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# **Chester Agricultural and Mechanical Society FAIR**

Middlesex Turnpike  
CHESTER FAIR GROUNDS, CHESTER, CT  
(860) 526-5947

**FRIDAY NIGHT – SATURDAY – SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 2025**

**ADMISSION: \$10.00**

**Children 12 and under – FREE**

**Senior Citizens and Military w/ID - \$8.00**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

**3 Day Pass - \$25.00**

**~ FREE PARKING ~**



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**NO PETS OR FIREAMS  
ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS**



## WELCOME

### Welcome back to the Chester Fair!

We're excited about having you join us for all that's new and old. Once again we have the ever competitive Frog Jumping Contest, the Women's Fry Pan Toss, and the challenge that can come down to a photo-finish...The Baby Crawling Race. Also, stay tuned for a new family friendly event.....Friday Night in the Pulling Ring. (Follow us on social media for more information on that!)

Our Zero Waste Program is in place for the 4th year with 11,500 pounds worth of food scraps, compostable items, and recyclables being diverted from the waste stream, to date!

But wait, there's more! This year's theme is **Backyard Birding**. Connecticut Audubon Society's very own Joe Attwater will be our speaker. Joe will be discussing how to create a bird-friendly habitat, as well as, how to identify the birds you attract. Come join us Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the main stage, to hear Joe speak.

Meanwhile, we appreciate you all for joining us and look forward to another wonderful fair!

**Educational Workshop**  
**CREATING A BIRD-FRIENDLY HABITAT**  
**Saturday 8/23**  
**9:30 - 11 a.m. on the Main Stage**

Joe Attwater is the CT Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center's Conservation and Education Coordinator. Joe has a B.S. in Wildlife & Conservation Biology from the University of Rhode Island. During college, he assisted with graduate research on migrating songbirds and seabirds and turned to sustainable food systems after graduating. Joe leads many of the RTP Estuary Center's bird-themed community programs and webinars and assists in teaching our K-12 education programs.

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See website for additional information and updates

[www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org)

## ENTERTAINMENT

### ~ FRIDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> ~

6:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.

#### **GREEN HILL**

90's rock meets jam band spontaneity. We play the hits, then rewrite the rules

### ~ SATURDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> ~

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **SHORELINE CONNECTION**

Playing crowd-pleasing hits from the 1960's to 1990's  
around the shoreline for 25 years

3:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

#### **COBBLESTONE ROAD**

Country music from the 90's to today with rockin' country sound that will  
have you singing and dancing all night long!

7:45 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

#### **PLASTERCADE**

Bringing the best ultimate rock experience to stages across the tri-state area

### ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> ~

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **ALL FUNKED UP**

Energetic R&B/Funk/Groove - eclectic mixes from the 70's through today

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

#### **CHESTER DRUM CORPS**

A favorite annual tradition not to be missed!

*Subject to change*

## CHESTER FAIR PROGRAM

### THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 21, 2025

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Registration and Entry of articles for Classes:  
E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L and P

### FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 22, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Gate and Midway Opens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Arrival of Animals

6:00 p.m.

Antique Tractor Pull (mph transfer sled)

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday Night in the Ring (stay tuned to social media)

10:00 p.m.

Building #2 closes

11:00 p.m.

Gate Closes

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Gate Opens

8:00 a.m.

Livestock Judging

9:00 a.m.

Dairy Judging

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cattle Drawing – 2400 lbs. and under

Cattle Drawing – 2800 lbs. and under

Cattle Drawing – 3200 lbs. and under

Cattle Drawing – 3200 lbs. and over

9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Backyard Birding - Main Stage**

10:00 a.m.

Midway Opens

12:00 p.m.

Women's Frying Pan Toss Contest

3:00 p.m.

Antique Tractor Pull Stone boat

5:00 p.m.

Pony Drawing - 46" and under

Pony Drawing - 50" and under

10:00 p.m.

Building #2 closes

11:00 p.m.

Gate Closes

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Gate and Midway Opens

9:00 a.m.

Beef Judging

11:00 a.m.

Granite State Disc Dog (3 shows per day)

11:00 a.m.

Horse Drawing – 3225 lbs. and under

Horse Drawing – 3425 lbs. and under

Horse Drawing – Free for All

6:00 p.m.

Gate and Midway Close

*Subject to change*

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Meigs Point Nature Center Exhibit
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Twisty Bros. Balloon Art
11:00 a.m.	Baby Crawl Race
1:00-1:15 p.m.	Frog Jumping Contest - Age 15 & under (BYOF)
1:15-1:30 p.m.	Frog Jumping Contest - Age 16 & over (BYOF)
2:30-4:30 p.m.	Justine Nicole Entertainment - Hula Hoops for all ages

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Meigs Point Nature Center Exhibit
11:00 a.m.	Baby Crawl Race (Special Events tent)
11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Trevor the Games Man (stilt walking the grounds)
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Twisty Bros. Balloon Art
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Curious Creatures
1:00 p.m.	Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (Main Gate)
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Trevor the Games Man (Aerial Delights Show)
2:15-2:45 p.m.	Trevor the Games Man (Parachute Games)
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Trevor the Games Man (Project Ribbon Dancer)

*Subject to change without notice*

## ANTIQUES & FIDDLE MUSIC

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Rope Making Demo 7-8 p.m.      Shoreline Fiddle Club 7-9 p.m.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 23

Cross-Cut Saw Demo 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
Fur Trade on the CT River Talk - 12:00-12:30 p.m.  
Rope Making Demo - 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Open Session with Shoreline Fiddle Club 2 - 4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Fur Trade on the CT River Talk - 12:00-12:30 p.m.  
Cross-Cut Saw Demo 2:30-3:00 p.m.  
Open Session with Shoreline Fiddle Club 2-4 p.m.

## ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT FAIRS QUILT CONTEST

*Sponsored by* The Association of Connecticut Fairs, Inc. and the Durham Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., “The Durham Fair”

### RULES OF CONTEST

**WHO MAY ENTER:** The Contest is open to all residents of Connecticut.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Enter a quilt (or for Next Generation Quilters, a quilted item) at any participating fair that is a member of the Association of Connecticut Fairs in any of the categories mentioned below. The participating fair will award one winner in each category with a rosette from the Association of Connecticut Fairs along with any awards the local fair provides. Each fair will submit that winning entry to the state contest. A quilt can be entered in as many fairs as a contestant wishes until it becomes eligible to go to the state contest. Please note an Exhibitor can only represent 1 Quilt or wall hanging per Category at the State Quilt Contest in November.

**JUDGING:** The Association of Connecticut Fairs will furnish judges score sheets to each fair. The contestants will receive these sheets at the end of the contest. Go to [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org) for judging criteria. Decisions of the judges are final.

**LOCAL CONTEST:** The winner of the Quilt Contest will receive a blue ribbon from the Association of Connecticut Fairs and will become eligible to submit their entry to the state contest. In the event a fair only receives one entry in the contest and that entry is worthy of first prize, the Association rosette must be awarded to that entry.

**STATE CONTEST:** See [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org) for information.

### CATEGORIES:

- Hand or machine appliqué and quilted any way by Exhibitor
- Pieced and Machine quilted by Exhibitor
- Pieced and Hand quilted by Exhibitor
- Any method quilted by a Group (two or more)

Ribbons sponsored by the Durham Fair

### ADULT QUILT CONTEST RULES:

1. All work must be completed by an individual quilt maker.
2. Work can be pieced by hand or by machine.
3. Quilts must be either hand or machine (domestic, hand-guided longer or digital) quilted - no hand tied quilts.
4. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
5. Applique quilts must consist of at least 50% applique.

6. Quilt perimeter must measure a minimum of 216 inches.
7. A quilt can only complete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once at the state contest in the fall. It can be entered in more than one local fair until it is selected to compete at the state level. An exhibitor can only represent 1 quilt per category at the State Quilt Contest.

SEE STATE WEBSITE for more details and judging criteria: [www.CTAGFairs.org](http://www.CTAGFairs.org)

Note: The Chester Fair will pay for the winning contestant's dinner at the Fair Association's Spring/Fall Meeting.

The following prizes will be awarded at the State Meeting in each category:

**1st Prize: \$50.00**

**2nd Prize: \$35.00**

**3rd Prize: \$15.00**

**Peoples Choice: \$50.00**

Each attendee of the Banquet will be able to cast one vote for their favorite quilt regardless of category.

### **NEXT GENERATION QUILTER (formerly Junior) QUILT CONTEST:**

Possible entries include but are not limited to: quilts (any size), pillows, wall hangings, Christmas tree skirts, placemats, articles of clothing, bags or table runners

### **NEXT GENERATION QUILTER CONTEST RULES:**

1. All work must be completed by an individual quilt maker.
2. Work can be pieced by hand or by machine.
3. Items must be either hand or machine (domestic, hand-guided longer or digital) quilted - no hand tied quilts.
4. While there is no specific size (dimension) requirement, items will be judged based on appropriate techniques used.
5. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
6. An item can only compete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once at the state level contest in the fall. It can be entered in more than one local fair until it is selected to compete at the state level. An exhibitor can only represent 1 item at the State Quilt Contest.
7. Participant must be between 7 and 18 years of age at the time of judging.

SEE STATE WEBSITE for more details and judging criteria: [www.CTAGFairs.org](http://www.CTAGFairs.org)

The following prizes will be awarded at the Spring Meeting in each category:

**1st Prize: \$25.00**

**2nd Prize: \$15.00**

## 2025 STATE BAKING CONTESTS

*Sponsored by the Association of Connecticut Fairs, Inc.*

### RULES OF THE CONTEST

**WHO MAY ENTER:** The contest at each participating member fair is open to all men, women and juniors. Bakers do not need to be Connecticut residents to compete. Commercial, industrial or professional bakers are not eligible to enter.

