

General Information

ADMISSIONS

1. Adult exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Pass for \$25, good for 10 admissions and/or a vehicle for Fair week.
2. Youth exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Pass for \$20, good for 10 admissions—**no vehicle**.
3. Single Gate Admission:
\$2 discount coupon available in advance from day sponsors (list at montanastatefair.com)
Adults.....\$7
Seniors 60+\$5
Teens 13-18\$4
Youth 6-12\$2
Kids 5 & under FREE
M-F Lunch 11-2.....\$4
(no discounts)

VEHICLE PARKING

- Single vehicle daily\$5
- Family Fun Pass\$40
(10 punch pass, for admissions or parking)
- A,B,C Exhibitor Hangtags.....\$20

JOURNALISTS/PRESS

Members of the working press are most cordially invited to attend Montana State Fair. Press badges are required; contact Kim Lander (406-727-8900) PRIOR TO JULY 15 for issuance. Presentation of verifying identification at gate will permit admission. All press must report to the Administration Office upon arrival.

CAMPING, PARKING, TRAFFIC

Campsite permits are issued with first choice to full week paid requests, and then on a first come basis to space available. Submit request with \$50 deposit to: Montana State Fair/Campsite Request, 400 3rd St. NW, Great Falls, MT, 59404, or call 406-727-8900. These spaces are limited and need to be reserved well in advance.

1. Weekly RV rates are:
No hook-up\$100
Electric.....\$150
Full.....\$200
Livestock Exhibitors Only (1/2 week):
No hook-up\$65
Electric.....\$85
2. Three types of overnight camping are available, except during Fair week:
 - a) Full Service Campground: \$30/night with sewer, water & electrical hook-ups

b) Partial Service Campground: \$25/night, electrical hook-ups only

c) No Service Campground: \$20/night, self-contained trailers with no hook-ups

Stickers will be assigned to each parking type reserved. These stickers must be prominently displayed on trailer or motor home at all times. Trailers or motor homes without stickers are subject to towing.

3. No unauthorized plug-ins or camper plug-ins to the barns or buildings are permitted.
4. Campground spaces are 15'x40'. If more space is needed another spot must be rented. The towing vehicle is allowed parking on the designated camper space only. Parking of vehicles anywhere other than the assigned space is prohibited and violating vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.
5. All campground users must keep their space litter free and in a sanitary condition. Rowdiness, profanity or vandalism will not be tolerated. Fair management reserves the right to dismiss any offender immediately for reasons satisfactory to itself, without refund.
6. All vehicles operated on the grounds must have an official permit unless parked in General Admission Parking. All vehicles must be operated safely, quietly, and obey all traffic and parking regulations. Speed limit for all vehicles on the grounds is 15 mph. Vehicles violating parking rules will be towed at owner's expense. Drivers and/or vehicles committing moving violations are subject to fine and dismissal from the grounds.
7. Small motor vehicles such as motorcycles, 3 or 4 wheelers, etc. are not allowed on the grounds without express written consent from Fair manager. Will at all times strictly obey all traffic regulations and be operated safely and quietly. Fair manager reserves the right to refuse or revoke this privilege to any or all such vehicles.

FACILITY POLICY

1. All exhibit buildings, barns and the Four Seasons Arena are SMOKE FREE.
2. NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED.
3. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, trees, or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.
4. Compliments, complaints or recommendations: Management welcomes all to attend Montana State

Fair and welcomes your comments. Visitors are requested to report any inhospitality expressed from an employee, exhibitor, vendor or concessionaire. Comments may be filed at the Administration Building and are best served if done promptly before the Fair ends. Your comments on events, displays and activities enable us to make positive changes and to improve Montana State Fair.

LIABILITY & INTERPRETATIONS

1. Montana State Fair, Cascade County, or employees, agents or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, loss or damages sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitor, concessionaire or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of Fair Management. Nor will the above-listed be responsible for the loss or damage of any article on route to or from the Fair; after or before it is at the Fair; nor will it be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to its owner, although due care and caution will be exercised to prevent all loss or damage.
2. Montana State Fair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them.
3. Any person who violates any published rule in each department will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to penalty as ordered by the Montana State Fair Advisory Board.
4. In the event of conflict between General Rules and Department Rules & Regulations, the latter will govern, subject to interpretation by management.

MAIL FACILITIES

Exhibitors and others may have their mail and/or entry forms and entries addressed to Montana State Fair, 400 3rd St. NW, Great Falls, MT 59404. Emergency messages may be delivered by contacting the Emergency Dispatch 911, Sheriff's Dispatch at 406-454-6848, Great Falls City Police at 406-771-1180 or Administration Office at 406-727-8900.

