

2009
TODD COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR BOOK

Todd County Agricultural Society

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General Rules and Regulations

1. Competition for premiums is open to all people. Except in 4-H Club Department only 4-H'ers from Todd County may exhibit in 4-H Department.

2. Exhibitors will be required to keep their exhibits open for view from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. All exhibits will be released at 7:00 p.m. the last day of the fair. **All exhibitors and concessionaires must keep the grounds around their exhibit or concession free from garbage, litter and refuse, for a distance of at least ten feet fronting their exhibit or concession.**

3. **The Society will not assume any responsibility for disease, sickness, injury, loss or damage to exhibits contracted during the fair.**

4. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on the grounds, except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, or distribution of bills, cards, flyers, etc., except within the space occupied by the exhibitor is prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to fine and expulsion from the grounds as the Board of Directors may elect.

5. If for any reason whatsoever the general receipts of the Society are reduced or diminished, then the Society does not guarantee full payment of premiums listed in this book.

6. The management will not be responsible for typographical errors in this book, but should any occur, same will be interpreted by the Board of Directors.

7. The Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or incident to the fair.

8. Any persons knowingly violating any of the rules of this Society will thereby forfeit all rights to any premiums that may be awarded to them.

****No one will be allowed to sleep in any of the animal exhibition buildings at night. Camping registration form available. See page 29.****

Entry Procedures and Exhibits

9. **All Entries in all open classes must be preregistered** for the 2009 Todd County Fair. Use the entry blank provided in the 2009 Todd County Exhibitor Book. Send the completed entry blank to Todd County Ag Society, Debra Durham, Secretary, 17384 255th Ave., Long Prairie, MN 56347. The use of a computer entry system makes it absolutely necessary that all open class entries be received by Thursday, July 30. **NO LATE ENTRIES OR SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

10. The Society reserves the right to limit the number of entries if

space is unavailable. The management will endeavor to arrange for space for all qualified exhibitors. However, if present accommodations are exhausted, the management reserves the right to close entries at anytime.

11. **Non livestock exhibits shall be in place prior to 12:30 p.m. and livestock exhibits shall be stalled and verified by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13. NO entry may be removed prior to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16 or all premiums and awards will be forfeited. Dairy cows in MILK may be released after the open class dairy show. Dairy cows in production must be stalled on Thursday, August 13, before 11 a.m. and remain until after the show(s). If they are taken home after the 4-H dairy show they can not come back on the grounds and show at the open class dairy show. It will be up to the dairy cow exhibitor to stay for the open class show or until release time of 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 16.**

12. **Stock and articles must be entered in the name of the bonafide owner.**

13. No person shall enter an article that has heretofore been exhibited and a premium paid thereon in the same lot except in certain designated classes.

14. All articles exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor and except in designated classes must be **made, manufactured, or raised during the past 12 months by the exhibitor.**

15. **NOT MORE THAN ONE ENTRY CAN BE MADE IN THE SAME LOT BY ANY EXHIBITOR, EXCEPT SHEEP, SEE PAGE 7.** When more than one entry is made from the same farm or by the same family, proof of ownership must be shown to the superintendent of that department.

16. No article shall compete for more than one premium, except livestock which may be included in Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, or Herd. This rule does not bar sweepstake or special award competition.

17. **NO ARTICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE FOR CASH PREMIUMS THAT IS NOT NAMED AND NUMBERED IN THE EXHIBITOR BOOK.**

18. Exhibitors will be furnished with cards containing exhibitor number, department, class and lot designation and description of the article. Such cards must be attached to or in close contact with the article to which they belong.

19. All livestock classes in open class are open to registered and grade animals.

20. In all cases which call for registered stock, all animals over one year of age must be accompanied by a certificate of registry.

21. **Exhibitors must obey the Board of Animal Health Livestock Health Requirements for Public Exhibition rules and regulations found on page 3.**

22. Ages for livestock will be computed from the following dates:

Dairy Cattle—March 1 and September 1

Beef Cattle—January 1 and September 1

Swine—March 1 and September 1

Sheep—September 1

23. All hay and bedding is the responsibility of the livestock exhibitor.

24. Grain and field seed shall be exhibited in quart jars free from any personal advertising. Unless otherwise designated, an exhibit shall consist of one quart of dry measure. Must be 2009 crop.

25. **In no event will the Fair Management or the Department be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.**

26. Cattle over 6 months must be dehorned.

27. All animals must be fed, watered and cared for or you will be asked to leave and never return.

Judging

28. Judging in all departments will begin on Thursday, August 13 except for livestock, until completed.

29. Awards shall be designated by ribbons or stickers as follows: Championship—purple; first—blue; second—red; third—white; and honorable mention at judge's discretion.

30. Judges will report to Department Superintendents for instruction prior to beginning their work.

31. All persons acting as judges will be furnished distinguishing badges and will be required to wear them in a conspicuous manner while performing their duties.

32. The superintendent or assistant of a division shall assist the awarding judges as clerk and shall make a written entry on the record of award made. This record when completed shall be signed by the