**Divisions:** Juniors (ages 7 to 15 as of July 1st) and Adult.

**HOW TO ENTER:** All men, women or juniors entering a contest at any participating member fair are automatically entered and competing in the local contest. Contestants may enter the contest at as many fairs as they wish until they win first prize. They will then represent that fair at the state baking contest. Please submit entries to both the local and state contest **on disposable plates**. The Association of Connecticut Fairs and the local fairs are not responsible for the return of plates, trays or containers.

**JUDGING:** Judging will be based on appearance, flavor and texture, as noted for each contest. The Association of Connecticut Fairs will furnish judges' score sheets to each fair and the contestant will receive these sheets at the end of the contest.

**Additions, deletions or substitutions in the recipe are not permitted and will result in disqualification.** All decisions of the judges are final.

**LOCAL CONTEST:** The winner of the local Baking Contest will receive a blue ribbon from the Association of Connecticut Fairs and will then become eligible to submit their entry at the state contest. In the event that only one entry is received at the local contest and that entry is worthy of first prize, that entry must be awarded the first place ribbon.

**STATE CONTEST:** See [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org) for more details.

Note: The Chester Fair will pay for the winning contestants' dinners at the Fair Association's Spring/Fall meeting.



## ADULT CONTEST RECIPE

### Swedish Cardamom Bread

#### INGREDIENTS

¼ cup butter  
1 cup milk  
½ cup white sugar, granulated  
2 ¼ teaspoons or one packet of active dry yeast  
3 ½ cups King Arthur Baking All-Purpose flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom  
½ tablespoon orange zest  
1 egg beaten (reserve 2 teaspoons egg for egg-wash)  
2 teaspoons milk  
1-2 tablespoon Swedish Pearl sugar



#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt the butter in a microwave safe container that holds at least 2 cups. Add the milk and sugar, then heat to about 110F. Stir in the yeast.
2. In a large mixing bowl, mix the flour, salt and cardamom.
3. In a small bowl, beat the egg, then remove about 2 teaspoons into a separate container. Mix this smaller portion of egg with 2 teaspoons milk to make an egg wash, then refrigerate until needed.
4. Mix the larger portion of egg, and the orange zest into the milk mixture. Then add to the flour mixture. Beat with a dough hook or knead with your hands until the dough is smooth and elastic. Add additional flour or milk if needed to create a nice dough.
5. Cover the bowl of dough with a damp dish cloth and let rise in a warm place until doubled about 1 – 1 ½ hours.
6. When doubled in size, knead a few times, then divide the dough into thirds and make 3 15-inch- long rolls of dough. On a parchment lined baking sheet, braid these together then tuck in the ends. Preheat the oven to 375 F degrees.
7. Let rise in a warm place until almost double, about 40 minutes. Take the reserved egg wash out of the refrigerator, then whisk briefly. Using a soft brush, brush egg wash lightly over the top and sides of the bread, then sprinkle with Swedish Pearl sugar.
8. Bake at 375 F. degrees for about 20-30 minutes until the loaf is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped.

Submit on a foil-covered cardboard no larger than one inch from the sides of the bread

## Judging Criteria

Overall Appearance	25 points	Flavor	40 points
Following Directions	10 points	Aroma	<u>10 points</u>
Texture	15 points	Total	100 points

The following prizes will be awarded at the **State** contest in November

1st Place: \$40.00      4th Place: \$25.00      7th Place: \$10.00

2nd Place: \$35.00      5th Place: \$15.00      8th Place: \$7.50

3rd Place: \$30.00      6th Place: \$12.50      9th Place: \$5.00

10th Place: \$5.00

Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded.

King Arthur Flour is sponsoring ribbons and prizes at the Annual State Contest held in November 2025.

## JUNIOR CONTEST RECIPE

### Swedish Thumbprint Cookies

#### INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup King Arthur Baking All-Purpose flour, sifted
- ¼ cup seedless raspberry jam



#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large bowl, mix the butter and sugar until fluffy. Mix in the vanilla extract, then add the sifted flour, and mix until a shaggy dough forms. Knead the dough with your hands until the dough comes together and becomes smooth.
3. Scooping a tablespoonful of dough out at a time, shape into small balls, and place onto cookie sheet(s). This will make 12 cookies. Use the back of a round ¼ teaspoon or your thumb to make an indentation in the center of each cookie ball.
4. Chill in the refrigerator for one hour.
5. Fill each indentation with raspberry jam, making sure not to overfill.
6. Bake the cookies in the preheated oven for 12 to 15 minutes, until the cookies are light, golden brown. Remove from the oven and let them cool for 10 minutes on cookie sheet(s) and then transfer to a rack to completely cool.

Submit 6 cookies on a white 9" paper plate.

### Judging Criteria

Overall Appearance	25 points	Flavor	40 points
Following Directions	10 points	Aroma	<u>10 points</u>
Texture	15 points	Total	100 points

The following prizes are awarded at the **State** contest held in November 2025:

1st Place	\$20.00 & Rosette	6th Place	\$5.00 & Rosette
2nd Place	\$15.00 & Rosette	7th Place	\$5.00 & Rosette
3rd Place	\$10.00 & Rosette	8th Place	\$5.00 & Rosette
4th Place	\$7.50 & Rosette	9th Place:	\$2.50 & Rosette
5th Place	\$5.00 & Rosette	10th Place:	\$2.50 & Rosette

Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded.

King Arthur Flour is sponsoring ribbons and prizes at the Annual State Contest held in November.

## 2025 STATE TWO-CRUSTED APPLE PIE CONTEST

### CONTEST RULES

1. Each pie must be a 9" (measured at the top inside edge of the dish).  
**TWO CRUSTED PIE - NO LATTICE-TOP PIES.**
2. Include the recipe, your name and address. Recipe is for judging only.
3. No pre-made or mix are allowed.
4. Main ingredient must be apples. However, pies may include other fruits or ingredients.
5. Pies become the property of the Association of Connecticut Fairs (baking dishes will not be returned).
6. Failure to adhere to these rules will **disqualify** the entered pie from the competition.

**WHO MAY ENTER:** The contest at each fair is open to all men, women, or juniors. If entered by juniors they will be considered adults. Commercial, Industrial or Professional Bakers, Home Economists or anyone **selling bakery products are not eligible to enter.**

**HOW TO ENTER:** Anyone entering the Apple Pie Contest at any fair belonging to the Association of Connecticut Fairs is automatically competing in the local contest. Contestants may enter the contest in as many fairs as they wish UNTIL THEY WIN FIRST PRIZE. They then will represent that fair in the state contest. Contestants will be subject to entry rules at the local fairs.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Overall Appearance	40	Crust	10
Flavor	40	Texture	10

The following prizes plus a rosette will be awarded at the annual state contest held in November 2025. Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded.

1st Place: \$40.00	4th Place: \$25.00	8th Place: \$7.50
2nd Place: \$35.00	5th Place: \$15.00	9th Place: \$5.00
3rd Place: \$30.00	6th Place: \$12.50	10th Place: \$5.00
	7th Place: \$10.00	

**See State Fair website for more details: [www.CTagFairs.org](http://www.CTagFairs.org)**

Bishops Orchards is sponsoring by awarding bags of apples at the Annual State Conest in November.

King Arthur Flour is sponsoring ribbons and prizes at the Annual State Contest in November.



## CLASS A – CATTLE

*Mail Pre-registration forms and entry fee to:*

Beth DeRosa Linsley, Supt. or Nancy Groves, Assist. Supt., Chester Fair, P.O. Box 646, Chester, CT 06412. Postmark after July 15th. Email: [elizabeth.derosalinsley@ynhh.org](mailto:elizabeth.derosalinsley@ynhh.org)

**The State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture has made SEVERAL changes to the 2025 Connecticut Fair and Show Requirements. Exhibitors will be responsible for educating themselves about these changes and following the recommendations. Any animal found to not be in compliance with the requirements will be required to be removed from the fairgrounds. The 2025 Connecticut Fair and Show regulations can be found on the CT Department of Agriculture website: Connecticut Department of Agriculture [https://portal.ct.gov/doag2025-ct-fair-requirements-update-42525\\_final-rem.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/doag2025-ct-fair-requirements-update-42525_final-rem.pdf)**

**Note:** Health charts from the Commissioner of Agriculture required for all cattle entries. Recommendations of Committee on Fairs as adopted by the Connecticut Purebred Dairy Cattle Association:

1. All cattle must have a health certificate issued within 60 days of their first show from an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases. All exhibitors must send a copy of health chart to superintendent with entries. Copy will be returned after show.
2. All entries must originate from herds that meet the testing and health requirements of the State of Connecticut. State livestock inspectors may request proof of compliance with state requirements.
3. All animals must have permanent identification. (Tattoo, ear tag, or microchip plus a reader.)
4. **ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE RABIES VACCINATION AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE FAIR.**
5. **Out of state cattle:** All cattle over 3 months of age must have a negative TB test within 12 months prior to show date. Cattle under 3 months of age may go on the dam's TB test chart if the dam was tested for TB within the past 12 months and a copy of the results provided. All brucellosis vaccinated female cattle over 18 months of age and all bulls and non-vaccinated female cattle 6 months of age and older shall have a negative Brucellosis test within 12 months prior to their first show date. Steers and spayed heifers are exempt from brucella testing. Animals must be accompanied by a health certificate and test charts approved by the appropriate animal health official in the state of origin.
6. Registration or lease papers will be required for **all** animals except crossbred beef.
7. A **minimum** amount of bedding will be provided.
8. Space will be reserved on a first come basis.