EXHIBIT DEPARTMENT ENTRIES

General Rules—Static & Livestock

1. Livestock exhibitors will need to purchase admission passes. See Admissions section. Exhibitors in static departments may purchase admission passes if desired.
2. Exhibitor parking areas will be provided. Parking of vehicles, trailers, and campers to be in the respective

designated areas only. See rules in CAMPING, PARKING, TRAFFIC section. No unauthorized plug-ins or camper plug-ins to the barns is permitted. Permits are required. Purchase permits at the Administration Office.

3. All applications for entries will be made on appropriate entry forms. Entry forms can be downloaded at the website: montanastatefair.com. Request additional forms by phone at 406-727-8900 or at the Administration Office. No entries will be accepted by phone. Entries will not be considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid.
4. Consult Department schedules for entry form deadlines. Pre-entry will facilitate exhibition and is required in most static and ALL LIVESTOCK departments. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of management on a case by case basis. Late fees may be imposed.
5. Any entry, which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered in the wrong class or division, may at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge be transferred to the appropriate class prior to judging.
6. Where there is no listed classification for an entry, an article may be entered for display purposes only. However, no premium will be paid to articles so marked.
7. Management reserves the right to reject unworthy entries of any nature by refusing them exhibit space.
8. Any entry offered or exposed for sale during the Fair must be entered and exhibited in its respective class.
9. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name other than that of the bonafide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid will be forfeited.
10. Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible Fair. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all fees paid or premiums due and may be immediately dismissed from the grounds.
11. Articles to be exhibited may be mailed to the Administration Office. Entry forms must be completely filled out and enclosed with the article. All transportation charges must be pre-paid; otherwise, the exhibit will be refused. If articles are to be returned by parcel post or UPS, include complete instructions and stamps, cash or check made payable to Montana State Fair to cover all costs of transportation and insurance as requested.

A statement as to the value of the articles packaged will be helpful.

12. Montana State Fair offers special contests. Participants must comply with specific rules stated per contest.

Judging (all departments)

1. Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties.
2. Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibitor not present promptly when called may be disqualified.
3. Judges should not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. Premiums may not be awarded to undeserving exhibits whether there is competition or not.
4. Objection to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to Fair Management in writing prior to his making an award; giving good and sufficient reason therefore, and upon which Management shall have the full power to act. See Protests.
5. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest.

Protests (all departments)

All formal protests must be submitted in writing, be signed, and be accompanied by \$50 cash or certified check (refundable if protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered.

Premiums (all departments)

1. All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive premiums.
2. Premium checks for most departments will be available during the Fair at the State Fair Bank located on the Midway. Please check with the Superintendent of the individual departments on dates of availability. Premium checks not presented

for payment within 90 days from date of issuance will be canceled from payment.

3. Fair Management does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums offered in the premium list by merchants and/or private parties. These special prizes are secured by Fair Management with a promissory note signed by the donor and are accepted by Management in good faith and must be contested for under these conditions.
4. No animal shall compete for or receive more than one premium except in champion classes, group classes or performance classes.
5. Where there is but one exhibitor with more than one entry in a single class, premiums will be paid to first place only.

Refund Policy (all departments)

1. Classes canceled by Fair Management will be refunded.
2. Should an exhibitor need to cancel, fees may be refunded if:
 - a. The exhibitor notified Management of the need to cancel at least 48 hours before the exhibit is to be in place or stalled.
 - b. The exhibitor provides a signed medical or veterinary excuse within 10 days of the Fair.
3. Refunds will be determined by Management, on a case by case basis, after reviewing appropriate documentation.
4. Refunds for overpayment of fees will be made as expediently as possible after the Fair. No refunds will be made for amounts of \$5 or less.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Job Description Pre-Fair:

1. Each superintendent will have charge of the department assigned, subject to the direction of the General Manager. Superintendents shall meet with the General Manager when requested to do so.
2. Each superintendent will edit and revise their department for the Exhibitor's Handbook and submit these revisions to Montana State Fair by **January 15** of fair year.
3. Each Superintendent will submit ribbon and trophy requests, supply office requests and supply work requests involving Maintenance by deadlines listed at the Superintendent meetings.

Job Description During Fair:

4. Superintendents will have charge of stall or display spaces within that department. Exhibit display and arrangement of stalls and spaces may be done only with consent and supervision of Superintendent.

5. Superintendent is responsible for setting schedules within the department for employees and volunteers greeting the public and protecting the exhibits.
6. Superintendent and their staff will organize exhibits for judging.
7. It shall be the duty of each superintendent to inform judges of regulations governing awards, urging them to carefully read prior to judging.
8. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to ensure that judge worksheets are accurate and contain all required information. Completed worksheets must be signed by judge and Superintendent (or designee) during or immediately after judging.
9. Original judge worksheets must be returned to the Entry Office ASAP following judging.

