

# Monmouth Fair 2023

*Livestock Info*  
*Cochnewagan Agricultural Assn.*  
*112<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair*



*“A little fair with a lotta pull!”*

*Wednesday • June 21*

*Thursday • June 22*

*Friday • June 23*

*Saturday • June 24*

*Diana Morgan, Secretary*

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*[www.monmouthfair.com](http://www.monmouthfair.com)*

## 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. A valid liability insurance certificate in the amount of \$1,000,000 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, the Monmouth 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** - Per the Maine Dept. of Agriculture's recommendation regarding the outbreak of avian bird flu in Maine the Monmouth Fair will not be permitting any poultry on the fairgrounds for the 2023 fair.

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

## Class XI – SHOW STEERS & OXEN

Friday  
Weigh-in 8:00 AM

*Premiums for 11-1 through 11-21*

*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 Steers 400 to 1000 lbs.
- 11-2 Steers 1001 to 1400 lbs.
- 11-3 Steers 1401 to 1900 lbs.
- 11-4 Steers 1901 to 2400 lbs
- 11-5 Steers 2401 to 2900 lbs.
- 11-6 Oxen 2901 to 3500 lbs.
- 11-7 Oxen 3501 lbs. & over

### Best Matched Oxen & Steers

- 11-8 Steers 400 to 1000 lbs.
- 11-9 Steers 1001 to 1400 lbs.
- 11-10 Steers 1401 to 1900 lbs.
- 11-11 Steers 1901 to 2400 lbs.
- 11-12 Steers 2401 to 2900 lbs.
- 11-13 Oxen 2901 to 3500 lbs.
- 11-14 Oxen 3501 lbs. & over

### All Breeds

### Best Handling (Working) Oxen & Steer

- 11-15 Steers 400 to 1000 lbs.
- 11-16 Steers 1001 to 1400 lbs.
- 11-17 Steers 1401 to 1900 lbs.
- 11-18 Steers 1901 to 2400 lbs.
- 11-19 Steers 2401 to 2900 lbs.
- 11-20 Oxen 2901 to 3500 lbs.
- 11-21 Oxen 3501 lbs. & over

### Best Working Champion - \$25

1<sup>st</sup> place from each class will compete

## Class XV – FARMERS' HORSE PULL

Wednesday, Begins Noon

Weigh in 10 AM

		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd	4th	5th
15-1	Log Hauling					
	3 Person Teams	95	80	65	50	40
15-2	Single Horse Log					
	Twitch	60	55	45	40	35
15-3	Farmers' Pull (load to be set by judge at time of pull)*					
		95	80	65	50	40

## 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 \$1,000,000.
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 ½ 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 XVI – STEER & OXEN FARMERS' PULL**

**Thursday, Begins 9 AM**

**Weigh in 6:30 AM**

**1000 – 2599 - 3 Minutes to Pull**

**2600 - 4000 – 5 Minutes to Pull**

		<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
16-1	1000 lbs. to 1599 lbs	55	50	45	40	35
16-2	1600 lbs. to 2599 lbs.	75	65	55	45	35
16-3	2600 lbs. & Over	95	80	65	50	40
16-4	4 Ox Distance	75	65	55	45	35
16-5	6 ft. elimination 2400 under	75	65	55	45	35
16-6	6 ft. elimination 2400 over	75	65	55	45	35
16-7	Celey Putnam Memorial Youth Pull	55	50	45	40	35

## **RULES TO GOVERN OXEN AND DRAFT HORSE PULLING COMPETITIONS**

**All animals must have a permanent identification: chip, tattoo, brand, or ear tag.**

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. 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 will 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 for each pull will be published. 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 \$1,000,000.

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 AND OXEN**  
**Friday June 23 Begins 9 AM**  
**Weigh in 6:30 AM**  
**1200-2400 – 3 Minutes to Pull**  
**2800 and Over – 5 Minute to Pull**

		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
12-1	1000 lbs. & under (min 700 lbs)– driven by child 12 years of age & under	50	45	40	35	30
12-2	1200 lbs. & under – driven by child 16 years of age & under	50	45	40	35	30
12-3	1600 lbs. & under (Steers)	75	65	55	45	35
12-4	2000 lbs. & under (Steers)	75	65	55	45	35
12-5	2400 lbs. & under (Steers)	75	65	55	45	35
12-6	2800 lbs. & under	100	90	80	70	60
12-7	3200 lbs. & under	125	110	100	85	70
12-8	Sweepstakes	150	125	110	100	75
12-9	3600 -4000 lbs. % pull drag included	125	110	100	85	70
12-10	6' elimination 3200 lbs.& under	95	80	65	50	40
12-11	6' elimination 3201 lbs.& over	135	115	95	75	50

**Class XIV – DRAFT HORSES**  
**Saturday, Pull Begins 10 AM**  
**Weigh in 7 AM**

		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
14-1	2 lbs of rocks	125	110	100	90	75
14-2	2 lbs of rocks	125	110	100	90	75
14-3	Sweepstakes	175	150	125	110	95
14-4	12 ft elimination 3200 lbs & under	80	70	65	60	55
14-5	15 ft. elimination 3400 lbs. & under	95	80	65	50	40
14-6	15 ft. elimination 3400 lbs. & over	135	115	95	75	55

## **Class XXI – Youth Working Steers**

**Friday**

### **Youth Showmanship**

#### **Open to youth 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.

A link to all exhibit requirements can be found at:  
[www.monmouthfair.com](http://www.monmouthfair.com)

**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**

**Superintendent: Christy Andrews 713-3742**

Set-up: Monday June 19, 2023 5-8 PM

Judging Tuesday June 20

A contact name & number for a Club Leader or pick up person **MUST** be left with a 4-H official at set up.

**Hall Exhibits:** Open to all Kennebec, Androscoggin, and Sagadahoc 4-H members.

Exhibits may be removed from the Hall Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 8 a to 12 pm or at the convenience of the hall Superintendent.

### **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 – 3 - \$15 prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring clubs.

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

## **Individual Project Exhibits**

- All 4-H projects exhibited must be made after October 1 of the current 4-H year and must be made by 4-H members enrolled in that specific project.

**All Exhibits must meet the 2023 Rules & Regulations as published by the Kennebec County Extension Office.**

Full list of Rules and Projects can be found at:  
[www.monmouthfair.com/forms.htm](http://www.monmouthfair.com/forms.htm)

### **Individual Project Premiums:**

**1st \$2.50 • 2nd \$2.00 • 3rd \$1.50  
5-8 year olds - \$1.75**

Each entry must have a standard **4-H Exhibit & Judging Card** and **Life Skills Card** securely attached to it (no tape)

- 4-H members may exhibit only one item in each project listed. NO POSTERS – space is too limited!

- Any project not deemed worthy of a premium will be disqualified by the judges. Judges' decisions are final.

- Projects must meet the project area description to qualify for a premium.

- Exhibitors are urged not to exhibit valuable items. The Monmouth Fair will afford the best protection and care of all exhibits; however, they and UM Cooperative Extension distinctly disclaim all liability for loss or damage to exhibits or personal property of exhibitors.

**Educational Displays 4 - \$15**