9. An entry fee of \$2.00 per animal to be mailed with entry.
10. Livestock exhibitors planning to use the wash rack must provide their own hose with a shutoff nozzle.
11. No campers on the grounds.
12. Animals may be removed after 4:30 p.m. Sunday.
13. There will be a limit of two entries per class.
14. Showmanship age is as of January 1st.
15. Limit of 8 animals per family/farm/club.
16. Junior premiums will be paid for Breed Classes only. Group classes are exempt from Junior premiums.

## **No. 1 – DAIRY CATTLE**

Standard Classification for Country Fairs as Recommended by the  
Purebred Dairy Cattle Association of Connecticut.

**Recognized Breeds to be judged:** Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein,  
Jersey, Milking Short Horn and Lineback

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$25</b>

1. Spring Calf (March-May)
2. Winter Calf (December - February)
3. Fall Calf (September - November)
4. Summer Yearling (June - August)
5. Spring Yearling (March - May)
6. Winter Yearling (December - February)
7. Fall Yearling (September - November)

### **Junior Champion**

### **Reserve Junior Champion**

8. Cow - 2 Year Old
9. Cow - 3 Year Old
10. Cow - 4 Year Old
11. Cow - 5 years and over
12. Dry Cow
13. Best Udder - per breed

### **Senior Champion & Reserve Senior Champion**

### **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion**

14. Best Three Females - any age, all bred and owned by exhibitor
15. Dairy Herd - to consist of 3 cows all to have calved at least once (one entry per exhibitor) - per breed
16. Get of Sire - to consist of 3 animals all sired by the same bull
17. Produce of Dam - 2 animals the produce of one cow

18. Dam and Daughter pair - one cow and one female offspring

\* When splitting groups, the same animal cannot be used in two separate groups in the same class.

**Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Female**

19. Club Herd - 5 Animals owned by at least 3 club members

Novice      11 & under      12 to 15      16 to 19

Juniors must enter showmanship to be eligible for Junior Show.

Club Herd.....Prizes will be sponsored

**Special Award given by Jane Marsh in memory of her parents, E. Lea Marsh  
and Sylvia Marsh to the winner of Adult Showmanship...\$150  
Junior Showmanship ... \$150  
and Supreme Champion of the Dairy Show ... \$250 Open Show**

**DAIRY & BEEF**

*A Herdsman Award will be presented by the Chester Fair Association*

**No. 2 – BEEF CATTLE**

**Recognized breeds to be judged:** Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Crossbred and All Other Breeds. Animals 4 months and younger are eligible for group classes only.

Prizes:	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$25</b>

1. Spring Calf (March-May)
2. Winter Calf (December - February)
3. Fall Calf (September - November)
4. Summer Yearling (June - August)
5. Spring Yearling (March - May)
6. Winter Yearling (December - February)
7. Fall Yearling (September - November)

**Junior Champion & Reserve Junior Champion**

8. Cow - 2 Year Old
9. Cow - 3 Year Old
10. Cow - 4 Year Old
11. Cow - 5 years and over

**Senior Champion & Reserve Senior Champion**

**Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion**

12. Best Three Females - any age, all bred and owned by exhibitor
13. Beef Herd - to consist of 3 cows all to have calved at least once (one entry per exhibitor)
14. Get of Sire - to consist of 3 animals all sired by the same bull
15. Produce of Dam - 2 animals the produce of one cow
16. Cow and Calf

\* When splitting groups, the same animal cannot be used in two separate groups in the same class.

**17. Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Female Rosette**

18. Club Herd - 5 Animals owned by at least 3 club members

**No. 3 – MARKET BEEF**

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$25</b>

1. Light Weight
2. Medium Weight
3. Heavy Weight

**Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steer**

Junior Exhibitors Must Enter Fitting and Showmanship to be eligible for Junior Premiums

**No. 4 – SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Age as of January 1st)**

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>Rosette</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
		<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$25</b>

**All non-placing Showmanship will receive \$5.00**

**Special Award given by Colleen Augur and Beth DeRosa to the winner of:**

**Adult & Youth Champion Beef Showmanship...\$150 each**  
**Supreme Champion Open Beef Show ... \$250**  
**Supreme Champion Junior Beef Show... \$250**

**Fitting and Showmanship Beef (Age as of January 1st)**

Novice

Age 11 and Under

Age 12 through 15

Age 16 through 19

**Champion Showman**

**Reserve Champion Showman**

**Over the Hill**

**Fitting and Showmanship Dairy (Age as of January 1st)**

Novice

Age 11 and Under

Age 12 through 15

Age 16 through 19

**Champion Showman**

**Reserve Champion Showman**

**Over the Hill - must exhibit animal**



## CLASS B – DRAWING CONTESTS

### Horses and Cattle

Marc D'Orvilliers

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Rules for both Horses and Cattle:

1. **NO EXCESSIVE WHIPPING**
2. No person under the influence of liquor will be permitted to drive.
3. The required distance for a fair pull shall be at least 6 feet for cattle, and ponies and 12 feet draw for horses.
4. Oxen turning in yoke more than once shall be disqualified
5. No contrivance to be used for cattle other than conventional yoke.
6. Only contestants and officials allowed in ring.
7. Not more than 3 people per horse and pony team. Not more than 2 men per oxen team.
8. All contestants in drawing contest must be weighed on day of drawing on scales at the fair grounds. Scales open both days at 8 a.m. Check weighing for horses from **8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**
9. Unless otherwise specified all drawing contests will be in accordance with Eastern Draft Horse Association, Connecticut Draft Pony Association, and CT Ox Owners Association Rules and Regulations.
10. In accordance with Connecticut P.A. 73-312, all equine animals are required to be vaccinated for the control of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis and rabies. Horses are recommended to be vaccinated for EEE within 6 months of first show date.
11. **All horses must have a negative (AGID) Coggins test or ELISA test for Equine Infectious Anemia within 12 months prior to show date, and be accompanied by such certificate. It is highly recommended that horses be vaccinated against EEE and WNV within 6 months of their first show date.**
12. In the event that a class is not held, the Superintendent has the right to distribute premiums at his/her discretion.

- 13. TYING ANIMALS TO THE FENCE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- 14. NO FACE LASHING OF DRAWING CATTLE.

A \$20.00 Premium will be paid to each team pulling the initial load and not winning any prize money.

### No. 1 – Cattle Drawing Contest

2400 lbs and under				3200 lbs. and under				
2800 lbs. and under				3200 lbs. and over				
Prizes:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	\$175	\$130	\$115	\$95	\$85	\$75	\$65	\$55

### No. 2 –Pony Drawing Contest

<u>Under 46 inch class</u>			<u>Under 50 inch class</u>					
Prizes:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	\$155	\$110	\$95	\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35

### No. 3 – Horse Drawing Contest

3225 lbs. and under			3425 lbs. and under					
<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
	<b>\$210</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$155</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>Free for All</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$35</b>



## CLASS C - SHEEP, GOATS AND SWINE

### No. C-1 Sheep – Open Sheep Show

Mail entries to: Alison Trojanowski

Chester Fair, P.O. Box 646, Chester, CT 06412

Postmark after July 15<sup>th</sup>

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Please Include \$2.00 per head entry fee. Entries close when pens are full. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER. NO PHONE ENTRIES PLEASE.

### Sheep Show starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Saturday

All sheep must have official USDA-approved identification and be accompanied by health certificates issued by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of their first show stating the sheep is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases and are not from scrapie-exposed flocks, and a rabies certificate over thirty days must be sent with entries. Animal tag number must be on entry form. ENTRIES LIMITED TO 20 SHEEP PER FARM OR FAMILY. Acceptance or rejection of sheep upon arrival will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent and/or health officials. ANY SHEEP, INCLUDING WOOL BREEDS, NOT PROPERLY CLEANED OR FITTED FOR SHOW WILL BE REJECTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

One entry per exhibitor in group classes. Sheep must be entered in Junior or Senior departments not both. Two entries per exhibitor in any single class. Flocks will consist of a Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes, and 2 Ewe Lambs. Breeders Flock must be bred and owned by exhibitor. Limit 2 Market lambs. Market lambs should not have more than 1/2 inch of wool. Market lambs cannot have been shown in breed classes. Entries will be accepted between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Release time is 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Any exhibitor showing 4 or more purebred sheep cannot enter grade sheep classes.

**PEN DECORATING CLASS.** Open to all exhibitors. Decorations must relate to farming and sheep, and be informative and original. No more than 2 pen spaces per exhibitor.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS** – All youths up to age 20 must show in youth show. All sheep must have an Official Health Certificate. Exhibitors are encouraged to practice good showmanship at all times.

**DRESS CODE IS MANDATORY** – (Optional for adults) White shirts, khaki, black, dark green or white trousers. Owner must show own animal in each class (if exhibitor has two animals, another youth may help him show). The superintendent reserves the right to reject any animal not in GOOD condition or not properly fitted for show. This will be RIGIDLY ENFORCED.