10. It is understood that Superintendents may not submit entries to the department which they lead.

Job Description Post-Fair

11. Superintendents will return unused supplies and their ribbon inventories to the Entry Office.
12. Superintendents will oversee the removal of exhibits that were not picked up from their Department to the Entry Office. Every effort should be made to contact the exhibitors involved for them to pick up their items.
13. Every Superintendent shall submit a written statement of their work, including budget considerations, physical improvements, and recommendations for the betterment of the Department and the Fair

Livestock Information

LIVESTOCK ENTRY RULES

1. Open Class Livestock Department entries are open to the world.
2. All livestock entries entered and exhibited at the State Fair shall be subject to being inspected of health condition before being stalled. All animals found inferior must be removed from the grounds immediately.
3. In all cases where registration is required, each exhibitor shall furnish the registration number and name under which animal is registered on the entry form. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
4. In all cases where registration is required, all animals exhibited must be registered on the records of the various breed associations of classes listed herein. Partnership owned animals must be entered in the name of the owner appearing on the herd books of registry. Original registration or Photostat copies must accompany livestock and be available for presentation upon request of Management.
5. Animals shown in all group classes must have entered and shown in their respective individual classes.
6. Any breed of livestock having less than 3 independent exhibitors, or 20 head exhibited in the 2010 Montana State Fair may not have individual divisions listed in the 2011 Exhibitors' Handbook.
7. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stalls, pens and alleys in a clean and attractive condition. Bedding and litter shall be disposed of in designated areas. First bedding will be provided by Montana State Fair. Additional or replacement bedding to be furnished by exhibitor and be of type (straw, shavings, sand) specified by Fair Management. Supplies from vendors will be available. See Livestock Bedding section.
8. Schedules for feeding, deliveries, exercising and tie out will be established and strictly enforced to minimize traffic congestion.
9. Livestock entered for competition at other state fairs may secure special release from Montana State Fair only when other state fair dates conflict with travel time. In this case, exhibitor must secure written approval from the Superintendent in charge of the livestock. No premiums will be paid on animal specially released until proof of entry in another fair has been furnished to the General Manager of Montana State Fair.

10. Veterinarian on call: Indian Hammer Veterinary will be on call throughout the duration of Montana State Fair. Those seeking services should call 406-965-3232.

LIVESTOCK BEDDING AND FEED

Any exceptions to the following list must be approved in advance by Fair Management. Bedding to be used at Montana State Fair is the following:

Beef Cattle—sand or shavings

Dairy Goats—straw

Equines—shavings

Sheep—straw/shavings

Swine—shavings

All feedstuffs and bedding brought onto the grounds must comply with all Montana weed and pest regulations. Feedstuffs or bedding identified as bearing noxious weeds will be confiscated and immediately removed from the grounds. Violations may restrict exhibitors from bringing feedstuffs to future fairs.

MONTANA STATE FAIR AND DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK HEALTH, BRAND AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

General Requirements

1. All imported animals presented for exhibition or sale shall be accompanied by an import permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and brand inspections. Import permits may be obtained by the veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 10 days prior to arrival into Montana by calling the Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Helena, MT, at 406-444-2976.
2. A brand inspection is required on all cattle, horses, and sheep shipments originating outside of Cascade County. Department of Livestock Inspectors will check all consignments upon arrival at Montana State Fair for compliance of Montana Animal Health Import and Brand Laws.
3. Inspection will be made of all animals upon arrival. Any animals showing evidence of disease, affected with warts, ringworm or other skin conditions or unsightly blemishes will be refused entry or required to be handled in accordance with directives of the veterinarian in charge. Animals which develop a disease condition during the course of the exposition are to be handled in accordance with the directive of the attending veterinarian.
4. All cattle, sheep, swine and goats will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 20

days of exhibit. Certificate must accompany the animal upon arrival on the grounds and be available for examination for the duration of the exhibit.

