

Monmouth Fair 2017

Livestock Exhibitors' Information

Horse, Steer, Oxen Pulling
Show Steer & Oxen
Small Farm Livestock
Young Farmers
Animal Power Showcase

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS' INFORMATION

1. Exhibitors of livestock will be admitted with their vehicle & one helper. All others will be charged regular admission. **Please be advised that on some days volunteers will be parking livestock trailers due to heavy livestock schedules. It is expected that you cooperate.**

2. Insurance requirement enacted by the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs (3/18/06) "A valid liability insurance certificate in the amount of \$300,000 naming the insured and the fair as the certificate holder shall be required of all open and 4-H livestock exhibitors. The certificate shall warrant that the policy may not be cancelled or changed without 10 days prior written notice to the fair. – OR – you may choose to join the Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors which provides as a benefit the liability insurance required to exhibit at any Maine fair.

3. All stock entered for a premium must be labeled with the name of the owner, from what town trucked, breed and age, to be entitled to a premium. All entries must be made to the Secretary before 10 AM on day of showing. All stock must be constantly attended while at the fair either by the owner or his employees.

4. Any person entering borrowed animals, or making fraudulent representations in reference to his/her entry, will forfeit all premiums that may be awarded.

5. The Association will not be beholden for any accidents that may happen to persons, horses, autos, or any exhibits while on the Association grounds.

6. Members of the same firm or family or from the same farm will be regarded as one exhibitor.

7. Not over two premiums will be paid an exhibitor in any group; not over one in any herd or flock entry. An animal may enter as many classes as it is eligible to according to class and age.

8. Exercising of pulling animals will be limited to a designated area on the Fairgrounds in the interest of safety and cleanliness; this regulation will be strictly enforced.

9. Show cattle exhibitors/displays have priority for barn space. Oxen and horses may use the barns for tie up. Animals must be attended and area kept clean.

10. Monmouth fair is dedicated to providing agricultural education to the general public and supporting local agriculture. The Association, if it so chooses, may conduct livestock exhibitions & events by invitation only. In the case of an invitation only event, notice will be made to all member livestock clubs, in the premium book, and on the Monmouth Fair website.

JOINT OWNERSHIP OF LIVESTOCK

An animal owned in partnership, which partnership has been in existence 30 days prior to the date of closing entries, may be shown in the name of the part-owner, but the facts of the partnership must be stated at the time of entry, and the animal must appear in the same part-owner's name through all classes wherein entered.

EXHIBITOR Demeanor

Any livestock exhibitor not presenting and conducting themselves in a professional manner will be required to leave the grounds immediately and may be prohibited from exhibiting at the Monmouth Fair in the future.

No persons may exhibit in any capacity while under the influence of any intoxicants. Breath analyzer test may be required of all drivers, teamster, helpers, judges, & officials at each event. Whenever possible Law Enforcement officer/s will perform all tests.

If the results of such test show a reading of more than .05, a second test will be taken 15 minutes later. If the second test confirms a reading of more than .05 exhibitor will not be permitted to participate.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Monmouth Fair's objective is to provide the spectating public with an extraordinary agricultural experience.

All animals regardless of age, size, or breed must be appropriate for public display. Monmouth Fair officials will make all final determinations on the acceptable condition of individual livestock for exhibition.

All Animals – Domestic animals or livestock offered for show or exhibition at any fair shall be free from any signs of infectious or contagious disease, including but not limited to ringworm, external parasites, foot rot, or shipping fever. Animals showing signs of dehydration, are gaunt, thin, lame, injured, or are not cleaned & groomed may not be exhibited. Monmouth Fair may utilize a licensed veterinarian to assist in health evaluations.

All livestock and poultry originating outside of the State of Maine must meet the requirements for entry into the State. An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) is required to import cattle, sheep, goats, swine, hatching eggs, and poultry. Equines must have an official certificate of negative Coggins test within 12 months. For details contact the DACF Animal Health office at 207-287-3701.

Failure to comply with these State regulations & Monmouth Fair standards will require removing the animal/s from the grounds immediately.

In spite of efforts by the Department of Agriculture and the fair officials, and the expertise of exhibitors the potential for exposure to disease exists. Therefore it is strongly recommended that exhibitors protect their flocks and herds by (1) appropriate vaccinations of show stock against contagious diseases under the supervision of a veterinarian and (2) an isolation period before re-introduction to the home flock, band, or herd.

