

## GENERAL RULES

The Morrison County Fair has incorporated its open class entries into a new computer system. This will mean the following changes for our exhibitors:

### **Livestock Exhibitors:**

Completed pre-registration forms, along with appropriate entry fees, are to be mailed to:  
Morrison County Agricultural Society, PO  
Box 177, Little Falls, MN 56345, postmarked before July 17, 2009. Please use the form in this Premium Listing. Livestock entries received postmarked later than July 17, 2009, will be **DOUBLED**. Entry Day for livestock will be Wednesday, July 23 from 7 - 4 p.m.

All livestock from out of state must have health papers present for vet checks. Registered animals need registration papers present for proper ID.

FFA Livestock may be entered in both FFA & Open Class Competition. Exhibitors may not show the same animal in 4-H & FFA. No article or animal shall compete for more than one premium except livestock competing in teams or groups. This does not apply to sweepstakes or special premium competition for which no entry is required. Exhibitors of livestock shall be allowed to make two entries in any lot. Livestock must be entered in the name of the bonafide owners.

**All animals Must remain on exhibit at the Morrison County Fairgrounds for the entire fair showing. Early removal of an exhibit will result in forfeiture of any premium earned.**

## LIVESTOCK SANITATION

The official fair veterinarian will enforce the rules and regulations for the exhibition of livestock as established by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

### **Exhibition of Livestock and Poultry in Minnesota Summary of State Rule General Requirements**

The exhibition management may adopt more but not less restrictive health requirements than required by state rule. Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases. Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable.

All livestock will be inspected by the Official Veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring. This includes

livestock with warts or ringworm.

**All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and a record of the test results on a test chart or Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must accompany the tested animals.**

Livestock and poultry entered in a petting exhibit are not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals at the exhibit.

### **Cattle**

Livestock Health Requirements for Public Exhibition - At this time, there are no state requirements for bovine tuberculosis (TB) testing. Moving requirements are in effect. An updated version of this document will be distributed once specific information on Minnesota intrastate movement requirements becomes available. Also, check the MN Board of Animal Health's Web site at [www.bah.state.mn.us](http://www.bah.state.mn.us) for updates. For Minnesota State Fair tuberculosis testing requirements, call (651) 288-4417 or visit [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org).

### **Poultry**

Poultry, except waterfowl and pigeons, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band and accompanied by a form approved by the board to show compliance with one of the following: (1) negative test for pullorum-typhoid disease conducted within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition; or (2) originate directly from parent stock tested and found negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within the last 12 months. In addition, turkeys must be tested negative or originate directly from parent stock that is tested negative for Salmonella typhimurium, Mycoplasma gallisepticum and Mycoplasma synoviae.

### **Swine**

Swine must be individually identified and must: (1) have had a negative official pseudorabies test conducted within 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition; or (2) originate directly from a qualified pseudorabies - negative herd; or (3) originate directly from a Stage IV or V county or area. All 50 states are currently pseudorabies Stage V (Pseudorabies Free Status).

### **Sheep and Goats**

All sheep and goats, including wethers, must be identified with official identification approved for use in the scrapie eradication program.

**For exception to test requirements refer to "Slaughter Classes."**

### **Dogs**

Dogs over 6 months of age must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a Licensed Veterinarian.

## Horses

All horses must be negative to an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. A test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam.

## Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine & Poultry (not originating in Minnesota)

Animals must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements in addition-to the requirements outlined in this summary. The Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection must list the name of the exhibition as consignee. Certificates will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition, except swine pseudorabies tests, which must be made within 30 days. The Gp 1 ELISA test is approved for importation of swine.

Livestock exhibitors are expected to contact their veterinarian for advice concerning the specific tests required for their animals, to arrange to have the testing done, and to procure the proper test charts for the Official Fair Veterinarian. All test charts will be completed before entry.

All livestock exhibitors must pay their own veterinarian testing fees.

### LIVESTOCK HOUSING

- All livestock must be inspected before they are unloaded.
- Water for livestock will be furnished. Each exhibitor will have to furnish hay and bedding.
- Each livestock exhibitor will be required to keep his entries clean and orderly and place refuse and manure in receptacles provided for that purpose by the Fair.

### Non-Livestock Exhibitors:

To alleviate long lines on entry day for our open class, non-livestock exhibitors, this year the Morrison County Fair will be using preregistration for all of the open class, non-livestock entries. Please use the form in this Premium Listing and mail to the Morrison County

Agricultural Society, PO Box 177, Little Falls, MN 56345.

**Pre-registrations are due to this address postmarked before July 17, 2009.** When you pre-register, your entry tags will be ready and waiting for you on entry day.

If it is not possible to pre-register your non-livestock entries by the above date, you are welcome to bring your entries as before on entry days, **Tuesday, July 28 from 2 - 7 p.m. and Wednesday, July 29, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon.** Entries will close promptly at Noon on Wednesday. Entries in all divisions will be limited to space available. The management reserves the right to close entries at any time when present accommodations are exhausted.

Exhibitors in non-livestock departments shall be allowed a maximum of one (1) exhibit in each lot. Non-livestock articles must be entered in the name of the bonafide owners. No article or animal shall compete for more than one premium except livestock competing in teams or groups. This does not apply to sweepstakes or special premium competition for

which no entry is required. NON-LIVESTOCK exhibits are open **ONLY** to Morrison County residents and residents of school districts which have schools located in Morrison County.

**All non-livestock exhibits shall remain on display until Sat. – August 1st at 9 p.m. at which time all exhibits will be released. All exhibits shall be claimed on Saturday, August 1st after 9 p.m. or they shall become the property of the Fair.** All exhibits will be released at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1st. Exhibits left after 10:00 p.m. Saturday will be left at your own risk. The exhibit building will close at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday.

### JUDGING

- 4-H Judging will be directed through the office of the University of MN Extension Service.
- Judging in Department 50 Baked Goods will begin at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.
- FFA contests and judging will be directed through the FFA Superintendent.
- All other judging will begin as announced in the daily schedules.
- Registered livestock may not compete against grade livestock except in classes which specifically state the fact.
- No grade male animal may be shown in the cattle, hog or sheep divisions.
- Exhibitors shall be prepared to show ownership or proof of registration at time of entry and judging.

### PREMIUMS

- Premiums will be awarded according to the schedule as published.
- Premiums will not be awarded on livestock or articles of inferior merit, regardless of the number in competition for a premium.
- Where there is only one exhibitor in one lot, the premium given will be as the merit of the animals or article may warrant.

**Premium checks will be mailed out within 90 days after the close of the Fair.**

**Premium checks not cashed within 30 days of issue will be considered forfeited to the Agricultural Society.**

### OTHER

- The Fair assumes no responsibility for injury or damage caused by livestock or other exhibits.
- Any exhibitor failing to cooperate with the stated and published rules and regulations of the Fair will forfeit any premiums due from the Fair.
- Any person or group that conducts a protest action must

limit its activity to the location designated by the Fair Board. The designated location is east of the northeast gate along 158th Street on fairground property. No entrances or exits can be obstructed or limited in any way.