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$16</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$10</b>

**Open Over 20 Class**

1. Showmanship-Open over 20
2. Ram Lamb Sr.
3. Ram Lamb Jr.
4. Pair Ram Lamb
5. Aged Ewe
6. Yearling Ewe
7. Pair Ewe Yearling
8. Ewe Lambs-8A-Sr., 8B-Jr.
9. Pair Ewe Lambs
10. Exhibitors Flock
11. Breeders Young Flock
12. Get of Sire (4 of either sex)
13. Pen of 3 Lambs
14. Market Lambs Heavy/Light
15. Pair Market Lambs
16. Pen Decorating



OPEN GRAND CHAMPION SHEEP .....TROPHY  
 OPEN RESERVE CHAMPION SHEEP .....ROSETTE  
 COSTUME CONTEST: All animals compete together in ONE CONTEST

## Youth Sheep Show

### Class

18. Showmanship Senior 16-20
19. Showmanship Junior 15 under
20. Showmanship Novice - 1st Year
21. Ram Lamb A Sr.
22. Ram Lamb Jr.
23. Pair Ram Lambs
24. Aged Ewe
25. Yearling Ewe
26. Pair Yearling Ewes
- 27A, Ewe Lamb, Sr.
- 27B, Ewe Lamb Jr.
28. Pair Ewe Lambs
29. Exhibitors Flock
30. Breeders Flock
31. Get of Sire (4 of either sex)
32. Pen of 3 Lambs
33. Market Lambs Heavy/light
34. Pair Market Lambs
35. Pen Decorating



YOUTH GRAND CHAMPION SHEEP..... TROPHY

YOUTH RESERVE CHAMPION SHEEP .....ROSETTE

COSTUME CONTEST: All animals compete together in ONE CONTEST

## C2 – Goats

Superintendents: Ashley Best and Lindsey Best

Entries will be accepted only in classes listed.

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per animal **to be mailed in with entry form and health papers**

Mail separate entries to:

Chester Fair, P.O. Box 646, Chester, CT 06412

Postmarked after July 15th

Entries positively close as soon as every pen is full

Owners are responsible for being present when their animals are being judged.

Each **recognized breed** will be judged separately.

Release time is 5:00 p.m., Sunday.

1. CT. Goats must have a USDA - approved identification and a health certificate issued within 60 days of their first show from an accredited veterinarian stating that the animals are in good health and not showing signs of infectious diseases and not from scrapie-exposed herds.
2. Individual papers proving goats age and identification must be available for superintendents as needed.
3. Entries will only be accepted for penning between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, and must remain on exhibit until Sunday at 5 p.m.
4. Goat Show starts promptly at 9 a.m. on Saturday.
5. Goat breeds being judged are as follows: Alpine, Fiber, LaMancha, Meat (Boar and Pygmy shown together), Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Toggenburg.
6. Junior and Senior Shows are judged separately, but simultaneously. Please indicate which show that goats are entering on entry form.
7. If an animal is being entered in the Junior Show, it must be shown by a youth exhibitor.
8. Ages of animals are determined as of date of show. Exhibitors age will be as of January 1, year of show.
9. All exhibitors need to be able to keep control of their goats while the goats are out of their pens. A correctly fit collar for each goat is necessary.
10. All exhibitors must wear show whites whenever animals are being shown.
11. Exhibitors must furnish own feed and hay; bedding will be provided. (Please make sure animals have an adequate hay feeder.)
12. No more than 12 goats per farm or family.
13. All exhibitors are responsible for keeping barn area neat and clean, and being present during fair hours. When you do any fitting or milking please be prompt at picking up.
14. Only displays deemed educational will be judged, but any farm displays, pen decorations, and other creative ideas to attract interest and educate the public about goats will be greatly appreciated.

## GOAT CLASSES

<b>Fitting and Showmanship</b>		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
C1	4 and 5 years old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
C2	6 to 10 years old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
C3	11 to 14 years old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
C4	15 to 18 years old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
C5	19 years and up	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10

<b>Junior Doe Classes</b>		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
G6	does born May1 to August1	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G7	does born January1 to April1	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G8	does born Sept1 to Dec1	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G9	never freshen yearlings	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
One Champion and Reserve Champion awarded for each breed					
Junior Champion			Rosette	\$15	
Reserve Junior Champion			Rosette	\$10	
Best Junior Doe in Show			Trophy	\$15	
<b>Senior Doe Classes</b>		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
G10	milker 1year old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G11	milker 2 and 3 years old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G12	milker 4 and 5 years old	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G13	milker 6years and up	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
One Champion and Reserve Champion awarded for each breed					
Senior Champion			Rosette	\$15	
Reserve Senior Champion			Rosette	\$10	
Best Senior Doe in Show			Trophy	\$15	
<b>Group Classes</b>		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
G14	dam & daughter (shown by breed)	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G15	best 3 does (shown by breed)	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G16	get of sire (3 does, all in milk, owned by 1 exhibitor, sire must be named)	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G17	produce of dam (2 does, all in milk, owned by 1 exhibitor, dam must be named)	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G18	farm herd (4 goats, any bred)	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G19	pet goat*	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
G20	working goat*	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10
•(classes are for wethers; enter each goat in one class or the other)					
G21	educational display	\$16	\$15	\$12	\$10

### C3 – Swine

Superintendent: Allison Trojanowski

Chester Fair, PO Box 646, Chester, CT 06412

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per animal

Entries postmarked after July 15

Entries will be accepted between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Release time is Sunday 5 p.m.

Swine must originate from Connecticut herds that are tested for Brucellosis and Pseudorabies on a yearly basis and can show on a health certificate issued within 60 days prior to the first show by an accredited veterinarian. If the swine are purchased from a tested herd, a bill of sale from the CT. producer must be presented to the state veterinarian's office before a Connecticut Exhibition Test card will be issued to the new owner. Swine show starts at approximately 1 p.m. Saturday. Wood shavings for pens will be provided.

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
	<b>\$16</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$10</b>

**Division I:** Registered (Papers are required or proof of pending registration must be presented). Each recognized breed competes separately.

- S1 Gilt 3 – 6 months
- S2 Gilt 6 – 12 months

**Division II:** Non-registered (no papers), all breeds and crossbreeds compete together.

- S3 Gilt 3 – 6 months
- S4 Gilt 6 – 12 months
- S5 Best gilt..... Trophy (only)

**GROUP CLASSES:** All swine compete together

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
	<b>\$16</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$10</b>

- S6 Feeder pig, under 120 lbs.
- S7 Lightweight market hog, 120- 180 lbs.
- S8 Heavyweight market hog, 180 lbs. and over
- S9 Novice Fitting & Show, first year showing any age
- S10 Jr. Fitting and Show, ages 13 and under
- S11 Sr. Fitting and Show, ages 14 to 18
- S12 Sow and Litter **1st: \$40 2nd: \$25 3rd: \$18 4th: \$10**
- S13 Open Fitting and Show, Ages 19 and older ..... Rosette only
- S14 Best Showmanship..... Rosette only
- S15 Grand Champion market hog ..... Trophy only
- Reserve Market hog..... Rosette only

**COSTUME CONTEST:** All species compete together

## CLASS D-1 Poultry

Superintendent: Jake Cook 203-530-4721

Email: [cookljake@gmail.com](mailto:cookljake@gmail.com)

Assistant Superintendent: Heddy Porto 475-227-1719, Committee: Kim Nedza

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1. Entries must be sent to: Poultry Superintendent, Chester Fair, P.O. Box 646, Chester, CT 06412, postmarked after July 15. Include full payment.
2. Only birds six months and older will be accepted.
3. Poultry originating within the state must come from healthy flocks with no evidence of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases. All birds must be inspected, identified and accompanied by written proof (Connecticut Flock Test and/or Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Report) that the breeding flock or the individual birds listed on the flock test or bird test negative for *Salmonella pullorum* within 365 days of the show date. Concurrent Avian Influenza testing of the flock and/or individual birds is strongly recommended. Poultry vaccinated within 30 days with any live virus vaccine is prohibited from showing. All cages, crates or vehicles used in showing or transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing requirements, but must be identified by leg bands or wing tags. **Out of state poultry** (see [ctagfair.org](http://ctagfair.org) for rules). Any questions about what paperwork can be addressed by calling the state veterinarian's office 1-800-861-9939.
4. The poultry department will receive poultry between 5:00-8:00 pm on Friday. There is a \$1.00 entry fee for each entry in D-1. Money must accompany your entry to be accepted. Poultry will be cooped out at 5:30 Sunday. Entries close one week before fair.
5. Poultry classes consist of Large Fowl, Bantams, Production Birds and Waterfowl in both Open and Junior categories. Entry forms must note the breed, variety, sex (if applicable) and class (Large fowl, Bantam, or Waterfowl). Each breed and class must submit 3 birds per family.
6. Waterfowl exhibitors are expected to bring 1/2 gallon or gallon water containers for each bird.

**CANCELED FOR 2025**  
**FARM EXHIBIT ONLY**  
**NO CONTEST**

## CLASS D-2 Rabbits

Superintendent: Trudy McClure 860-664-5655; Asst. Supt.: Amy Wiknik

**Pet Class:** Open to all

**Purebred Class:** Open to all

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All rabbits must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 60 days of their first show by an accredited veterinarian stating the rabbit is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease, including RHD. Rabbits must have an identification number, either by tattoo or black marker in the left ear. The identification number must match the rabbit's number on the CVI form. Any rabbits not legibly earmarked must be disqualified from the class. Legibility of the earmark is at the discretion of the judge.

### ALL ENTRIES MUST BE OWNED BY THEIR EXHIBITORS

1. Cage fee: \$1.00 per rabbit
2. Entries must be sent to: Rabbit Superintendent, Chester Fair, P.O. Box 646, Chester, CT 06412, postmarked after July 15. Include full payment.
3. Feed and water will be provided by the Fair.
4. A maximum of 25 rabbits per farm, family, owner or **until full**.
5. Animals who are sick, under 8 weeks of age or small enough to fit through the cages **will not** be accepted!
6. Only 2 **heavy** weighted bowls. No clip-on crocks, cans, water bottles or plastic bowls allowed.
7. Entries **must be** postmarked 1 week before the fair.
8. Rabbit drop-off will be on Friday 8/22/25 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm. Judging will be held Friday at 5:30.
9. Rabbit pick-up will be Sunday 8/24/25 from 5:30-6:30 pm.
10. Owner must be present if selling rabbits.
11. No walk-ins accepted.