In addition to the general requirements the following specific requirements will be enforced:

Cattle – warts will be classified as an infectious disease Cattle from all counties may show without Brucellosis or tuberculin tests, providing the herd is not under quarantine. It is recommended that all show cattle, including 4-H, be vaccinated against I.B.R., P.1.3., and B.V.D.

Horses – The Commissioner shall require a negative Coggin’s test, taken within 36 months, on all horses raced, exhibited or stabled on race tracks or fairgrounds where other horses are being raced, exhibited or stabled. Absolutely no horse will be permitted to show without proof of a negative Coggin’s test and such reports shall be available for inspection by an agent of the Commissioner of Agriculture upon request. Failure to furnish such reports shall exclude equines from the events.

Monmouth Fair strongly recommends that all equine for exhibition or competition be vaccinated for EEE, WNV & Rabies.

Swine – Although not required, it is recommended that Swine originating from Maine shall be from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd.

All Swine must be permanently identified.

Poultry – All poultry shall originate from flocks that have an official Pullorum-typhoid clean rating.

Sheep & Goats - All sheep and goats must have a USDA approved identification: tag, tattoo for registered animals, or microchip to exhibit.



Class XI – SHOW OXEN AND STEERS

Friday, August 5, Begins 10 AM

Weigh-in 7:30 AM

Superintendent: Jeff Kemp

Secretary: Hope Ricker

Premiums for 11-1 through 11-24

1st \$20 • 2nd \$17 • 3rd \$15 • 4th \$12 • 5th \$10

Oxen & Steer can win only 2 premiums.

Division I – Shorthorn, Durham, Devon

Division II - All Other Breeds

Best Pair Oxen & Steers

11-1	Oxen 3501 lbs. & over
11-2	Oxen 2901 to 3500 lbs.
11-3	Steers 2401 to 2900 lbs.
11-4	Steers 1901 to 2400 lbs
11-5	Steers 1401 to 1900 lbs
11-6	Steers 1001 to 1400 lbs
11-7	Steers 500 to 1000 lbs
11-8	Steers 499 lbs. & under

Best Matched Oxen & Steers

11-9	Oxen 3501 lbs. & over
11-10	Oxen 2901 to 3500 lbs.
11-11	Steers 2401 to 2900 lbs.
11-12	Steers 1901 to 2400 lbs
11-13	Steers 1401 to 1900 lbs
11-14	Steers 1001 to 1400 lbs
11-15	Steers 500 to 1000 lbs
11-16	Steers 499 lbs. & under

All Breeds

Best Handling (Working) Oxen & Steer

11-17	Oxen 3501 lbs. & over
11-18	Oxen 2901 to 3500 lbs.
11-19	Steers 2401 to 2900 lbs.
11-20	Steers 1901 to 2400 lbs
11-21	Steers 1401 to 1900 lbs
11-22	Steers 1001 to 1400 lbs
11-23	Steers 500 to 1000 lbs
11-24	Steers 499 lbs. & under

Best Working Champion - \$25

1st place from each class will compete

RULES TO GOVERN OXEN AND DRAFT HORSE COMPETITIONS

Rule 1. All teamsters who are to compete in contests shall have their teams ready at the published starting time. All classes shall be closed after the positions are drawn. Classes shall start as nearly as possible to the published time.

Rule 2. Check weighing will be allowed prior to the official weigh-in. All weighing shall be done in the forenoon if possible. The official weigh-in shall start not earlier than 3 hours nor later than 1 ½ hours before the first class of the day starts. Teams must have on halters and shoes.

Rule 3. Measuring shall be in a straight line to the nearest point on the drag. Line-to-line measuring will be allowed. The front of the drag must touch the line before turning. To get the full-line measure. The drag must be turned more than ½ way.

Rule 4. Teams shall stay hooked to the drag at all times. No unhitching and re-hitching may be allowed.

Rule 5. An actual separation, breaking or bending of equipment shall constitute a breakdown. Any team breaking down may take the distance pulled or return to the last position and pull over. Only one breakdown may be allowed.

Rule 6. Time limits shall be 5 minutes unless otherwise agreed upon by teamsters. Time starts when the drag is moved. The time limit to hook on in distance pulls shall be 3 minutes.

Rule 7. On Horses, the very light use of the reins on the hind quarters only and no over and under may be allowed. No whip, brads, or goads may be allowed. Reins shall not be doubled up. No electrical or electronic devices may be allowed. No open bridles may be allowed.

