# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

## 2026 OPEN SHEEP ENTRY INFORMATION

***Information will be periodically updated until online entries open. Please check for final updates.***

Open Show Superintendents:
Rotation 1: Gary Klug  Rotation 2: Barbara Bishop

### ENTRY CLOSING DATES

**<u>Online Entries only</u> – Completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on June 17, 2026**

Entries are only accepted online with credit card payment; no mailed entries will be accepted.
*Any online entry completed/paid after 7 pm Central Time on June 17th is considered late; late fees apply.*

***PLEASE NOTE:*** *Entries may close earlier if barn capacity is reached*
*Entry limit of 50 head per exhibitor*

### ENTRY FEES

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| Individual Class | $8 per head |
| Group Classes | No entry fee; enter upon arrival |

### LATE ENTRY FEES

$130 per exhibitor, plus original entry fees above
*Late entries are subject to space available and superintendent approval*

### SUBSTITUTION FEES after July 17

$16 per head

### SHOW SCHEDULE

***Fair management reserves the right to post and/or announce changes to the schedule***

**<u>ROTATION 1:</u> <u>Wether Type</u>**

**<u>Wool Breeds</u>** Border Leicester, Long Wool, Natural Color, Targhee, AOB Wool
**<u>Meat Breeds</u>** Cheviot, Dorset, Dorset Advantage, Montadale, Oxford

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| **Arrival**: | August 4 | 5 am to 4 pm |
| **In Place:** | August 4 | 4 pm ***Vet Checks will begin at 4 pm*** |
| **Check In:** | August 4 | 4 pm to 6 pm |
| **Weigh In:** | August 4 | 6 pm to 8 pm (after completion of Vet Checks – Wether Type only) |
| **Show:** | August 5 | 8 am –AOB Wool, Natural Color, Targhee, Long Wool, Border Leicester, Montadale, followed by Supreme Champion Wool Breeds<br>6 pm – Wether Type |
| | August 6 | 8 am – Dorset Advantage, Dorset, Oxford, Cheviot, followed by Supreme Champion Meat Breeds Rotation 1 |
| **Release:** | August 6 | 4 pm |

**<u>ROTATION 2:</u> <u>Meat Breeds</u>** AOB Meat, Dorper, Hampshire-Fitted, Hampshire-Slick Shorn, Suffolk – Fitted, Suffolk – Slick Shorn, Shropshire, Southdown, Tunis,

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| **Arrival**: | August 13 | after 11 pm |
| **In Place:** | August 14 | 9 am ***Vet Checks will begin at 9 am*** |
| **Check In:** | August 14 | 9 am to Noon |
| **Show:** | August 15 | 8 am Shropshire 9:30 am Hampshire Slick Shorn 11:30 pm Suffolk Slick Shorn<br>1:00 pm Hampshire Fitted 2:30 pm Suffolk Fitted 3:30 pm Dorper |
| | August 16 | 8:30 am Southdown 11:00 am Tunis 12:00 AOB Meat<br>Followed by Supreme Champion Meat Breeds Rotation 2<br>Supreme Ram Drive 15 minutes after conclusion of AOB Meat<br>Supreme Ewe Drive 15 minutes after Supreme Ram Selection |
| **Release:** | August 16 | 4 pm |

For the health and safety of animals, exhibitors, and Fairgoers, Wisconsin State Fair with the support of the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Committee, will implement the following sheep health check-in procedures for Open and Junior Sheep shows at the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair.

### All sheep must arrive show-ready for veterinary inspection upon arrival at the Fair.

***Before you arrive at the Fair*** - All commercial ewes, market lambs, performance lambs, and slick-shorn registered sheep (including slick-shorn Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Southdown, etc.) must be shorn at a uniform length of 1/8 inch or less before arriving at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Registered breeding sheep should be fitted to resemble the breed division entered.

***When you arrive at the Fair*** – Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians will inspect all Open sheep in the barn beginning at 4 pm on August 4 (Rotation 1) and at 9 am on August 14 (Rotation 2). Exhibitors (or family members) must remove all blankets, hoods, and leg wraps from animals so Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians and veterinary staff can inspect the sheep. Sheep prolapsing, sheep showing symptoms or exhibiting ringworm, fungus or other infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be disqualified. Any suspected cases noted by veterinary staff will be referred to the WSF Veterinarian assigned to that veterinary team for a final determination.