<b>Premium Awards:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$4</b>

Trophies will be awarded for Best Pet and Best Purebred Rabbit and a Rosette for Best Reserve Pet in Show and Best Reserve Purebred in Show

**COSTUME CONTEST:** All species compete together in ONE CONTEST

# HORTICULTURE

## General Comments

Certain rules are basic to exhibiting of all garden produce. You as an exhibitor should familiarize yourself with the terms “type”, “uniformity,” “maturity,” “freedom from damage,” and “cultural perfection.” These are the standard terms of all exhibitors and judges. **See our website for more information: [www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org).**

All fruits and vegetables must be raised by the person in whose name they are entered.

## CLASS E – Fruits

Superintendent: Sarah Pike  
35 Hoop Pole Road, Chester, CT 06412  
Telephone: 860-526-3391

### Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025

Print variety name on entry tag.

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

Best Collection in class by any one person

Apples – any variety – 5 on a plate

Pears – any variety – 5 on a plate

Peaches – any variety – 5 on a plate

Plums – any variety – 5 on a plate

Quinces – any variety – 5 on a plate

Grapes – any variety – 5 on a plate

Berries – any variety – 10 on a plate

Watermelon – one

Other Melon – one each

Other – any variety – 5 on a plate



## CLASS F – Vegetable Arrangements

Three cash prizes – \$12.00, \$6.00 and \$3.00 will be awarded for the best vegetable arrangements.

**The Chester Garden Club will be giving a \$20 Choice Award and Rosette to their favorite vegetable arrangement.**

Judging will be based on the following:

Quality and Condition (50 pts.) • Arrangement (30 pts.)

Varieties – (20 pts.) Minimum 10 varieties

NOTES:

- Exhibitor must include a list identifying each vegetable variety
- Display may include appropriate container and decorative materials
- Display must be placed on tables provided
- Fair Association not responsible for display material

**Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 22, 2024**

## CLASS G1 – Vegetables

Superintendent: Sarah Pike

35 Hoop Pole Road, Chester, CT 06412

Telephone: 860-526-3391

**Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025**

Prizes:	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$3	\$2	\$1

**Please print variety name on entry tag**

Beans, any variety, 10 pods  
Beets, 4 (trim leaves to 1")  
Broccoli, 1 head (in water)  
Brussel sprouts, 5  
Cabbage, 1 head  
Carrots, 5 (trim leaves to 1")  
Cauliflower, 1 head  
Celery, 1 bunch  
Corn, 4 ears (in husk)  
Cucumbers, any variety, 3  
Eggplant, 1  
Garlic, 5 bulbs  
Greens, Swiss chard, collard, turnip etc.  
1 bunch

Herbs any variety, 3 stalks in small  
container of water  
Leeks, 3 bulbs  
Lettuce, any variety, 1 head  
Okra, 6  
Onions, 4  
Parsnips, 4  
Peas, any variety, 10 pods  
Peppers, sweet, 4  
Peppers, hot, 4  
Potato, 4  
Pumpkin, 1  
Radish, 5

Spinach, 1 bunch  
 Squash, summer, 2  
 Squash, winter, 2  
 Tomatoes, regular, any variety, 4

Tomatoes, cherry or other small  
 variety, 10  
 Turnips, 5  
 Other vegetables, 3

## CLASS G2 – Vegetable Creation

Make your own creature using veggies and fruits.

Prizes:	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	13 & under:	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$1</b>		<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$1</b>

## CLASS G3 – Junior Division Vegetables

Same description and prizes as G1.

Open to children through age 13

## CLASS G4 – Scarecrow Contest

The maximum height of scarecrow is 7'. It can be hung on a stake provided by the fair, although you can make your scarecrow sitting in a chair. Bring your scarecrow assembled and ready to display. Your creation will be judged on creativity and originality. Community/civic organization and business participation is strongly encouraged.

Prizes:	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>

<b>14 and under:</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>
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## CLASS H – Hobbies

Superintendent: Paulette Heft

Email: [threeakps@yahoo.com](mailto:threeakps@yahoo.com)

### Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025

#### NOTES:

- The Danish System of judging is used whereby each entry is judged on its own merit.
- The number of entries per exhibitor will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- **Articles previously exhibited at the Chester Fair will not be accepted.**
- Any entry, which requires hanging, must arrive ready to hang.
- **Exhibits cannot be removed until 6:00 p.m. Sunday.**
- Any exhibit must have been made by the person exhibiting it after September 1, 2024.

Basketry  
 Ceramics  
 Calligraphy  
 Drawing: Pen and Ink  
           Pencil Sketch  
           Pastels  
 Fabric: Tie Dye  
           Stencil  
           Fabric Painting  
 Holiday Decorations  
 Jewelry  
 Leather Work  
 Macramé  
 Metal Work

Models  
 Wood: Kit  
       Original  
 Painting: Watercolor  
           Oil  
           Acrylic  
 Papercraft: Original stamped card  
               Original Christmas card  
               Miscellaneous papercraft  
 Pottery  
 Scrapbook  
 Miscellaneous

## CLASS H-1 Arts and Crafts

## CLASS H-2 Collections

Any collection i.e. dolls, figurines, keys, shells, snow globes, tacky souvenir plates, etc.  
 Cases will be assigned on a first come first served basis.  
 Superintendents reserve the right to adjust display to accommodate all exhibitors.

## CLASS H-3 – Clothing/Textiles/Needlework (Junior Only)

Any hand sewn or machine sewn article quilts, toys, samplers, etc.

**Class H Senior Dept.** is open to anyone 16 years of age or older

<b>Senior Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

**Class H Junior Dept.** is open to any child under 16 years of age  
 (Juniors must list age on registration form)

<b>Junior Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$1</b>

- Judges Award and Best of Show rosettes will be awarded by judges in both Junior and Senior Depts.
- Superintendent Award Rosette to be awarded by Superintendent in both Junior and Senior Depts.
- Age 4 and under receive participation ribbons only.

### ECO YOUTH ART AWARD

2025 Theme: ***Mobiles***

Create a work of art using 75% recycled materials. Art should be able to be hung on a wall, 2' x 2' maximum size.

**Special Award given by Jane Marsh  
 in memory of her parents, E. Lea  
 Marsh and Sylvia Marsh...\$100.00**

# CLASS H-4 – Club Entries (Juniors only)

All Youth Organizations are welcome. These exhibits should teach some lesson, or show the value of some better practice in agriculture homemaking, nature, handicraft, etc. **Space will be provided if Superintendent is notified at least 3 days before the fair.**

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

## SPECIAL CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD

Any entry related to history, Chester or otherwise, will be eligible to win a \$25 award sponsored by The Chester Historical Society, Inc. This could be artwork, collection, etc. Two awards may be given, as well as Rosettes.

**Consider incorporating a patriotic theme in honor of the  
USA's 250th celebration 1776-2026**

## CLASS I – Floriculture

Superintendent: Evelyn McKenna, Telephone 860-575-3461

Assistant Superintendent: Annie Burton, Telephone 860-526-3218

Also: Members of the Chester Garden Club

**Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025**

### NOTES (*Read Horticulture General Comments*):

- The name and variety of each specimen should be on the entry card
- Entries will be judged for straight stems, clean foliage and fresh blooms
- Entries should be clean and free of insects and disease
- Containers are not the responsibility of the Fair Association.
- **Paper containers are unacceptable, use clear glass containers**
- Exhibitors allowed only one (1) entry in each category
- Exhibits cannot be removed until 6:00 p.m. Sunday
- All material in Class I-1, Class I-2 and Class I-5, (Junior specimens,) must have been grown by or in the possession of the exhibitor at least 3 months prior to date of the Fair.
- For arrangements in Class 1-3, Class 1-4 and Class 1-5B, plants on the following lists are prohibited:
  - Connecticut Invasive Plant List: <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2014/12/CT-Invasive-Plant-List-2014Scientific-Name.pdf>

- Endangered, threatened and special concern plants in CT: [http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323482&deepNav\\_GID=1628](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323482&deepNav_GID=1628)

- One Best of Show Rosette will be awarded in Classes I-1, I-2, I-3, and Class I-5.
- One Superintendent Rosette awarded in Class I-3, I-4, I-5 (combined)

## THE CHESTER GARDEN CLUB WILL BE GIVING A \$20 CHOICE AWARD TO THEIR FAVORITE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT.

### CLASS I-1

#### A - Houseplants (No Annuals)

**Prizes:**    **1st**        **2nd**        **3rd**  
                   **\$3**        **\$2**        **\$1**

African Violets

Bonsai

Cactus

Flowering (must be in flower)

Foliage

Hanging Foliage

Hanging Flowering (must be in flower)

Orchids

Succulent

Any other variety (list variety)

#### B - Summer Plants (Annuals)

Foliage (one variety per container)

Flowering (one variety per container)

Mixed Container (three or more different plants)

### CLASS I-2 Specimens: One Flower

Blooms should be disbudded, but do not remove foliage.

