 17)	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$6.00
Division C (Adult: 21 or older on July 17)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

## HERITAGE CONTEST – Best of Show: \$150

Division D (Ages 20 or younger on July 17)	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Division E (Adult: Ages 21 or older on July 17)	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.

People living in North Dakota have had an opportunity each year since 1976 to enter their writings in the ND State Fair Writing Contest. Work submitted will be displayed in the 4-H Hall in the ND State Fair Center during the 2026 North Dakota State Fair (July 17-25). In addition to the ND State Fair, support for the contest comes from Minot State University and the Northern Plains Writing Project. Please indicate which contest and category you are entering.

### The Rules:

1. Each North Dakota resident may enter up to three works in any form (short stories, poems, plays, essays, letters, diaries, etc.). Maximum length for a work is 2,500 words.
2. Writer's name, address, and division MUST BE on the first page of each manuscript in the upper right-hand corner. If a return address is out-of-state, the writer should enclose a written explanation of residency. Please punch a hole in the upper left-hand corner of all manuscripts for hanging in the display.
3. Writers 13 years of age or younger on July 17, 2026, will compete in Division A. Writers 14 through 20 years of age on this day will compete in Division B, and writers 21 years of age and older on this day will compete in Division C. A writer competing in Division A or B should write his or her age as of July 17 on the first page of the manuscript.
4. Manuscripts should be sent to the North Dakota State Fair Writing Contest, Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702 or by email to [competitive@ndstatefair.com](mailto:competitive@ndstatefair.com). All entries must be in the Fair office by July 5, 2026.
5. Submission of a manuscript gives the officials of this contest and of the State Fair permission to display the manuscript in the 4-H Hall during the 2026 North Dakota State Fair. If sufficient funding is received, efforts will be made to publish winning manuscripts in an anthology, or to offer the manuscripts for publication in North Dakota weekly and daily newspaper. All other rights remain with author.
6. Photocopied manuscripts can be submitted. Manuscripts will not be returned. Officials and institutions associated with this contest assume no responsibility for lost or damaged manuscripts. Judging will be done by teacher-consultants of the Northern Plains Writing Project. All decisions of the judges are final.
7. Comments about the Writing Contest are encouraged from participants. Please address comments to: Samuel Stinson, ND State Fair Writing Contest, Division of Humanities, Minot State University, Minot ND 58707.

### THE HERITAGE CONTEST

The North Dakota Heritage Contest exists so people might write down and submit their own stories about what life was like in North Dakota. Work submitted will be displayed in the 4-H Hall in the ND State Fair Center during the 2026 North Dakota State Fair (July 17-25). The contest is sponsored by the North Dakota State Fair. Additional support comes from Minot State University and the Northern Plains Writing Project. Please indicate which contest and category you are entering.

### The Rules:

1. Each North Dakota resident may enter up to three works which illustrate aspects of North Dakota's culture and heritage. Here are a few of the many possible topics: attending a one-room school, being snowbound during a blizzard, working in a blacksmith shop, coming home after a war, going to town on Saturday night, and moving from farm to town.
2. Personal reminiscences, interviews with people who have lived in the state, or pieces of writing based on letters, diaries, and other old documents are all acceptable. Maximum length for a work is 2,500 words. Judges will look for quality of writing, relevance to the history and culture of North Dakota, and human interest when judging works entered.
3. Writer's name, address, and division MUST BE on the first page of each manuscript in the upper right-hand corner. If a return address is out-of-state, the writer should enclose a written explanation of residency. Please punch a hole in the upper hand corner of all manuscripts for hanging in the display.
4. Writers 20 years of age or younger on July 17, 2026, will compete in Division D. Writers 21 years of age and older on this day will compete in Division E. A writer competing in Division D should his or her age as of July 20 on the first page of the manuscript.
5. Manuscripts should be sent to the North Dakota State Fair Heritage Contest, Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702 or by email to [competitive@ndstatefair.com](mailto:competitive@ndstatefair.com). All entries must be in the Fair office by July 5, 2026.
6. Submission of a manuscript gives the officials of this contest and of the State Fair permission to display the manuscript in the 4-H Hall during the 2026 North Dakota State Fair. If sufficient funding is received, efforts will be made to publish winning manuscripts in an anthology, or to offer manuscripts for publication in North Dakota weekly and newspapers. All other rights remain with the author.
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