**The decision of the WSF Veterinarian regarding the health of an animal is final.** Statements or treatment by an exhibitor's veterinarian will not overrule the WSF Veterinarian's ruling.

Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease will be moved from the barn to the quarantine tent by the Exhibitor and Wisconsin State Fair Veterinary Staff. The animal will be marked as disqualified. Animals that are moved to the quarantine tent must be removed from the Fair Park grounds within 24 hours. Quarantined animals cannot remain on-site at Wisconsin State Fair. No animals are allowed or to be kept at offsite lots.

# 2026 SHEEP HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

***PLEASE NOTE: For current sheep health regulations refer to "Animal Health Rules and Regulations" in the "General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com.***

**Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FairsShowsSheepGoats.aspx**

## Sheep Specific Rules

***All registered animals showing in breed classes must meet national breed association requirements for exhibition to be eligible to show at Wisconsin State Fair. Animals whose registration papers have been suspended/invalidated will not be eligible to show. Animals with registration papers marked "not eligible to show" will not be eligible to show in breed classes but will be able to show in the commercial or crossbred classes, if available.***

1. Tents are not permitted around the outside of the Sheep barn.
2. Exhibitors are reminded that webcasting of WSF shows brings a broader audience, and exhibitors are required to use ***safe and humane handling methods*** with their animals. Fair management has the authority to disqualify or reprimand any exhibitor who treats any animal in an inhumane and/or unethical manner.
3. **Sheep may only be shown and on the grounds during one (1) Open Show rotation.** The same animal cannot be shown by the same exhibitor *or by a different exhibitor* in another rotation.
4. The use of muzzles is not allowed.
5. Washing/rinsing while at the Fair must be done in the wash area located in the southeast corner of the Sheep Barn.
6. **Bedding:** The use of sand for bedding is prohibited. Exhibitors using carpeting **must remove all pen carpeting** prior to leaving the Fair.
7. **Breed Divisions:** An individual sheep may only be shown in one Open show division at the current Fair.
8. **Any Other Breed –** Animals shown in the Any Other Breed Division must be registered through their national breed association. Animals registered through multiple breed associations MUST show in the offered/published breed division (if applicable); if no breed division exists the animal will be shown in the respective Any Other Breed Division

(Wool Rotation 1 or Meat Rotation 2) or the Wether Type Division (Rotation 2). Wether Type/Commercial animals are not eligible for the Any Other Breed Divisions.

9. **Identification: All registered and wether type sheep must have a USDA Scrapie Tag.**
    a. All registered sheep must carry a flock number tag in one ear and registration tags in the other ear at the time of showing. Exceptions to this rule may include a Breed Association that does not furnish ear tags, or if evidence exists that one of the ear tags has been lost recently; such waiver will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
    b. Tattoos must be visible on those breeds that require them.
    c. Wether type sheep must be identified with tags containing flock and individual scrapie numbers.
    d. Any exhibitor who falsely represents sheep by changing ear tags or falsifying registration certificates may be barred from showing sheep at Wisconsin State Fair and this violation may be reported to the respective breed associations.
    e. An animal may be dismissed from a class by Fair management because of improper tags/numbers. If dismissed, that animal will not be allowed to show in group classes or the Any Other Breed Division.
10. **Age Verification:** Animals are subject to age inspection by representatives of the breed associations, Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian, or Wisconsin State Fair management. Questionable age verification will be determined by Wisconsin State Fair management and that decision is final. Only lambs which have lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the lamb classes.