On oxen, the use of the goad shall be very light. The goad shall have no brad on it, only a plain yoke and chain or pole that may be pulled. All chains shall be covered to the hook. No plastic goads may be allowed. The goad stick must not be over 4 feet long and must not exceed ½ inch in diameter on the small end. The goad stick may be taped with friction tape but not weighted. The stick may be used lightly on the face to control the oxen but not around the eyes.

Rule 8. Any number of helpers will be allowed to help hitch. After hitch-on, there shall be only one helper. The helper shall stay behind the drag unless needed to help the teamster with snarls or turns. On oxen, the helper must stay behind the drag at all times after hitch-on. The helper shall not have a stick.

Rule 9. All participants shall be properly dressed. Proper language must be used at all times. Any participant under the influence of liquor shall be disqualified from the contest. Test may be made to determine intoxication. The drinking of intoxicating beverages by participants in and around the ring is prohibited.

Rule 10. The splitting of teams shall be decided by the fair association or other sponsor.

Rule 11. Use of drugs or stimulants on any competing animal is prohibited. The fair or person conducting the contest reserves the right to test any animal. The owner and teamster found to have used a drug on any competing animal shall be barred from pulling for 2 years as required by section 74, subsection 4.

Rule 12. No heading of horses or oxen may be allowed. Stepping over the rail counts as a hitch. Three minutes shall be allowed for hitching. Two attempts may be made within that period. Time taken out to position the drag for the next pull shall not be counted. Teamsters may not be changed after the first load is pulled. Any team deliberately driven over the rail will be disqualified from the contest. In case of a tie on the longest distance, the 2nd longest distances already pulled will take first place. Evener men must remain quiet after hitching on. One inch pulled shall constitute a hitch.

Rule 13. There shall be no heading of horses after a pull starts unless there is a mix-up, snarl or breakdown.

Rule 14. Any animal which is thin, dehydrated, shows open sores or is lame shall be disqualified.

Rule 15. Before a team is allowed to pull, the owner shall provide a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000.

Rule 16. Any situations that may arise and are not covered by these rules, the decision will be left to the discretion of the judges.

Rule 17. Only teams and teamsters that have not pulled professionally during this year's fair season are eligible to participate.

Rule 18. Twitching Contest – one horse per driver and only one horse from each team allowed in contest.

Rule 19. 25 foot rule. One minute to move drag 25 feet. If not, unhook and measurement will be taken.

Rule 20. 6 foot elimination if there is lack of weight, last pull will be determined by judges.

Class XII – DRAFT STEER & OXEN

Friday, August 4,

Begins 9 AM - Weigh in 6:30 AM

1200 – 2400 - 3 Minutes to Pull

2800 and Over – 5 Minutes to Pull

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
12-1	1200 lbs. & under – driven by child 16 yrs of age and under	50	45	40	35	30
12-2	1600 lbs. & under (Steers)	75	65	55	45	35
12-3	2000 lbs. & under (Steers)	75	65	55	45	35
12-4	2400 lbs. & under (Steers)	75	65	55	45	35
12-5	2800 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
12-6	3200 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
12-7	3600 lbs. – 4000 lbs. % pull drag included	95	80	65	50	40
12-8	6 ft elimination 2400 lb. & under	75	65	55	45	35
12-9	6 ft. elimination 3200 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
12-10	6 ft. elimination 3201 lbs. & over	95	80	65	50	40
12-11	Sweepstakes	135	115	95	75	50

Class XIII – MINIATURE HORSE PULL

Saturday August 5, Pull Begins 1:30 PM

No Touch – 10' Elimination

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
13-1	Mini Horses 34"	80	70	65	60	55
13-2	Mini Horses 38"	80	70	65	60	55

Class XIV – DRAFT HORSES

Saturday August 5, Pull Begins 9 AM

Weigh in 6:30 AM

2 lb. of rock to 1 lb of horse, or load to be set by judges.

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
14-1	3100 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
14-2	3200 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
14-3	3400 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
14-4	Sweepstakes	135	115	95	75	55
14-6	15 ft. elimination 3600 lbs & under	95	80	65	50	40
14-7	15 ft. elimination 3601 lbs & over	95	80	65	50	40

Class XV – STEER & OXEN

FARMERS' PULL

Thursday, August 3, Begins 9 AM

Weigh in 6:30 AM

1000 – 2599 - 3 Minutes to Pull

2600 - 4000 – 5 Minutes to Pull

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
15-1	1000 lbs. to 1599 lbs	50	45	40	35	30
15-2	1600 lbs. to 2599 lbs.	70	60	50	40	30
15-3	2600 lbs. to 4000 lbs.	90	75	60	45	35
15-4	4 Ox Distance	70	60	50	40	30
15-5	6 ft. elimination 2400 under	70	60	50	40	30
15-6	6 ft. elimination 2400 over	70	60	50	40	30

