

## GENERAL RULES OF THE FAIR

1. Each exhibitor must abide by the general rules of the fair and any other specific rules which are in the departments in which they enter exhibits.
2. The Ogemaw County Fair Board reserves the right to remove any person and/or their exhibit from the fairgrounds for any unsportsmanlike behavior or for displaying any inappropriate exhibits.
3. Open Divisions: All classes are open to anyone over the age of 6 (six) as of January 1 of the current year with the exception of horse and dairy.
4. Youth Divisions: All classes are open to any youth between the ages of 6 (six) and 19 (nineteen) as of January 1 of the current year, with the exception of animal market classes, horse, dairy, goats and canine. **The fair reserves the right to request verification of age.**
5. Pee Wee Divisions: Selected classes are open to any youth between the ages of 2 (two) and 5 (five) as of January 1 of the current year. Pee Wee classes will be ribbon only classes.
6. Still exhibits will be received between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 16 and 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17. See designated time schedule for livestock and 4-H record books. All still exhibits must be in place by noon on Monday. **ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1 AT THE FAIR OFFICE, P.O. BOX 175, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661.**
7. All exhibits must remain on the grounds until 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 23. **If any exhibits are removed before the release hour, premiums and ribbons will be forfeited.**
8. The management will use diligence to ensure the safety of livestock and articles entered for exhibition or display after their arrival on the grounds but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury, or damage by theft, fire, lightning, wind or by any other agency, to such livestock, article of exhibition or display. The Fair and management thereof shall be held harmless by the exhibitors against all legal or other proceedings relating thereto.
9. Only one animal or article per person per class. Check rules of divisions and individual classes. No additional classes will be added. The same exhibit cannot be entered in both open and youth, except for animals.
10. Not more than one ribbon will be awarded to an exhibitor in any one class.
11. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor, except Classes 5409 and 6389.
12. Any constructed article must have been made during the past 12 months and can be exhibited at the fair for only one year, except Classes 5409 and 6389.
13. Each youth exhibitor of market livestock/animal exhibits must have been the owner and/or had in his possession the exhibited animal for at least 45 days preceding the fair. Market Rabbits are 35-49 days prior to the fair and market cornish hens are 28 days prior to the fair.
14. All livestock will be checked by a veterinarian.
15. All exhibitors must state the last four (4) digits of their Social Security number on their entry forms in order to receive premium award payments. If an exhibitor receives \$600.00 or more in premium award payments, their full Social Security number will be required.
16. **The fair reserves the right to prorate premiums if funding is not received from the State of Michigan or if fair receipts are insufficient to pay expenses.**
17. Where, in the opinion of the judges, an award is not merited, an award will not be made. Judges' decisions will be final.
18. Stall fees: \$5 per large animal, horses, beef and dairy; \$2 per animal, dairy yearling or younger, swine, sheep, goats; \$1 per pen for rabbits and poultry. Milking cows will not be charged a stall fee if milk is donated to the fair; \$20 credit will be issued to a milking cow to cover her stall fee plus three other animals, in the dairy barn.
19. All animals must be pre-registered. Entries will be accepted until barns are full. Horse entries over barn capacity will be allowed to trailer in for youth. Youth registrations will have first priority on horse stalls. No stallions over 1 (one) year of age to be stalled for fair week. Any youth rider/handler bringing a horse to be stalled during fair week must be 9 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Also, any child under 9 years of age may not get a horse out of its stall, lead or ride a horse without an older family member in attendance with them at all times. See additional rules and regulations posted on horse barns and announcers booth at the arena. All trailers being parked for the week must be lined up on the north side of the road leading past the arena.
20. Any exhibitor may file a complaint or grievance: a) Conflict of interest of the judge; b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor; c) Exhibitor or superintendent behavior; d) Eligibility of the exhibit. Complaint/grievance must be filed with the local fair board within 10 days from the close of the fair. The fair board will review, investigate and issue a notice of findings and recommended action within 30 days. If the exhibitor is not satisfied with the fair board's action he/she has 45 days to file with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Judges results are final and can not be grieved.
21. All project animals must be shown in both market AND showmanship classes and must sell. The idea of the sale is to encourage participants to become familiar with the handling of animals. Any animal whose training has been neglected cannot be sold at the sale. The decision will be made by the livestock committee.
22. In order to sell an animal each exhibitor must exhibit their record book at the fair. They must be completed after the sale and be put back on display by noon the day following of the sale for

judging. **Sale money will be withheld until record books are completed to date and exhibited and stalls/pens are cleaned.**

23. In order to earn a Best Records trophy, a record book must receive a blue ribbon.
24. The judge has control over all exhibitors while they are showing. Anyone not able to control his or her animal to the satisfaction of the judge and the livestock committee will be removed from the show ring for the safety and respect of other exhibitors.
25. Weight limits for animals being sold in the sale are as follows:
  - Hogs: 200-290 lbs. (preference weight 240-270 lbs.)
  - Lambs: 100 lbs. minimum (preference weight 120-140 lbs.)
  - Meat Goats: Must be at least 50% Boer breeding and 80 lbs. minimum.
  - Dairy Goats: Must be 100% dairy to dairy cross no meat breed crosses and 60 lbs. minimum.
  - Steers: 900 lbs. small frame (minimum) 1050 lbs. medium frame (minimum) 1200 lbs. large frame (minimum)Steers will be classified as to frame size at January weigh-in.
26. Dairy Beef: 1050 lbs. minimum.  
EXHIBITORS will be responsible for the care of the animals until the animals are released from the fair. Market animals become the property of the BUYER at the time of the sale. All trucking arrangements must be made by the buyer with auction clerk the night of the sale. **All buyers must remove animals from grounds before slaughtering.**
27. Animals must be able to be controlled by the exhibitor and an adult.
28. Each youth exhibitor will receive an A, B, or C ribbon. THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.
29. All rabbit and poultry exhibits for auction must meet requirements as stated above.
  - Rabbits: Must be 12 weeks old or less, weigh between 3 and 6 lbs., be of purebred or mixed breed meat breed types, and each pen will be of the same breed and the same variety. Pen of 3.
- Rock Cornish Game Hens: Must be Cockerels, 4 weeks old with a minimum of 5.5 lbs. live weight per pen. Pen of 3.
- Turkeys: Must be hatched no earlier than April 1 and no later than April 15. Toms/Hens must be a minimum of 22 lbs. live weight. Must be White Giant breed.
- Ducks: Must be White Pekin breed and 10 weeks old, minimum weight of 6 lbs.
- White Emben Geese: Must be hatched no earlier than April 1 and no later than April 15 with a minimum weight of 12 lbs.
- Market Boilers: Must be 8 weeks old with a minimum of 12 lbs. live weight per pen. Pen of 2.
30. All chickens must be cockerels.
31. Exhibitors may sell no more than one rabbit pen and/or one poultry pen. All market animals must be identified by tag, leg band or tattoo. Pens will be made up of the following:
  - Rabbits: Pen of three.
  - Cornish Hens: Pen of three.
  - Market Broilers: Pen of two.
  - Turkeys: One tom or hen
  - Ducks: One
  - Geese: OneExhibitors must supply locks for cages of all market rabbits and poultry.
32. No animals will be allowed on the premises unless there is a class allotted for such animal, except with prior approval from the Fair Board.
33. All milking cows will be kept in the same area of the barn and will be milked twice a day, at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. No horns allowed in cattle barns. All milking cows must be milked out every day at regular milking times.
34. No posting of "For Sale" signs on exhibits. All posting of signs must be approved by Superintendent.
35. All livestock exhibitors are subject to following all posted barn rules.

Free Entertainment in the Pavilion:

Friday • 5:30-7:00 pm

Butch Heath & The Country Reunion Band,

Veterans Tribute, 6:30 pm