***Areas highlighted in blue (throughout the rest of the section) are sponsorships pending/in the process of being updated for 2026.***

## **ROTATION 1:** AOB Wool, Border Leicester, Cheviot, Dorset, Dorset Advantage, Long Wool, Natural Color, Montadale, Oxford, Targhee, Wether Type

### DIVISIONS

***Any Other Breed/Wool – Border Leicester – Cheviot – Dorset – Dorset Advantage – Long Wool – Montadale - Natural Color – Oxford – Targhee  Wether Type – see next page***

| Class and Class Description | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th and up |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **Yearling Ram (September 2024 – August, 2025)** | $40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **2** | **Fall Ram Lamb (September – December 2025)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| | *Champion Senior Ram (from classes 1, 2)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Champion Senior Ram (from classes 1, 2)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| **5** | **January Ram Lamb (January 2026)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **6** | **February Ram Lamb (February 2026)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **7** | **March/April Ram Lamb (March/April 2026)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **8** | **Pair of Ram Lambs** (from classes 2, 5, 6 and 7) | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| | *Champion Junior Ram (from classes 5, 6, 7)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Champion Junior Ram (from classes 5, 6, 7)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| | *Grand Champion Ram (from classes 3, 9)* | *$100 & Award* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Grand Champion Ram (from classes 3, 9)* | *$50 & Award* | | | | |
| **13** | **Yearling Ewe (September, 2024 - August, 2025)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **14** | **Pair of Yearling Ewes** (from class 13) | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| **15** | **Fall Ewe Lamb (September - December 2025)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| | *Champion Senior Ewe (from classes 13, 15)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Champion Senior Ewe (from classes 13, 15)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| **18** | **January Ewe Lamb (January 2026)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **19** | **February Ewe Lamb (February 2026)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **20** | **March/April Ewe Lamb (March/April 2026)** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **21** | **Pair of Ewe Lambs** (from classes 15, 18, 19, 20) | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| | *Champion Junior Ewe (from classes 18, 19, 20)* | *Rosette* | | | | |

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| | *Reserve Champion Junior Ewe (from classes 18, 19, 20)* | *Rosette* | | | | |
| | *Grand Champion Ewe (from classes 16, 22)* | *$100 & Award* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (from classes 16, 22)* | *$50 & Award* | | | | |
| **26** | **Exhibitor's Flock** (one ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs) | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| | *Premier Exhibitor* | *Award* | | | | |

## WETHER TYPE BREEDING STOCK

No registration certificates are required for Wether type. Entries will be split into 2 classes (yearlings and lambs). Those classes may be further sub-divided and shown by check-in weight.

| Class and Class Description | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th and up |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **Yearling Ram** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **2** | **Lamb – Ram** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **3** | **Pair of Ram Lambs** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| | *Grand Champion Wether Type Ram (from classes 1, 2)* | *$100 & Banner* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Grand Champion Wether Type Ram(from classes 1, 2)* | *$50 & Banner* | | | | |
| **6** | **Yearling Ewe** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **7** | **Pair of Yearling Ewes** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| **8** | **Lamb – Ewe** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 30 |
| **9** | **Pair of Ewe Lambs** | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |
| | *Grand Champion Wether Type Ewe (from classes 6, 8)* | *$100 & Banner* | | | | |
| | *Reserve Grand Champion Wether Type Ewe (from classes 6, 8)* | *$50 & Banner* | | | | |
| **12** | **Exhibitor's Flock** (one ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs) | 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | *Ribbon Only* |

## **ROTATION 2:** AOB Meat, Dorper, Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Tunis

## DIVISIONS

***Any Other Breed/Meat – Dorper – Hampshire Fitted – Hampshire Slick Shorn – Shropshire – Southdown – Suffolk Fitted – Suffolk Slick Shorn – Tunis***

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## SUPREME CHAMPION AWARDS – ROTATION 1

A Supreme, Reserve Supreme, and Third Overall Champion Ram and Ewe will be selected from the breed show champions at the end of judging on Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th. The following will be awarded:

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| Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ram Rotation 1 | $250 and Banner |
| Reserve Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ram Rotation 1 | $150 and Banner |
| Third Overall Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ram Rotation 1 | $100 and Banner |
| Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ewe Rotation 1 | $250 and Banner |
| Reserve Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ewe Rotation 1 | $150 and Banner |
| Third Overall Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ewe Rotation 1 | $100 and Banner |
| Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ram Rotation 1 | $250 and Banner |
| Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ram Rotation 1 | $150 and Banner |
| Third Overall Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ram Rotation 1 | $100 and Banner |
| Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ewe Rotation 1 | $250 and Banner |
| Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ewe Rotation 1 | $150 and Banner |
| Third Overall Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ewe Rotation 1 | $100 and Banner |

## SUPREME CHAMPION AWARDS – ROTATION 2

A Supreme, Reserve Supreme, and Third Overall Champion Ram and Ewe will be selected from the breed show champions at the end of judging on Sunday, August 16th. The following will be awarded:

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| Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ram Rotation 2 | $250 and Banner |
| Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ram Rotation 2 | $150 and Banner |
| Third Overall Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ram Rotation 2 | $100 and Banner |
| Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ewe Rotation 2 | $250 and Banner |
| Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ewe Rotation 2 | $150 and Banner |
| Third Overall Supreme Champion Meat Breed Ewe Rotation 2 | $100 and Banner |

## PREMIER EXHIBITOR - SHEEP

An award will be presented in each breed show to the Exhibitor accumulating the most points in individual classes, not to exceed eight (8) animals owned and shown by the exhibitor. Point ties will be broken using the criteria of the exhibitor placing higher in the flock class

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR POINTS**

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

## SHEPHERD'S AWARD

Wisconsin State Fair will present an award to the top two shepherds in each rotation who keep their pens, sheep, and other areas clean and who make a positive impression on public and management.

## CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Sponsored by: Wisconsin State Fair Park Board Chair John Yingling

Wisconsin State Fair will present a Chairman's Award Rosette to a select few open show exhibitors who go above and beyond to promote a positive, educational and professional image of agriculture to Fairgoers. All open show exhibitors are eligible to win this prestigious award, which will be selected by members of the State Fair Park Board, staff, and/or other Fair VIPs. Award consideration will be geared toward exhibits which:

- Educate Fairgoers about general agriculture, a specific species, breed or industry (examples include but are not limited to facts, trivia, how to, etc.) – 50%
- Provide an attractive display (animal and tack areas) – 25%
- Demonstrate a courteous and cooperative attitude to Fairgoers and Fair management – 15%
- Promote farm or enterprise (visible farm and animal identification) – 10%

Award Recipients will receive recognition during the 2026 Fair and will receive complimentary admission and entry fees equal to their current year's fees for the following Wisconsin State Fair. Displays with multiple exhibitors will be considered but the award will only be presented to one exhibitor. Past award winners must significantly change their display each year to be eligible.

2024 Award Recipients: *Tiffanie Timme, Mark and Kay Suehs, Morgan Anderson*
2025 Award Recipient: *Windswept Crest/Morgan Anderson*

# OPEN SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

**ANIMAL CARE and EXHIBITOR SAFETY**

1. All exhibits receive the best care and protection the surroundings will afford, but they are always subject to the owner's risk. All exhibitors are expected to conform to Wisconsin State Fair participation and exhibition policies. Failure to comply may result in award and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from the grounds, and being barred from immediate and/or future exhibitions. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations; split or combine classes; accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally.
2. For the safety of exhibitors, fairgoers, and animals, any animal deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit will be dismissed from the showring and/or Wisconsin State Fair grounds. Show management/staff retains the right to warn the exhibitor (***no more*** *than twice*) but will dismiss any animal that the exhibitor is unable to bring under control. No prize money will be awarded if an animal is dismissed and entry or other fees will not be refunded.
3. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to display positive animal care/welfare practices while at the Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove exhibitors/entries deemed by Fair management not presenting positive care/animal welfare practices. Refer to the "General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for statements about drug testing/unethical fitting and additional rules and information.
4. Due to animal wellness and safety concerns all animals are restricted to their assigned Barn area. Animals found outside of the designated areas will be immediately disqualified. The department superintendent has the discretion to approve special circumstances.
5. No animals are allowed at the designated Wisconsin State Fair off-site parking lots.
6. No animals other than those entered will be permitted in the barn (**no** newborn young).
7. Pets, whether on a leash or carried or in a container, are not permitted on site during the Fair, unless the pet is part of a Fair event, e.g. K-9 Sports. Service animals are, of course, permitted.
8. Once any animal is checked in at the Fair they shall not be removed from the Fair unless released by the Superintendent or Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian.
9. **Animal Inspection:** All animals may be examined *at any time* while they are on Fair Park grounds by Wisconsin State Fair management or a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian. Sheep prolapsing, showing symptoms/exhibiting ringworm, fungus or other contagious diseases will be disqualified. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be permitted to exhibit and must be removed immediately from the Fair Park. The decision of a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian regarding the health of an animal and suitability for exhibition is **final** and not subject to appeal.