Class XVI – HORSES FARMERS' PULL

Wednesday, August 2, Begins 10 AM

Weigh in 7:00 AM

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
16-2	Horse Scoot & Log Contest	90	75	60	45	35
16-3	Single Horse Log Twitch	55	50	40	35	30
16-4	Farmers' Pull (load to be set by judge at time of pull)*	90	75	60	45	40

*If less than 4 teams, the class will become a multiple log pull.

RULES TO GOVERN FARMERS' STEER & OXEN PULL

1. All teams are required to weigh in prior to the official start of the Farmers' Pull. At which time, teamsters must show proof of liability insurance of no less than \$300,000.
2. Breakdown of weight classes will be determined by superintendent of the pull.
3. All teams & teamsters have to be ready at announced time of the event. All classes are officially closed ½ hour before published pull time.
4. There will be **light** use of stick to get teams started when turning, and during the actual pulling process.
5. A goad stick has to be wooden only. They need to be no longer than 4 feet & ½ inch in diameter on the small end of the stick. The stick may be tapered. No weighted sticks allowed. Chains must be covered to the hook.

6. Teamsters may have one helper to hook the chain onto the drag. The helper may follow the drag. The helper is not allowed to have a stick. The helper must remain quiet during the pull.
7. Teams must remain hooked to the drag at all times. If unhooked intentionally, then the team will be pinned at that spot. That is a completed pull.
8. Time limits for classes will be announced at teamsters' meeting prior to the start of the event.. Time will start when drag is moved
9. When measuring, it must be in a straight line to the nearest point on the drag. The front of the drag must touch the line before making a turn. The drag must be turned more than 1/2 way or the back of the drag must be over the line to get a full line measure.
10. If a breakdown occurs, the teamster may take the distance they have pulled thus far, or they may go to the end of the line & have a second try.
11. All teamsters are required to be dressed appropriately. They have to use proper language at all times. Any participant under the influence of alcohol or other substances will be disqualified. There is no drinking of any alcohol in or around the ring by any participant of the event.
12. Any animal that the superintendent feels is too thin or seems dehydrated will be disqualified. Animals with open sores or if they are lame will be disqualified.
13. Any participant in the Farmers' Pull must be show steers or oxen. Show steers or oxen are considered those that do Farmers' Pulls only. Open teamsters or their team(s) are not allowed to pull in an open pull for a full calendar year before entering a Farmers' Pull.
14. The 25 foot rule will be in effect.
15. Men, women, & youth (no younger than 9 years of age as of January 1, of current year) will be eligible to pull in the Farmers' Pull.
16. There will be no halters, or ropes allowed on the steers or oxen in the ring. Animals must be under control at all times.
17. Running with teams will not be permitted.
18. Cattle must be clean & presentable.
19. There will be NO WARNINGS for excessive use of goads or language.
20. The Canadian Style will be a NO TOUCH while animals are in motion.
21. Anyone who does not abide by these rules will be disqualified.

CLASS XVII

SMALL FARM LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT

Monmouth Fair is committed to promoting local farms, their products & services, while providing education & entertainment for the public in agricultural matters. We provide this opportunity for you to share your wealth of knowledge & experience in making the public aware of the sacrifices & rewards of animal husbandry & providing hands-on experiences for children & adults.

1. Any individual farm or any organization representing a group of farms is eligible for premiums. All exhibits must include livestock. Livestock must meet Health Requirements for their breed, i.e. goats, poultry, horses, and Rules and Regulations for Livestock also apply for this exhibit.
2. All displays & demonstrations will be located in or around the small animal barn & must be designed to withstand weather. Each exhibitor will be assigned specific pens for their livestock. The fair will provide appropriate bedding (sawdust or straw).
3. To be eligible for a premium, exhibits must be on display from Wednesday 10 AM through Saturday 8 PM. Barn closes 8 PM each evening.
4. Exhibits & livestock should not be left unattended during open hours. Exhibitors may make arrangements to cover each others' areas to ensure the safety of their livestock & the public.
5. Educational exhibits can include, but are not limited to: charts, graphs, photos, videos, equipment, or models. You may also promote (sell) your farm products & services in your display. At least one demonstration/hands-on activity should be conducted each day between noon & 6 PM. More are encouraged!
6. The decision of the judges will be final. Judges are not obligated to award a premium if the entry is deemed to be of insufficient quality or substance. Awards and premium checks will be presented Saturday 2 PM.

