

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION GUIDE

Department C



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EXHIBIT LOCATION | CRAIG TAYLOR FARM EXHIBITS (BARN)

[View/Print Pen and Cage Request Form \(click here\)](#)

Credentials are not required to enter the Fairgrounds. Entrants drive to their respective exhibit building, enter items, and leave to accommodate others.

Exhibit Entry: Wednesday, August 26, 4 – 8 pm

Exhibit Pick-up: Monday, August 31, 8 – 9 pm

No entry fees for any division.

Entries without entrant contact/mailing information will be automatically disqualified and not judged.

Anyone may enter the Open show. Reserve pens by August 21 using a Pen and Cage Request Form and include all animals you intend to exhibit. Entries may be limited to three pens per family, with the number of animals per pen determined by the superintendent after consultation with the exhibitor. Exhibitors may enter two animals per class.

- 1st Entry pick-up - Monday, August 31, 8 – 9 pm
- 2nd Entry pick-up - Monday, September 7, 8 – 9 pm
- 4H, Auction pick-up - Monday, September 7, 8 – 9 pm

Animals may be judged in their pens during Showmanship. No one may enter the arena or converse with a judge or official without the superintendent's permission or upon the completion of all shows. Animals in Divisions 02-07 are judged on genetic, reproductive, and breed qualities. Market Class entries must be market ready by Fair time. A prior request for pen judged animals must be submitted at time of exhibit entry.

A veterinarian at the north door of Farm Exhibits will clear all animals before they may enter the building. Vaccination records for erysipelas in swine and IBR-BVD-PI3 in cattle must accompany entries. Only clean animals with good health are accepted.

Animals with infectious, contagious, or communicable conditions are prohibited from the grounds throughout the Fair. Examples include external parasites, pseudotuberculosis in goats, and ringworm or warts in cattle. Health certificates are valid for 7 days unless otherwise indicated. The veterinarian on duty at the Fair can override a health certificate at any time.

The Fair provides bedding/straw and hay. Shavings will be provided by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must be responsible for the bio-security and care of livestock, keep your stall and tack room space clean. Daily grooming and feeding must be completed by fair opening time. Failure to keep animals and pens clean may result in the forfeit of awards and required removal of the animal from the fairgrounds. Identify all personal equipment.

Herdsmen are available to assist, however they are not available during 4-H shows. All livestock brought to the Fair must participate in livestock shows/classes.

Exhibitors are encouraged to display a sign to identify their herd and further decorate their pens. Animals must be confined to the arena or designated area at all times. All animals must be led in by owner and under complete control of the handler at all times. Animals not halter trained will not be admitted. All cattle assigned to be tied to the rail during open and Junior Livestock shows must use a halter and a neck tie. Animals must remain for the duration of exhibit or forfeit premiums.

Animals with Horns:

- Only the Owner is allowed to handle and move animals
- Will be escorted by Herdsman during fair open hours
- A sign must be posted on the pen - "Please Do Not Touch".
- Cattle and Exotics must also line their pens with wire mesh (or as approved by superintendent) to prevent the public from being able to reach into animal pen.

DIVISION 01: SHOWMANSHIP

Premiums – 1st/Blue \$30.00, 2nd/Red \$25.00, 3rd/White \$20.00

- All are encouraged to participate.
- All training and preparation of the animal, before and during the Fair, must be by the entrant.
- Shown animal must be owned by family of entrant.
- **Adult class winners may participate in Master Showmanship, in which the winner receives a \$50.00 premium.**

Judging criteria:

- Handling and presentation
- Ability to follow instructions
- Knowledge of species
- Appearance of exhibitor

Sub-Categories:

- J: Junior, through age 12
- I: Intermediate, ages 13 through 17
- A: Adult, age 18 and up

Class:

- 01 Beef cattle
 - 02 Dairy cattle
 - 03 Goat
 - 04 Sheep
 - 05 Swine
 - 06 Other
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Please designate entries in Divisions 02 - 06 by appropriate letter.

Example: in Division 03 Beef Cattle, a 2-month old Hereford heifer calf would be entered as Division 03, Class 05, Subclass A.

Definition: Produce of Dam/Get of Sire

Enter two offspring of one dam/sire and different sires/dams, either sex, any age.

Object is to show the breeding strength of the dam/sire, regardless of sire/dam. Dam/Sire must be named but need not be shown or present.