10. **Animal Treatment:** While on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds, the Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian must administer all medication.
    A. The Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian will inspect, treat, and record all information on an official 3-ply Treatment Record Form. There will be no charge for the Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian to treat an animal. Exhibitors will be charged only for treatment (medication, procedures, and alternative therapy costs).
    B. The Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian trailer is on 5th Street north of the Double Deck Barn. The animal treatment tent for horses and cattle is on 5th Street; the animal treatment tent for goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits is located just north of the Swine and Goat Barn. This is the only area to be used to administer treatments (oral, IM, IV, subcutaneous).
    C. Exhibitors are not allowed to move animals from the barn to the treatment areas without a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian present.
    D. Exhibitors who violate the authorized treatment protocol may be disqualified.
11. For animal welfare, public safety, and liability reasons exhibitors may not use space in or around their exhibits to conduct any type of direct contact/petting/feeding or photo opportunities geared toward fairgoers/public.

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

1. **Entries:** To enter online, please go to entry.wistatefair.com. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express are accepted. Only entries completed and paid by credit card online will be accepted; no mailed entries will be accepted. Any online entry not completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on June 17th is considered late and will be charged late fees.
2. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions. There are no refunds of fees once entries have been accepted. Entries are not accepted over the phone. There is no swapping or reselling of entries.
3. Entries will not be considered complete unless ***all*** required information is fully completed and full remittance is submitted online. **Entries must contain complete exhibitor information** (including properly completed form W-9) **and complete animal information** as required by each department (including for example: birthdate, ear notch, ear tag/scrapie tag, name, registration number, etc.). Entries without required information and/or fees, including department fees (including but not limited to horse fees, stall fees, pen fees, etc.) will not be accepted. See the "General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for additional rules.
4. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to reject, accept, or conditionally accept any entry or late entry from any exhibitor.
5. **Substitutions:** Animal substitutions must be submitted on an Open Substitution Form. No exceptions.
   **UNTIL JULY 17th** - Any substitutions within department will be allowed at no charge providing the animal being substituted was eligible at the time entries were made. Submit the completed Open Substitution Form located on wistatefair.com postmarked on or before July 17th to: Wisconsin State Fair Entry Office, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214. ***Please note:*** *Local Post Offices are no longer postmarking envelopes; they are now being postmarked at regional processing centers.* ***Please mail your substitution forms early enough to arrive at the regional center for a timely postmark!***
   **JULY 18th and AFTER** – Late substitutions will be allowed within department for a fee providing the animal being substituted was eligible at the time entries were made. The Open Substitution Form located on wistatefair.com with proper fees and registration paper must be submitted to show management at check in.
6. **Show Entry Capacity:** If barn capacity is exceeded, entries will be accepted using the following criteria in order:
    A. Wisconsin exhibitors based on seniority of showing at Wisconsin State Fair.
    B. New Wisconsin exhibitors.
    C. Out-of-state exhibitors based on seniority showing at Wisconsin State Fair.
    D. New out-of-state exhibitors.
7. **Ownership Requirements**
    A. **Registration Certificates:** All registered animals showing in breed classes must meet national breed association requirements for exhibition to be eligible to show at Wisconsin State Fair. The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and when the animal is checked in at the Fair. Animals whose registration papers have been suspended/invalidated will not be eligible to show. Animals with registration

papers marked “not eligible to show will not be eligible to show in breed classes but will be able to show in the commercial or crossbred classes, if available.

B. **OPEN SHOW Ownership:** All animals must be entered and exhibited under the recorded owner’s or co-owners’ names as of the show entry deadline date and registered through their respective national breed association. The breed association original, a breed association duplicate, and emails directly from the breed associations to verify registration will be accepted and checked by Wisconsin State Fair management or authorized breed association representatives.

C. **Joint Ownership:** Animals owned jointly by two or more parties may be shown individually or in groups by any of the joint owners but cannot be shown by more than one owner at this show. No firm, farm, herd co-partnership or corporation will be given more than one exhibitor number.

D. **Identification:** All animals are subject to a permanent identification and age inspection by representatives of the breed associations, Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian, or Wisconsin State Fair management. Questionable age verification will be determined by Wisconsin State Fair management and that decision is final.

E. **Breeder/Exhibitor Definition:** The owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the animal. Embryo transfer animals will only be considered Bred and Owned when the donor dam is owned by the exhibitor at the time of collection. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one farm, and where the herd is one unit, all entries will be considered as exhibits of one breeder.

8. **Class Eligibility**

A. **Any Other Breed Division:** Registered animals MUST show in the offered/published breed division. If no breed division exists, the animal will be shown in the Any Other Breed Division if offered. Animals shown in the Any Other Breed Division must be registered through their national breed association. An animal registered with multiple national breed associations may only be shown in one breed division at the current Fair.

B. **Champion Classes**: Only first and second place winners in the respective classes are eligible to compete for champion and reserve champion awards. All first-place animals are required to show in champion classes unless excused by the Superintendent.

C. **Group Classes**: Only animals entered and shown in individual classes are eligible to compete in group classes Exhibitors may exhibit only one entry in each group class.

**EXHIBITOR VENDING:** All exhibitors who wish to sell non-entered merchandise (no services) to Fairgoers and exhibitors from their assigned animal exhibitor space must obtain a vendor permit prior to selling any merchandise. All items sold MUST be pre-approved by Wisconsin State Fair. Permits for vending are $25 per day. Contact the Agriculture Department at entryoffice@wistatefair.com to purchase a permit. Permits must be purchased at least 30 days prior to the Fair. Exhibitors requesting additional space for selling merchandise will be charged on a scale more in line with commercial Fair vendors ranging from $60 to $85 per frontage foot. Violators of this policy will not be allowed to sell merchandise and may be asked to leave the Fair Park.

**FEED AND BEDDING SERVICE:** Wisconsin State Fair will have limited amounts of feed and bedding for sale. Orders may be placed during the Fair but to ensure availability exhibitors are encouraged to place orders in advance.

**Advance Orders:** Order forms can be found on wistatefair.com in June. Orders can be mailed or emailed to entryoffice@wistatefair.com **after June 15th.**

All orders must be paid in full **at the entry office** before leaving the Fair Park. Check or credit card payments will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Wisconsin State Fair. Checks returned to Wisconsin State Fair from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a $20.00 service fee. Payment must be made within 5 business days of notification from Wisconsin State Fair. In the event of nonpayment, prize money will be withheld, and future entries will not be accepted until the balance is settled.

Feed and bedding orders will be delivered mornings and evenings during the Fair. Orders placed in the morning will be delivered that evening. Orders placed in the afternoon/evening will be delivered the next morning. Please plan your needs accordingly.

**SHOWRING EXPECTATIONS/JUDGING**

1. A roster of judges will be posted on wistatefair.com. It is subject to change.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have entries ready to enter the showring when show management calls for the class to enter the ring. Animals must enter the show ring when the class is called. The judge, ring steward or show management has the right to determine the deadline for late arrivals and close the class. Any exhibitor who misses his/her class is not a contender for the prize money offered. Classes will not be re-run for any animals missing a class. If an animal misses a class, the animal cannot be put in another class to be judged.
3. Cell phones, smartphones, ear buds, headphones, and other electronic devices may not be present or used in the showring.
4. All exhibitors must be properly dressed while in the show ring. Fair management may remove the exhibitor/animal from these areas until compliance is met.
5. Exhibitors are required to wear a harness or clip to display the assigned (5"x 7") exhibitor number when in the ring. Exhibitors must wear the correct exhibitor number to have their animal considered for placement by a judge. Violators will not be permitted to enter the ring.
6. Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. It is prohibited for exhibitors to contact or attempt to contact a judge after the judge has accepted the assignment of judging at Wisconsin State Fair. No exhibitor should socialize, fraternize, or visit with a judge during the show(s). If any exhibitor, exhibitor's family member, employee, or adult facilitator attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prize money awarded and may be excluded from further competition. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases. Judges are not permitted to show in classes they are judging. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to change judges at any time.
7. Each animal shall be exhibited to the entire satisfaction of the judges. After a class has started no animal(s) shall be permitted to leave the ring before the entire class has been judged/placed without the approval of the judge. Upon final placing, exhibitors are requested to remain in position in line or parade while the Judge is giving his/her reasons. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all prize money won by the exhibitor.
8. Regardless of the number of exhibitors competing in a class, the judge may recommend any placing at his or her discretion. Judges will not place unworthy entries.
9. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. The Agriculture Director reserves the right to consult with the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Committee on any or all cases.
10. Should a first placed entry be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second-place animal is disqualified, the third-place animal will move up. Should a division animal champion be disqualified after winning its division but before selection of Grand Champion, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made. After Grand Championship judging has ben completed, there will be no shifting upward or replacement of any placings.
11. **Exhibitor Conduct:** Wisconsin State Fair management has the authority without liability or recourse to the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board to bar any exhibitor or his/her representatives in the event of a discourteous act to a judge or official of the Fair and will have the power to disqualify the entry/entries of said exhibitor. In the event of such disqualification, the exhibitor forfeits all fees paid as well as any prize money and awards won.