**Prizes:**    **1st**        **2nd**        **3rd**  
                   **\$ 3**        **\$2**        **\$1**

Ageratum

Aster

Bachelor Button

Begonia

Buddleia

Calundula

Chrysanthemum

Cleome

Cockscomb

Cosmos

Dahlia

(Small-less than 4")

(Large-4" to 8")

(Giant-over 8")

Echinacea

Gladiolus

Hydrangea

Lily

Marigold

Monarda

Nasturtium

Phlox

Petunias

Roses

Rose (Miniature)

Rudbeckia

Salvia

Sedum

Snapdragon

Strawflower

Sunflower on a stem

Verbena

Zinnia

(Small-up to 2")

(Medium-2" to 3")

(Large-3" and up)

Any Other Variety (List name of flower)

**Tip:** For best results, condition your flowers before arranging them. Cut the stem diagonally with a sharp knife and put them into lukewarm water immediately. Harvest the flowers in the morning or evening and give them a day to regain strength prior to arranging them.

## CLASS I-3 – Arrangements – 2025

### Art Interpreted in Flowers

Art allows for individual interpretation and emotional response. What one person finds beautiful, moving or thought-provoking, another might not and vice versa. Below we have described some famous works of art. You are to create entries that convey what you see in the piece or how it makes you feel using appropriate plant material, flowers and containers (small accessories are also permitted).

**Prizes: 1st      2nd      3rd**  
**\$10      \$8      \$5**

#### Adult Categories:

1. *Two Sisters* or *On the Terrace* is an oil-on-canvas painting by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The painting depicts a young woman and her younger sister seated outdoors with a small basket containing balls of wool. Over the railings of the terrace one can see shrubbery and foliage with the River Seine behind it.
2. *Dancers in Pink* by Edgar Degas is a pastel painting depicting two ballet dancers in matching costumes and poses, turning away from an imaginary audience. The painting reveals the delicate textures of their silk and tulle costumes as well as the subtle interplay of light and shadow.
3. Claude Monet's *San Giorgio Maggiore at Dusk* is an impressionist oil painting that depicts the Venetian monastery-island shrouded in mist at sunset. The vibrant work captures the beauty of the Venetian sunset and dark and dark church on the horizon focusing on the overall visual and sunlight effects rather than details.
4. *The Scream* painted by Edvard Munch, depicts a figure experiencing a moment of intense anxiety and fear. The painting features a bridge, landscape of water and swirling blood-red sky all contributing to the overall sense of unease and dread.
5. *The Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh depicts a view from his asylum window just before sunrise. The painting features a swirling night sky with vibrant stars, a crescent moon, a towering cypress tree and a small village in the background.
6. George Seurat's *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* is a painting that depicts Parisians enjoying a leisure day on an island in the Seine River. The painting's distinct use of small distinct dots of color blend together when viewed from a distance. The painting is known for its vibrant colors and use of light and shadow.

**Special Award given by Jane Marsh in memory of her parents, E. Lea Marsh and Sylvia Marsh for Best of Show in Arrangement Categories to be distributed as follows:**

**Class I-4 1st Place \$100**  
**2nd Place \$40**  
**3rd Place \$30**

**Class I-3 Six awards of \$20 each**  
**Class I-5 One award of \$10**

## CLASS I-4 Floriculture Feature –

Is there a particular piece of art that speaks to you personally? Choose your own painting to interpret as an arrangement. Supply a small copy of the piece being interpreted (print, postcard, book cover or page). Minimal accessories are permitted; the emphasis should be on floral material. The space to be filled is 22"x 22". Use of overlay on back board encouraged.

Three cash prizes and rosettes will be awarded:

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$13</b>	<b>\$10</b>

A listing of flowers and materials used must accompany arrangement.

## Class I-5 – 2025 Junior Division

**PLEASE PUT AGE ON YOUR ENTRY CARD**

**A. Single Flower Specimens** - up to age 14.

We ask that the specimens are grown by the exhibitor

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$1</b>

Marigold, Sunflower, Zinnia, Cosmos, Any other variety awarded.

**B. Arrangements** – One Best of Show Rosette for each age group. List flowers and materials used. We ask that the exhibit be made by the exhibitor.

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$3</b>

### Up to age 14

1. Norman Rockwell's *Sunset* painting depicts a young couple enjoying a moment of closeness and simplicity under the moonlight. The painting also features a puppy, their fishing gear and a rickety wooden bench all set against a sunset or moonlight backdrop.
2. Paint your own work of art then re-create it as flower arrangement. Bring both so we can see your inspiration.

## CLASS J – Canned Goods and Farm Products

Superintendent: Cathy Malcarne

Mail pre-registration forms to Cathy Malcarne, 108 Bahr Rd., Deep River CT 06417

Telephone: 860-790-0559

**Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025**

Any exhibit must have been made by the person exhibiting it since August 31, 2024. **Date and label the contents.**

All entries will be judged on visual quality of the contents, choice of jar, and

neatness of packing. Only jars for collections may be decorated.

All canned fruits, vegetables, etc. must be in standard quart or pint jars. Jellies must be in standard sealed glasses. (No cloth or fancy covers on canned goods except in collections.) Any worthy entry other than those listed may be awarded premiums at the discretion of the judges.

## Canned Goods

Rosette for Best in Senior Division - **Jars will be opened for judging.**

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Fruits, Catsup, Chili, etc.  | 3. Vegetables, Jams and Conserves |
| 2. Pickle, Oils, Vinegars, etc. |                                   |

## Collections

Collections will not be opened

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$4</b>

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|---|--|
| 1. Canned Fruit (not less than 6 varieties)       | 4. Vegetables (not less than 6 varieties)        |
| 2. Pickles (not less than 6 varieties)            | 5. Jellies (not less than 6 varieties)           |
| 3. Jams and Conserves (not less than 6 varieties) | 6. Oils and Vinegars (not less than 6 varieties) |

**BEST DOZEN EGGS IN EGG CARTON.** Eggs to be judged for uniformity of size, shape, and color.

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

## Farm Products

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Maple Syrup | 3. Strained Honey - Light |
| 2. Comb Honey  | 4. Strained Honey - Dark  |

## JUNIOR DIVISION – Canned Goods and Farm Products

Up to and including 17 years old

Rosette for Best in Junior Division

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

\*Canned Goods, any variety

Collection - Canned Goods (3 max.)

\*Jellies, Jams or Conserves

Collection - Jelly, Jam or Conserve (3 max.)

***\*Jars will be opened for judging***

## CLASS K – Cookery

Superintendent: Michele St.Marie

Telephone: 860-685-1148 gomstmariel@gmail.com

Individuals who have won previously should not submit the same recipe. One entry per person in each category. Limit to 4 entries per person. No prepared mixes may be used.

### **Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025**

Rosettes for:

Superintendent Award • Judges Award • Best of Show Award

### **SENIOR COOKING ages 15 and over**

**Prizes: 1st      2nd      3rd**  
**\$4      \$3      \$2**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Pie - Any Variety                | 6. Quick Breads         |
| 2. Cookies Any Variety (Plate of 6) | 7. Yeast Breads         |
| 3. Cake - Any Variety               | 8. Muffins - Plate of 6 |
| 4. Decorated Cake                   | 9. Rolls, Plate of 6    |
| 5. Bars, any kind, Plate of 6       |                         |

*Judging will be based on appearance, flavor and texture.*

### **Peach Pie Baking Contest**

Just in time for peach season! Make us your best peach pie and enter on a disposable dish. Contestants must provide recipe on 3x5 index card.

Judging criteria: Overall Appearance 40; Flavor 40; Crust 10; Texture 10

**Special Award given by Jane Marsh in memory of her parents, E. Lea Marsh and Sylvia Marsh ... \$200**

### **JUNIOR COOKERY ages 7 to 15, as of July 1st**

**Prizes: 1st      2nd      3rd**  
**\$3      \$2      \$1**

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Plate of Three Baking Powder Biscuits | 6. Cake, Any Variety              |
| 2. Plate of Three Muffins                | 7. Loaf of Quick Bread or Cake    |
| 3. 10" Pie, any kind                     | 8. Plate of Three Dropped Cookies |
| 4. Plate of Three Rolled Cookies         | 9. Candy, Six Pieces              |
| 5. Decorated Cake                        | 10. Brownies, Plate of 3          |

## King Arthur Flour Baking Contests

Open to adults ages 15 and up



### King Arthur Senior Baking Contest

#### CHOCOLATE GUINNESS CAKE

Makes one 9 inch cake

Please enter on a disposable plate.

Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag when he/she submits the entry.

#### Adult Prizes:

**First place**      \$75 gift card

**Second place**    \$50 gift card

**Third place**      \$25 gift card

#### INGREDIENTS

##### Cake

- butter for the pan
- 1 cup Guinness Stout
- 10 tablespoons (1 stick plus 2 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 2 cups superfine sugar
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract (preferably King Arthur brand)
- 2 cups King Arthur Unbleached All Purpose Flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

##### Frosting

- 1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese (at room temperature)
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

#### INSTRUCTIONS

To make the cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9 inch springform pan and line with parchment paper. In a large saucepan, combine Guinness and butter. Place over medium-low heat until butter melts, then remove from heat. Add cocoa and superfine sugar and whisk to blend.

In a small bowl, combine sour cream, eggs, and vanilla; mix well. Add Guinness mixture. Add flour and baking soda, and whisk again until smooth. Pour into

buttered pan and bake until risen and firm, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Place pan on wire rack and cool completely in pan.

**For the frosting:** using a food processor or by hand, mix confectioners' sugar to break up lumps. Add cream cheese and blend until smooth. Add heavy cream and mix until smooth and spreadable.

Remove cake from pan and place on the disposable plate. Ice top of cake only so that it resembles a frothy pint of Guinness.

## **King Arthur Youth Baking Contest Strawberry Lemonade Bars**

Makes 9 squares

**Open to Juniors ages 7 to 15**

Please enter 3 bars on a disposable plate.

Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag when they submit the entry.