DIVISION 02: BEEF CATTLE

Premiums – Blue \$50.00, Red \$40.00, White \$30.00

Class:

- 01 Angus, Aberdeen
- 02 Angus, Red
- 03 Charalois
- 04 Dexter
- 05 Galloway
- 06 Hereford
- 07 Limousin
- 08 Longhorn
- 09 Scottish Highland
- 10 Crossbreed
- 11 Other Breed
- 12 Market

Sub-Class:

- A Heifer calf, 2 through 5 months
 - B Heifer calf, 6 through 11 months
 - C Bull calf, 6 months and under
 - D Yearling heifer, 12 through 23 months
 - E Cow, 2 years and over
 - F Produce of Dam
 - G Get of Sire
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DIVISION 03: DAIRY CATTLE

Premiums – Blue \$50.00, Red \$40.00, White \$30.00

High production dairy cows may enter the fairgrounds on the day of judging if accompanied by a certificate of health from the vet. They are permitted to leave the same day after the show.

Class:

- 01 Holstein
- 02 Jersey
- 03 Crossbreed
- 04 Other breeds

Sub-Class:

- A Heifer calf, 2 through 5 months
- B Heifer calf, 6 through 11 months
- C Yearling heifer, 12 through 23 months
- D Cow, 24-48 months
- E Cow, 49 months and up
- F Lactating udder, any age
- G Produce of Dam
- H Get of Sire

DIVISION 04: SHEEP

Premiums – Blue \$30.00, Red \$25.00, White \$20.00

Class:

- 01 Natural colored
- 02 Polypay
- 03 Rambouillet
- 04 Shetland
- 05 Suffolk
- 06 Katahdin
- 07 Icelandic
- 08 Crossbreed
- 09 Other Breeds
- 10 Market

Sub-Class:

- A Ewe lamb, 2 through 11 months
 - B Ewe, 12 through 23 months
 - C Ewe, 2 years and over
 - D Ram lamb, 2 through 11 months
 - E Ram, 1 year and over
 - F Produce of Dam
 - G Get of Sire
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DIVISION 05: GOATS

Premiums – Blue \$30.00, Red \$25.00, White \$20.00

No bucks. Horns must have protectors.

Class:

- 01 Fiber
- 02 Pygmy
- 03 Boer and other meat breeds
- 04 Nigerian Dwarf
- 05 Standard dairy
- 06 Other Breeds
- 07 Market

Sub-Class:

- A Kid, 2 through 5 months
- B Kid, 6 through 12 months
- C Yearlings
- D Does, 2 through 3 years
- E Does, 4 and over
- F Wethers (non-market), 2 through 12 months
- G Wethers (non-market), over 12 months
- H Produce of Dam
- I Get of Sire

DIVISION 06: SWINE

Premiums – Blue \$30.00, Red \$25.00, White \$20.00

No tusks on boars.

Class:

- 01 Duroc
- 02 Hampshire
- 03 Yorkshire
- 04 Crossbreed
- 05 Other Breeds
- 06 Market

Sub-Class:

- A Gilt, 9 weeks through 11 months
 - B Sow, 12 months and up
 - C Sow & litter of at least six piglets under 9 weeks
 - D Boar, through 11 months
 - E Boar, 12 months and up
 - F Produce of Dam
 - G Get of Sire
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DIVISION 07: EXOTIC

Premiums – Blue \$30.00, Red \$25.00, White \$20.00

Class:

- 01 Reindeer
 - 02 Yak
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DIVISION 08: LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST

Premiums – Blue \$30.00, Red \$25.00, White \$20.00

A crowd-favorite event full of creativity, laughter, and agricultural pride! Watch as cattle, sheep, goats, swine and other barnyard stars strut their stuff in imaginative costumes designed and presented by their hardworking exhibitors. From funny and whimsical to clever and themed, each entry showcase the dedication, personality, and showmanship of their livestock families.

This fun, family-friendly event celebrates the lighter side of agriculture while highlighting the strong bond between exhibitors and their animals.

Judging Criteria:

- Creativity & Originality
- Theme Interpretation - announced annually***
- Craftsmanship & Effort
- Showmanship
- Overall Appearance & Appeal

Class:

- 01 Junior, through age 12
- 02 Intermediate, ages 13-17
- 03 Adult, age 18 and up

***2026 - Celebrate America's 250th birthday in true agricultural style. Show off your patriotic spirit in red, white, and blue or historical-themed costumes honoring the nation's rich farming heritage. Highlighting the important role livestock and farmers have played in building America from 1776 to today. Join in on the star-spangled showcase .

DIVISION 09: MOTHERHOOD

Premiums – \$200 per delivery

Must deliver on Alaska State Fairgrounds between noon August 21 and noon September 6, 2026

Class:

- 01 Beef / Dairy Cattle
 - 02 Goat
 - 03 Sheep
 - 04 Swine
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SPECIAL AWARDS – LIVESTOCK

Outstanding Entries will be recognized by this generous donor:

