

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture has made SEVERAL changes to the 2026 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 2026 Connecticut Fair and Show regulations can be found on the CT Department of Agriculture website: Connecticut Department of Agriculture https://portal.ct.gov/doag/regulatory/regulatory/state-veterinarian?language=en_US

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.

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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 27th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., only animals on Friday the 28th, 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 15TH, 2026.
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, 2026. 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.
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. If 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

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