### **Youth Prizes:**

<b>First place</b>	<b>\$40 gift card</b>
<b>Second place</b>	<b>\$25 gift card</b>
<b>Third place</b>	<b>\$25 gift card</b>

## **INGREDIENTS**

### **Bars**

- 1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
- zest of 2 lemons
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract (preferably King Arthur brand)
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons juice from lemons
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

### **Frosting**

- 1 cup freeze-dried strawberries
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1/8 teaspoon table salt
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar (sifted if lumpy)
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract (preferably King Arthur)
- 2 teaspoons milk

## INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with a rack in the center. Line a metal 8" square pan with parchment and lightly grease.

To make the bars: In a medium bowl, combine the sugar, zest, salt, and vanilla.

In a small saucepan or microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter and lemon juice and pour it directly over the sugar mixture. Whisk gently to combine, then mix vigorously for 30 seconds. The mixture will become thick and shiny as it emulsifies. Add the eggs and continue whisking until just combined.

Using a flexible spatula, mix in the flour and baking powder until no streaks of flour remain. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and spread it evenly to the edges.

Bake the bars for 28 to 30 minutes until the center is set, the bars are golden, and a toothpick or thin knife inserted into the center comes out with a few moist crumbs. It's OK if the toothpick or knife isn't clean, but you don't want to see any raw batter.

Remove bars from the oven and cool them completely in the pan (about 1 hour) before frosting.

**To make the strawberry frosting:** Place the freeze dried-strawberries in a small ziplock bag and use a rolling pin or the bottom of a measuring cup to crush them into a fine powder. Once ground, you should have about 1/4 cup of powder.

In a medium bowl, combine the freeze dried-strawberry powder, butter, and salt and stir with a flexible spatula until thoroughly combined. Add the confectioners' sugar, vanilla and milk and continue mixing gently with the spatula until combined. Once the confectioners' sugar is incorporated, stir vigorously with the spatula to create a light and fluffy texture. (The mixture will look dry at first, but after a couple of minutes it will become fully combined.

With a small offset spatula, spread the frosting over the top of the cooled bars. Slice into 3" x 3" squares and serve.

Leftover bars can be kept covered at room temperature for several days or frozen for longer storage.

## CLASS L ~ Needlework

Superintendent: Beth Hartke

Assistant Superintendent: June Major

Email: tchrknt@gmail.com

### Registration & Entries to arrive Thursday, August 21, 2025

All items should be clean and in like new condition. Articles entered in this class must be listed in one of the following groups. No article may compete in more than one group. If the article recently was in this class, it should not be reentered. Judging on Danish System. The Danish system of judging is used whereby each entry is judged on its own merit.

Juniors Division: Age 16-19

Senior Division Age 20 and over

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$2</b>

Superintendents Award and Judges Rosettes will be awarded – \$15.00 premium

### GROUP I – Knitted or Crocheted Work, plain and patterned

Afghan

Sweaters

Hats

Mittens

### GROUP II – Sewing

Dresses

Pants

Adult

Costume

Children

Rugs

2 Piece Suit

Jacket

### GROUP III

Counted Cross Stitch – Original Design

Counted Cross Stitch – Kit

Needlepoint – Original Design

Needlepoint – Kit

Crewel – Original

Crewel Embroidery – Kit

Embroidery

### Special Needlework Award given by Jane Marsh in Memory of her parents, E.Lea Marsh and Sylvia Marsh

Needlepoint/Cross Stitch: Original Design: \$75

Sewing: \$50

Crochet only (no Afghans): \$25

#### **GROUP IV – Hooked Articles**

Rugs - Original Design or Kit

Pillows - Original Design

Pillows - Kit

Wall Hangings - Original Design

Wall Hanging - Kit

#### **GROUP V – Quilts**

Hand Appliquéd

Machine Appliquéd

Hand Pieced

Machine Pieced

#### **GROUP VI – Miscellaneous/Combination Items**

Miscellaneous-Combinations Items

#### **SPECIAL QUILTING AWARD in Memory of Ruth Adams**

\$25 prize to a novice or first-time quilter

(Given by Ruth's family)



## CLASS P – Photography

Superintendent: Ray Oakes [oakeshome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oakeshome@sbcglobal.net)

(For State Photo Contest, visit [www.CTAGFairs.org](http://www.CTAGFairs.org))

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

#### Division I – Salon

P1 - Salon

For expert amateurs and semi-professionals. Entrants in this division may enter 5 photographs of any subject. Division I entrants cannot enter any other division.

#### Division II- Enthusiasts

For any amateur photographer

P2 - Black and White

P3 - Birds

P4 - Pets

P5 - People

P6 - Wildlife(excluding birds)

P7 - General Interest

P8 - Flowers

P9 - Landscapes and Seascapes

P10 - 2025 Theme- CIRCLES

P11 -Fair Photos

#### Division III- Youth

P12 - Ages up to 12

P13 - Ages 13-16



**Category Prizes: 1st-\$12 & ribbon; 2nd-\$7 & ribbon; 3rd-\$5 & ribbon**

**Exhibit Prizes: Best of Show: \$25 + rosette.**

Prizes will be distributed by the Photo Superintendent in the Exhibit Area at the close of the Fair. The Superintendent may limit awards in categories with less than 10 entries.

#### **Special Sponsor Awards:**

**Achievement Award** - \$25 & rosette. Awarded by **Joseph's Photography of Chester**

**Ken Kells Youth Photo Award** - \$25 & Rosette.

**IMPORTANT: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.** Print a registration sheet from the quick link on the Fair website [www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org). Complete the form and email to [oakeshome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oakeshome@sbcglobal.net) or mail to Ray Oakes, 23 Jones Lane, Deep River, CT 06417. All pre-registrations received by August 11th will be mailed entry tags to facilitate the registration process.

## CONTEST RULES

### GENERAL

1. Entries are judged on interest, impact, composition and technical skills.
2. No professional photographers may enter. For professional definition see Fair Rules and Regulations, #20.
3. Photo entries must have been taken within the last year.
4. The photographer's name, phone number, contest category and photo title must appear on the back of each entry.
5. **All entries must be matted.** Frames and glass mounts are not allowed.
6. The superintendent may limit awards in categories with less than 10 entries.

### ADULTS

1. Minimum entry **image size** is 5"x 7".
2. Maximum entry **size with mat** is 18"x 24" Any matted photograph **exceeding** 18"x 24" will not be accepted.
3. Division I- Maximum of 5 prints may be entered per adult photographer.
4. Division II- Maximum of 10 prints may be entered per adult photographer, maximum of 2 prints per category.

### YOUTH

1. Minimum entry image **size with mat** is 5"x7".
2. Maximum entry image **size with mat** is 16"x20"
3. Division III- Maximum of 4 prints may be entered per youth photographer in P12(ages up to 12) or P13(ages 13-16)
4. If a youth aged photographer chooses to be judged in an adult category, use the rules and categories for adults, not P12 or P13.

### REGISTRATION

1. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.** Print a registration sheet from [chesterfair.org](http://chesterfair.org), then mail a completed form to Ray Oakes, 23 Jones Lane, Deep River, CT 06417 or email [oakeshome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oakeshome@sbcglobal.net). Entrants pre-registering by August 11th will be mailed entry tags to facilitate the registration process.
2. All photo entries must be delivered and registered at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Registration will be held from 6-8:30 p.m.
3. If personal registration is not possible on August 21, call 860-526-3650 to make arrangements for prior delivery.

### ENTRY PICK UP

1. All entries are considered part of the exhibit and may not be picked up until the close of the Fair on Sunday evening.
2. If unable to pick up entries on Sunday evening, the photographer is responsible to make other arrangements with the Superintendent. All unclaimed entries will be discarded in seven days.

## CLASS Q – Antique Tractor Pull

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

#### SAFETY RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

**Fair admission is only given to 1 driver and 1 crew member. (16 and 17 year old operators may participate but MUST be accompanied by a parent to be eligible.)**

1. Operators must be 18 years of age.
2. Consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Any driver or helper found to be in violation of this rule while participating at an event will be disqualified.
3. **Owners, operators and tractors are entered at their own risk. Only one person, the operator of the tractor is to be on the tractor when it is in motion on the track or anywhere else on the fairgrounds. Absolutely no riders are permitted at any time.**
4. **Friday rule change: 3.5 mph for uncut tires; 6 mph classes will allow full cut tires. Uncut tires can run in cut tire classes, but cut tires can not run in uncut classes.**
5. Hitch height may be no greater than 20 inches from the ground with a 3.75x3 inch opening. All tractors must have wheelie bars 10" from ground.
6. Tractor must have a functioning governor at all times as determined by a ten second wide open no load test.
7. All tractors must be registered and weighed within one hour after the event start time.
8. Every tractor with driver must be weighed at time of registration.
9. Limit one tractor and one driver per weight class.
10. Driver must remain seated while pulling.
11. There must be a minimum of 2 tractors per class in order for that class to be run.
12. Two hooks will be standard, except on Friday's competition. However, under time constraint only one hook will be allowed. This will be announced at the start of the event.
13. No jerking the chain (for your safety) and please no digging holes (it takes time to fill.)
14. Every tractor must be weighed with the driver on board immediately following that tractor's final pull of the class. At this time, if the tractor is found to be overweight, the tractor will be disqualified from that class.
15. Hitch height is measured at final weigh in. If a tractor is found to be in violation of this rule, the tractor will be disqualified from that class.
16. Hook-up man is not to approach tractor until driver has tractor in neutral and has raised his hands.

