

**ATTENTION:  
FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE HEALTH  
REGULATIONS GOVERNING BOTH 4-H AND OPEN CLASS  
ANIMAL EXHIBITS, PLEASE READ  
THE FOLLOWING:**

**EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN  
MINNESOTA SUMMARY OF STATE RULES**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING  
FROM MINNESOTA MUST MEET MINNESOTA REQUIREMENTS**

Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases. Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. All livestock will be inspected by the Official Veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring, this includes livestock with warts or ringworm. All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and record of the test results on a test chart or intrastate Health Certificate must accompany the tested animals. Livestock and poultry entered in a petting exhibit are not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals at the exhibit.

**HORSES:** All horses must be tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) for admittance to the fair. Blood test done within last 12 months. Proof of test must be presented upon entrance to grounds.

**DOGS:** If over 6 months of age, must be accompanied by a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian. The dog must be immunized by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian with a vaccine licensed by the USDA and used in accordance with the label and be within the duration period for that vaccine.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING  
FROM STATES OTHER THAN MINNESOTA:**

**CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS AND POULTRY:** Originating from states other than Minnesota must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. Health certificates must list the Minnesota Exhibition as consignee, and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition except swine pseudorabies tests must be made within 30 days prior to the exhibition.

**HORSES AND DOGS:** Requirements are the same for those originating from Minnesota.

**LOCAL FAIRBOARD OPTIONS:** The exhibition management may adopt more but not less restrictive health requirements than required by state rules.

**GENERAL RULES:**

1. The Benton County Agricultural Society reserves the right to reject or remove any exhibit or individual from the Benton County Fairgrounds.
2. No animals or article found on exhibition will be permitted to be taken away before 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair, under penalty of forfeiture of premium, except by permission of the Benton County Fair Secretary.
3. No animal or article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium. Judges may award and grade of premiums offered according to the merit of the animal or article.
4. All exhibitors with animals must be sure that their stock is entered in the proper class. It will be the duty of the judge to rule out any animals not answering the entry and no change or alteration will be permitted after the entries are placed in the hands of the clerk.
5. Premiums not cashed within sixty (60) days after the Fair will be considered forfeited to the society.
6. The Association will take every precaution in its power for preservation of articles and stock on exhibition, but will not be responsible

for loss by theft, fire or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition or removal of exhibits.

7. All livestock shown to be purebreds unless stated otherwise. All pedigrees of purebred animals must be shown to the superintendent of the division in which entry is made if requested.
8. No advertising of any kind shall be permitted on the grounds unless space is rented, unless ordered by the Board of Directors and signed by the Secretary.
9. The management will not be responsible for typographical errors in the list, but should any occur, same will be interpreted by the Executive Committee.
10. No article will be allowed to compete for cash premiums that is not named and numbered in the Premium List this year.
11. All livestock shown at the Fair is subject to the sanitary regulation of the State Livestock Board as explained at the head of each division.
12. Benton County residents exhibitors shall be given priority in limited entry classes.
13. If the receipts should prove insufficient to meet all demands, the Society reserves the right to first pay all bona fide expenses of the Fair and pay premiums prorated with the balance on hand.
14. Pens will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.
15. A parking pass is required to park on-grounds. Passes may be purchased at livestock gate or at fair office. Livestock trailers MUST park in designated areas.
16. **Benton County exhibitors MUST keep their animals at the fair for the entire weekend so that the livestock barns are full of animals.**

**SPECIAL RULES GOVERNING COMMITTEES**

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the judges, before proceeding to judge the articles entered in any class, to see that each article entered on the committee book is present and properly arranged and to notify the superintendent when the article is not found.
2. No person will be permitted to interfere with the committee members or judges while in the performance of their duties. In case of doubt as to their power, committee will refer the matter to the Fair Secretary.
3. Stalls will be provided at a charge of \$10.00 per head for beef and \$5.00 per head for dairy. Pens will be provided for sheep and goats at \$5.00 per head. Entry/pen fees must be paid in advance.
4. All appeal cases shall be settled by the executive committee at a future meeting when all parties interested shall be notified to appear.
5. Awards be deemed final, unless appealed from the protest filed with the Secretary before the close of the Fair.
6. No animal or article shall be entered in more than one class with these exceptions: a. In all divisions as one of the sweepstakes. b. An animal may compete in its regular class and also as one of a herd or pen.
7. Committees are requested to add to their respectable reports such notes and observations as may be deemed useful in conducting future exhibitions.
8. First premium, a blue ribbon; second, a red ribbon; third, a white ribbon.
9. No animal will be awarded a prize unless promptly brought into show ring when lot is called. Animals entered and not brought into the ring at the proper time, unless excused by the Superintendent, will be charged \$3.00 per day for use of pen as may be designated by the management, and all fees paid will be forfeited.
10. Judges shall give reasons for their decisions, embracing the value of desirable qualities of the animal or article to which premiums are awarded.
11. The Superintendent of each department will confirm that the judging reports are correct as reported for their departments.

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**OPEN CLASS AGRICULTURE & CRAFT EXHIBITS  
RULES AND REGULATIONS -  
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