5. ALL sheep and goats entered in the Fair must have an official scrapie ID tag.

Cattle-See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state cattle shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 20 days prior to the show.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
 - a. All female cattle 4 months of age or older must be official Brucellosis vaccinated with legible tattoo.
 - b. TB test (negative) required within 60 days of importation into Montana for cattle two months of age and older OR animals must originate from an accredited TB-free herd; EXCEPT no test required on animals less than six months of age if accompanied by TB test-negative dams from the following Modified Accredited Advanced states or areas (Canada, California, portions of New Mexico, Michigan, and Minnesota).
 - c. TB test (negative) required for ALL ages of cattle originating from Modified Accredited Zones (portions of Minnesota and Michigan)—originate from a herd that has been TB tested in its entirety within the last 12 months AND a negative TB test within 60 days of import **OR** originate from an accredited TB-free herd AND negative TB test within 60 days of import **OR** two negative TB tests 60-120 days apart, the second test being within 60 days of import. ***Test require-mints apply to all animals, even those accompanied by TB test-negative dams.
 - d. TB-Dairy Cattle: All sexually intact dairy cattle, 2 months of age and older, are required to have a current TB test, regardless of the TB status of the state of origin. Test must be current within 60 days prior to entry.
 - e. TB-Rodeo Cattle (Sporting Bovine): All cattle destined for sporting events (rodeo including but not limited to bucking bulls, roping calves, and team roping/steer wrestling cattle, team penning, etc.) regardless of age or the TB status of the state of origin, are required to have a current TB test within 6 months prior to entry.
 - f. Statement on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection—"All animals in this shipment are

not M-Brand (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to M-Branded cattle."

- g. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all M-Branded, Mx-Branded, or other cattle originally from Mexico. Those in the US over 60 days, 1 test within 60 days; those more recent must have 2 test before entry. Test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited Veterinarian.
- h. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all cattle in contact with or exposed to M-Branded, Mx-Branded, or other cattle originally from Mexico. Test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited Veterinarian.
- i. All Bulls imported into Montana require a virgin statement from the owner for those less than 25 months old or negative Trichomoniasis testing (3 weekly tests or 1 PCR test) within 30 days of entry. A virgin bull statement is not acceptable for animals 25 months of age or older—these must be tested. There are test exemptions available for animals entering for show only—the exemption must be requested prior to the import permit being issued and additional statements are required on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- j. All Montana bulls for change of ownership, loan, or lease must have a virgin statement from the owner for those less than 25 months old or negative Trichomoniasis testing (3 weekly tests or 1 PCR test). A virgin bull statement is not acceptable for animals 25 months of age or older—these must be tested. Montana bulls for exhibition only do not require testing.

Goats-See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state goats shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 20 days prior to the show, certifying freed from disease, or exposure thereto.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
 - a. All goats must have official scrapie ID tag to enter the fair
 - b. BRUCELLOSIS: All sexually intact imported goats 6 months of age or older must have a current negative test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into Montana.
 - c. TUBERCULOSIS:

1. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all dairy goats ages 2 months and older and those originating from Modified Accredited Advanced States or areas (Canada, California, portions of New Mexico, Michigan and Minnesota); negative TB test required for ALL ages coming from Modified Accredited States or zones (portions of Minnesota and Michigan)
2. TB test not required if goats originating directly from USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TB-free herd. The herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Horses-See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state horses shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 20 days prior to the show.
2. All horses are required to have negative test for Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) within the last 12 months. Valid test can be AGID (Coggins) or Elisa. There are no further special requirements for horses other than statement of general health certifying freedom from disease or exposure thereto.
3. All horses coming from outside the boundaries of Cascade County must have a brand inspection.
4. All stallions (aged 13 mos. or older) are required to have a negative Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) test within the past 30 days.

Sheep-See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state sheep shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 20 days prior to the show, certifying freedom from disease, including lice, or exposure thereto (except market lambs for slaughter).
2. All sheep must have official scrapie ID tags to enter the fair.
3. All sheep must show a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that shall show compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. BRUCELLA OVIS (REO)
 1. All breeding rams must have a negative ELISA, or other recognized test for Brucella Ovis within 30 days prior to entry into Montana or originate directly from an officially recognized Brucella Ovis free flock.

Individual identification by ear tag or tattoo is required, along with date of the last Brucella Ovis herd test. All rams must be free of any gross lesions of ram epididymitis upon examination by the certifying accredited veterinarian.

2. If tested rams are destined for an official Montana free flock they will be held separate and apart from other sheep at destination and officially retested for Brucella Ovis 45 days after arrival.
3. Testing begins at 6 months.
 - b. LICE (*Damalinia ovis*)
 1. Sheep found to be infested with sheep lice are subject to quarantine in Montana, including exhibition and sale animals. Sheep will be inspected at grounds and any found with lice will not be allowed to be stalled on the grounds.
 - c. SCRAPIES
 1. Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)—one by issuing vet: "The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam."; and one by the shipper: "Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected, source, exposed or noncompliant flock."

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Direct inquiries about these listed rules to: Montana Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Margie Kelley, Helena, MT, 59601.

Phone: 406-444-2043

FAX: 406-444-1929