**STALLING and EQUIPMENT**

1. Stalls and animals must be kept accessible to the public while the barn is open (9am to 9pm).
2. No one is allowed to sleep in the barns.
3. All waste, feed, manure, and trash should be disposed of properly.
4. **Storm Sewers:** All storm sewers within Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds drain directly to Honey Creek, which drains to the Menomonee River and Lake Michigan. All storm sewer inlets and manholes are spray painted red and labeled. To protect these water resources, do not place or dump anything in/near the red storm sewers or catch basins. The only places to dump water/grey water are the green grates which lead to sanitary sewers.
5. The use of feed dispensers for Fairgoers to feed animals is strictly prohibited.

6. **Stall Equipment:** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring pen dividers for separating animals and designating tack areas. Pen dimensions in the Sheep Barn are 5' wide x 7' deep x 46" tall; in the Swine Barn, pens are 6' wide x 8' deep x 42" tall. Horse stalls are 10' x 10'. No equipment is approved for use in the aisles.
7. **Bedding:**
    a. The use of sand for bedding is prohibited.
    b. Exhibitors using carpeting must remove all carpeting prior to leaving the Fair.
    c. Dairy Cattle: No more than 8 inches of straw pack is recommended. Large square bales are permitted but the use of motorized handling equipment is prohibited. Wisconsin State Fair is not responsible or liable for movement. Large bales left behind after the show may be subject to a removal fee.
8. **Extension Cords**: All cords must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. No cords will be permitted in the aisles or in public areas (above or on a surface) without being properly secured. Wisconsin State Fair management retains the authority to determine what is acceptable.
9. **Fans:**
    a. **Beef and Dairy Cattle, Horses:** The use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per animal is allowed.
    b. **Goats, Sheep, and Swine:** the use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per pen is allowed.
    c. All fans must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. Overhead fans must be hung from the front wall on either side of the pen. Floor fans may only be used to move air for the entire display and must be kept out of the aisles. The Superintendent reserves the right to determine acceptable placement and usage.
    d. No other air movement, chilling and/or cooling devices are allowed.
10. **Generators:** The use of portable power sources is permitted. Generators must be kept a minimum of 5' from buildings in the designated locations on the Fairgrounds.
11. **Gas/Diesel/Propane Storage Containers:** Containers holding hazardous/flammable materials cannot be stored on the grounds.
12. **Livestock Scales:** No personal livestock scales are allowed on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Exhibitors using an unofficial scale will be disqualified from participating and/or placing, and prize money in the shows will be forfeited.
13. **Show Equipment:** Show boxes, feed, bedding, and other show equipment used for the care of livestock must be kept neatly in the exhibitor's designated area and out of the public aisles. All livestock and livestock housing areas must be kept orderly and safe to demonstrate a positive image of animal agriculture to the public.
14. **Grooming Chutes/ Grooming Stands /Milking Stands:** Chutes/Stands are only allowed in the barn aisles 60 minutes before a show until 30 minutes after the show. Exhibitors using chutes/stands must store them out of the public walkways. Chutes/Stands **MUST** be placed in tack areas or other designated areas when not in use.
15. Exhibitors may not bring their own skidsters or other machinery to offload any equipment or supplies. Wisconsin State Fair is not able to unload personal equipment and supplies.