17. Tractor tires must remain within boundaries of the track. If the boundaries are exceeded as determined by the pit crew, the measurement will be taken at the cross of the line. No second hook will be allowed at this point.
18. Driver order will be assigned prior to the start of the class. All drivers must abide by this order. If a driver pulls out of order, that pull will not count and the driver must pull again in the correct order. The only exception to this rule is a legitimate mechanical breakdown. To be determined by the pit boss.
19. **Each class enters and leaves the ring together as a group!** Tractors must return to their assigned spots in the staging area after pulling during the class in which they are entered until all tractors are finished pulling in that class. Only tractors in such class are allowed in the ring. Others will wait in a designated staging area!!!
20. After any partial pull of more than one foot, the boat will be pulled in the same direction to the end of the track by a pull back tractor. Therefore each tractor will be pulling in the opposite direction.
21. Track will be groomed between classes only.
22. The track official or event organizer will make all final judgment calls.
23. **Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate ejection from the fairgrounds. Decisions made in this regard by Fair Directors are FINAL!**

Classes: Tractor Weights include the driver

**Note: Friday night classes are 3.5 mph and 6 mph each weight**

Friday:	3000 lbs. and under	Saturday:	2500 lbs. and under
	3500 lbs. and under		3500 lbs. and under
	4000 lbs. and under		4500 lbs. and under
	4500 lbs. and under		5500 lbs. and under
	5000 lbs. and under		6500 lbs. and under
	5500 lbs. and under		7500 lbs. and under
	6000 lbs. and under		8500 lbs. and under
	6500 lbs. and under		

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture has made SEVERAL changes to the 2025 Connecticut Fair and Show Requirements. Exhibitors will be responsible for educating themselves about these changes and following the recommendations. Any animal found to not be in compliance with the requirements to be required to be removed from the fairgrounds. The 2025 Connecticut Fair and Show regulations can be found on the CT Department of Agriculture website: Connecticut Department of Agriculture <https://portal.ct.gov/doag>  
**2025-ct-fair-requirements-update-42525\_final-rem.pdf**

**Fairgoers enter at their own risk. Special attention on the part of the attending exhibitors is called to all rules given below. It is the endeavor of the Fair Society to keep dishonest or questionable devices off the Fair Grounds. Please cooperate with the Directors by reporting the presence of any such device to the Fair Officials.**

**Not Responsible for typographical errors.**

1. Competition at the fair will be open to all persons upon the purchase of an admission ticket or upon application to the Secretary.
2. The Superintendent will receive entries for Classes: E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and P only on Thursday, the 21st, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., only animals on Friday the 22nd, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. No entries will be accepted Saturday morning. All entries must be listed on the entry blanks furnished by the Society. Entries coming by mail must be in the Superintendent's hands before 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday before the fair. Early entries help to avoid the last minute rush.
3. **ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED TO CHESTER FAIR P.O. BOX 646 CHESTER, CT 06412 POSTMARKED AFTER JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.**
4. All animals, except Drawing Contests, must be within the Fair Grounds by 9:00 p.m. Friday. **Classes E, F, G, H, I, J, K L and P will be accepted at the fair grounds.**
5. All Articles and Animals must be owned by the exhibitor. When there is no competition the withholding of premiums will be at the discretion of the Judges.
6. All Animals and Poultry entered for competition must have been owned by the person entering them on or before August 1, 2025. **ALL SPECIES:** Animals shall originate from herds or flocks that meet the testing and health requirements of the state of Connecticut. State livestock inspectors may request proof of compliance with state requirements. All animals and poultry must have permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, leg band, microchip plus a reader or EIA certificate). Recently imported animals must have met the health and testing requirements for entry into Connecticut. No herd or flock under quarantine order shall move or be exhibited. **\*No poultry competition for 2025 out of an abundance of caution.**
7. All animals and poultry entered at fairs and shows must be in good health and in proper physical condition and will be examined at the exhibition by the barn superintendent. Evidence of poor condition or infectious or contagious disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in ejection. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture Livestock Inspector's decision is final.
8. Any member of a committee who shall own or have an interest in any article submitted for decision of said committee shall withdraw from such committee.
9. Should any person enter an animal in any other name than that of its bona fide owner, the person making such an entry shall not be allowed a premium, should one be reported by the Judges.

10. All exhibits shall be under the control and direction of the Association but solely at the risk of the exhibitor. The Association will not be responsible for damage, injury, loss or theft of or to any exhibit, irrespective of the cause of such damage, injury, loss or theft. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by or arising from, any animal or articles exhibited by him, and shall, indemnify the Association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
11. Any exhibitor may appeal from the decision of the Judges to the Board of Directors within one week following the close of the fair.
12. **The receipts are not sufficient to pay the premiums they shall be subject to a pro rata reduction.**
13. It shall be the duty of the superintendents of the several classes to arrange the exhibits so that all articles or animals of the same grade or kind shall be placed together as much as possible, and also to see that all articles or animals in their respective classes are viewed by the Judges.
14. No person shall be entitled to a premium unless complying with the quantity specified in the several classes. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to see that this rule is enforced. Variety must be stated on each exhibit or it will be disqualified.
15. Collection exhibits cannot compete for single premiums, nor can single exhibits compete for collection premiums unless otherwise specified.  
NOTE: Goats, cattle and sheep are exempted from this rule and may compete as a herd and also as individuals.
16. All owners of registered stock must produce their certificate of registration before the Judge passes on the entry.
17. **Premiums will not be paid** on dairy and beef removed from the exhibition before 4:30 p.m. Sheep, Goats, and Swine before 5:00 p.m. Rabbits and Poultry before 5:30 p.m. or articles removed before 6:00 p.m. Sunday, unless such removal has the special approval of the President or Superintendent. No vehicles on the grounds before 7 p.m. on Sunday.
18. **Premiums will be paid only between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. No premiums will be mailed.**
19. In the event that a class is not held, the Superintendent has the right to distribute premiums at his/her discretion.
20. Professionals in Photography, Bakery, Arts, Crafts, Needlework, Vegetables and Floriculture cannot exhibit in the division that provides their primary source of income.
21. **Only animals registered and exhibited at the fair will be permitted on the grounds.**
22. Age for Senior Citizen discount is 65.
23. Emergency Order concerning Rabies can be found on the website.

### **NO PETS ALLOWED.**

No Entry Fees Are Charged Unless Otherwise Noted

Exhibitors are encouraged to email or mail their entry lists as early as possible. By doing so, exhibitors will not have to wait for their entry tags at the fair grounds on Thursday night.

This will make it much easier for everyone concerned

ENTRY BLANKS ON PAGES 49, 50 and 51

**[www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org)**

PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY BLANK

# CHESTER FAIR

Chester Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc.

**August 22-24, 2025**

**LIVESTOCK (NOT CATTLE)**

**Specify what species is being entered**

[www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org)

BREED	CLASS #	ID OR TAG#	JR. OR SR.	DOB Cattle only

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of animals \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: By making an entry, the exhibitor agrees that the fair has permission to photograph entries and use them in its publicity.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY BLANK

# CHESTER FAIR

Chester Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc.

**August 22-24, 2025**

## CATTLE

[www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org)

CLASS # & DESCRIPTION	ID OR TAG#	BREED	ANIMAL DOB

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of animals \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY BLANK

# CHESTER FAIR

Chester Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc.

**Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

See each class for emailing entries

## ENTRY FORM FOR CLASSES E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,P

[www.chesterfair.org](http://www.chesterfair.org) (additional forms available on website)

CLASS	ARTICLE FOR ENTRY	JR OR SR.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors Age: (Jrs. only) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: By making an entry, the exhibitor agrees that the fair has permission to photograph entries and use them in its publicity.

Early Registration of entries eliminates waiting when arriving at the fairgrounds.

## ATTENTION!

*Please read the following instructions before completing entry form.*

Articles may be entered on plain paper if additional forms are necessary.

List classes separately indicating Junior or Senior Division.

Send entry forms to the following superintendents:

<b>Class A-1: Cattle, Dairy and Class A-2: Cattle, Beef</b>	Beth DeRosa Linsley Chester Fair P.O. Box 646 Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class C-1 Sheep</b>	Alison Trojanowski Chester Fair P.O. Box 646 Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class C2: Goats</b>	Ashley Best Chester Fair P.O. Box 646 Chester, CT 06412
<b>C-3: Swine</b>	Ashley Trojanowski Chester Fair P.O. Box 646 Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class D-1: Poultry</b> <b>(No entries accepted for 2025)</b>	Jake Cook Chester Fair P.O. Box 646 Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class D-2: Rabbits</b>	Trudy McClure Chester Fair P.O. Box 646 Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class E, F, G: Pomology, Vegetable Arrangements and Vegetables</b>	Sarah Pike 35 Hoop Pole Hill Rd., Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class H: Hobbies</b>	Paulette Heft 22 Butter Jones Rd., Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class I: Floriculture</b>	Annie Burton 16 Dock Road, Chester, CT 06412
<b>Class J: Canned Goods</b>	Cathy Malcarne 108 Bahr Road, Deep River, CT 06417
<b>Class K: Cookery</b>	Michele St. Marie 2 Wickapecko Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712
<b>Class L: Needlework</b>	Beth Hartke 56 Landing Rd, Higganum, CT 06441
<b>Class N: Now part of Class H above</b>	
<b>Class P: Photography</b>	Ray Oakes 23 Jones Lane, Deep River, CT 06417

Registration entry tags for Classes E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and P are available from the superintendent of those divisions in their respective buildings on Thursday, August 21st, 6:00–8:30 p.m. Dairy and Beef may be removed after 4:30 p.m., Sheep, Goats, Swine 5:00 p.m., Rabbits and Poultry after 5:30 p.m. Sunday. All other exhibit articles CANNOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 6:00 p.m. **NO VEHICLES ON GROUNDS BEFORE 7 P.M.**

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