Exhibits shall be scored as follows:

<u>Livestock</u> – care of stock, neat appearance of animals & stalls	30 pts
<u>Display</u> – quality, visually appealing, pertinent information	30 pts
<u>Demonstrations/activities</u> – regular presentations made, activities engage children & adults	20 pts
<u>Exhibitors</u> – greet fairgoers, able to answer questions, cooperate with Fair officials & other exhibitors	20 pts
Total Points	100 pts

Premiums to be paid:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50

Class XVIII
SMALL FARM LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT
Young Farmer Division
Ages 9 – 16

The youth exhibitor must be the **primary** caretaker of the animal/s they exhibit.

Youth will exhibit Saturday and Sunday

Animals need to be in and displays up by 10 AM Friday, break down 8 PM Saturday.

Pre-registration is required to insure we have the facilities/pens for the exhibitors.

Each youth exhibitor needs to have signage about their animals & farm and do 1 demonstration/talk between noon and 5 PM each day.

The youth exhibitor does not need to be in the area at all the times, but does need to provide feed and water for their animals and instructions for the Superintendent/night watch person.

4- 1 day passes are provided to each family – children under 6 are free.

The animals must meet Maine livestock exhibition health requirement for the breed.

Rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats, cattle, and pigs are all accepted as exhibit animals.

Youth exhibits will be judged on the Danish System. (All exhibits are judged in comparison to a standard, considering age & experience of the exhibitor; not in comparison with other exhibitors in the class.)

Premiums to be paid:

1st	2nd	3rd
\$40	\$30	\$20



Class XIX – Animal Power Showcase

Thursday – Noon – 4:30 PM
Show Ring

Superintendent/Judge: TBD
Contact: Pogo Pogorelc

Pre-registration or Registration by 10 AM is required.

There are only 9 places available.

Pre-registration form can be found at:
monmouthfair.com/forms.htm

This class is open to all teamsters of all ages handling draft animals as singles or teams: steer, oxen, horses (standard, draft, ponies, & minis), mules, donkeys, & goats.

Each Teamster will demonstrate for ½ hour and receive a \$50 stipend for participating.

Judging will be based on:

Handling & presentation of animals

Explanations to & interactions with spectators

Uniqueness of display of how draft animals are used

Teamster Awards

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10

Examples of demonstrations include but are not limited to: scoot, twitch, use of fore cart, ox cart, plow, rake, treadmill, driving cart, wagon, etc.

Exhibitor must provide their own equipment for demonstration. We will provide a standard sized scoot, and cones to set up a course to show animal & handler skill.

Class XXI – 4-H Working Steers

Friday – 9:00 AM

4-H Showmanship

Open to all bona fide Maine 4-H members in the Working Steers Project

Steers to be fit and groomed on the day of show by 4-H members only. Must show in 4-H attire.

Senior: Ages 14-19

Novice: Ages 9-13

Class XXII – 4-H CLUB EXHIBITS

All bona fide 4-H members of Kennebec, Androscoggin, and Sagadahoc Counties may compete for premiums in any standard 4-H project, provided that the exhibit is a part of the 4-H club's work, is a standard 4-H exhibit, and has been approved by the county 4-H club agent of the county concerned. No entry fee will be charged.

Every club and independent member exhibiting at the Monmouth Fair is expected to help oversee the exhibit and provide information to the public & security during the fair.

4-H PROJECT EXHIBITS

MONMOUTH FAIR

Set Up – Tuesday, August 2, 6 – 9 PM

Wednesday, August 3, 8 – 10 AM

Hall Exhibits: Open to all Kennebec, Androscoggin, and Sagadahoc 4-H members. All exhibits must be set up July 28, from 6-9 PM. Exhibits **must be removed Sunday, Aug. 7, between 5:30 PM and 7 PM.** For more information call Christy Andrews 713-3742.

4-H Club Exhibit Requirements

All clubs will display their projects as a club unit in a space assigned. To be assigned space, please call the Extension Office at 622-7546/1-800-287-1481. Clubs are urged to use their members' projects as their major display items. Other decorations may be used to enhance the overall appearance of the club display (crepe paper, streamers, dried flowers, etc.)

Club Table Exhibit Premiums – 5 - \$15 prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring clubs.

One \$8 prize *may be awarded* to an outstanding individual exhibit.