# Admissions, Parking and Lodging

**FAIRGROUNDS ADMISSION**

**Exhibitor Admission:** Limit of 50 admission tickets per exhibitor

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| Exhibitor Tickets Purchased from May 1 to July 15 | $7 |
| Exhibitor Tickets Purchased after July 15 at Coliseum Entry Office | $10 |

**General Admission tickets purchased during the Fair at the Gate:**

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| Adults (12 & over) | $20 |
| Seniors (60 & over) | $15 |
| Military/Veterans with ID | $15 |
| Youth, ages 6 – 11 years | $13 |
| Children 5 and under | Free |

1. Exhibitors may choose downloadable or mailed exhibitor admission tickets at time of order.
2. All exhibitors and family members must have valid admission to enter the Fair Park August 6 - 16, 2026.
3. Each admission ticket can only be scanned once. If an exhibitor would like to exit and re-enter the Fair Park during the day, he or she MUST get his or her hand stamped at the admission gates.

4. Admission tickets which are wet, sun-damaged, lost or stolen will not be replaced. No refunds are given for any unused admission tickets.
5. Admission fees do not include vehicle parking.

**EXHIBITOR PARKING**

1. **Vehicle Parking:**
    A. **Blue Ribbon Off-site Parking**: **Free**
        i. Off-site Agriculture Exhibitor vehicle parking lot with easy access from I-94.
        ii. This lot has 24-hour lot attendant, in and out privileges and overnight parking.
        iii. A free shuttle will be run continuously from noon, Tuesday, August 4th, through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.
        iv. Trailers are not allowed to park in this lot (see trailer parking below).
    B. **General Fair Park Parking**: **In Advance:** $18 per day/vehicle
        **At the Gate:** $18 per day/vehicle Monday through Thursday
        $22 per day/vehicle Friday/Saturday/Sunday
        i. Valid for one vehicle admission per day (no in and out privileges).
        ii. Purchase upon arrival at any vehicle access gate (except Gate 5). Parking is not guaranteed.
        iii. No overnight parking is allowed
2. **Trailer Parking:** A **free** Wisconsin State Fair off-site trailer parking lot will be available and assigned upon arrival. All trailers **MUST** be parked offsite. Exhibitors cannot sleep in their trailers overnight or keep any animals in trailers at the offsite lots.

**HOUSING OPTIONS**

1. Wisconsin State Fair Livestock barns are not approved for overnight sleeping accommodations by the local fire department. Sleeping in the barns is not permitted.
2. **Campers/RVs:** Please contact the Wisconsin State Fair RV Park at 414.266.7035 for availability and rates. This is the only location on the grounds where camping is permitted.
3. **Hotels near Wisconsin State Fair Park:**
    a. Hampton Inn & Suites Milwaukee West, 8201 West Greenfield Ave, West Allis, 414.436.2300.
    b. Best Western Plus Milwaukee West, 5501 W National Ave, Milwaukee 53214, 414.671.6400.
    c. Days Inn by Wyndham Inn West Allis/Milwaukee, 1673 S 108th St, West Allis, 414.562.6816.
    d. Forty Winks Inn, 11017 W Bluemound Rd, Wauwatosa 53226, 800.946.5746.
    e. Baymont by Wyndham, 2111 E Moreland Blvd, Waukesha 53186, 262.232.7980.
4. The Greater Milwaukee Convention & Visitors Bureau (visitmilwaukee.org; 800.554.1448) has a list of all hotels in the greater Southeastern Wisconsin area.
5. A very limited number of rooms in the **Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center** are available August 13th (after 10 pm) through August 16th. If interested, please see the Youth Center information on the website for availability: wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/TGT_Open_Summary.pdf.
    A. There is a limit of three rooms per reservation. A limited number of "one night only" rooms will be available.
    B. **PLEASE NOTE:** No alcohol or smoking (including e-cigarettes and vapes) is allowed in the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center.
    C. **All open show exhibitors staying in the Youth Center must purchase a Fair admission wristband from the Youth Center (on the registration form or upon arrival)**. The wristband will serve as admission into the Fair **(all exhibitors must have valid admission to enter the Fair).** Persons without wristbands **will not** be allowed on Youth Center lodging floors. Wristbands are **$7.00 PER PERSON/PER NIGHT.**
    D. There are no refunds of Youth Center fees.