

Department 1 ~ Agriculture

Superintendent – Sherry Hagerman-Benton

Prizes

Categories A, P, S, T, Y, C and SN: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd & 3rd – Ribbon

Best of Division Rosettes in each Division

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017. ON-LINE ENTRIES (sanderscountyfair.com) ARE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017. Your exhibit entry tags will be printed and waiting for you at the Department desk. ANTICIPATE ALL THE ENTRIES YOU PLAN TO ENTER IN EACH DEPARTMENT; THERE IS NO PROBLEM IF AN ENTRY IS NOT EXHIBITED AFTER BEING PRE-REGISTERED. Any unused tags will be kept by the Department Superintendent. **Exhibitors who fail to pre-register will NOT be permitted to exhibit items during the 2017 fair.**

RULES

All exhibits must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29th and must remain in place until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 4th. Judging will occur Tuesday, August 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Each exhibitor can register only one entry per class. Entries are accepted for published classes only. Pre-registration closes 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. On-line entries close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. No entries will be accepted after 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2017. Exhibits not pre-registered will NOT be accepted.

Items entered for competition must have been produced by the person exhibiting them.

When there is no competition, exhibits will be awarded 1st, 2nd or no premium, according to the merits of the entry, at the discretion of the Judge.

Exhibits erroneously entered may be transferred at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Department, if done prior to judging and awarding of premiums within the division they are eligible.

DEPARTMENT RULES

All entries must be current year's crop except threshed grain and threshed forage, which may be either current or last year's crop. In case of any complaint against an exhibitor, the Fair Management reserves the right to call for affidavits covering the above rule. To be eligible for competition, exhibits must be the specified amount given for each individual class. All sheaves of grain, forage crops and grasses must not be less than three

(3) inches in diameter- just below the heads. Grains must be tied in at least three (3) places. Forage crops and grasses are to be tied in at least three places.

HINTS TO EXHIBITORS

Purity and **quality** of a sample are the two points to remember when preparing samples of threshed grain for show. **Purity is valued at 35% and quality at 65%.**

WHEAT – All samples should be free of dirt, weed seeds, chaff and other grains. There should be no evidence of smut in the sample. The grain in the sample ought to be large, plump and of a hard, flinty texture. A deep, yet clear dark red color is best for milling wheat. It should give a high test weight. The sample should be free from all kinds of damage, such as bin pruning.

OATS AND BARLEY – Practically the same points for wheat will hold for oats and barley. Fresh, clean color is very important. Another important point is the plumpness of the grain, best indicated by a high point per bushel.

SHEAF GRAIN – In sheaf grains, the evidence of high yield and quality of grain are of equal importance. A sheaf of grain should be pure as to variety. The grain must be well matured and of sound vitality.

FORAGE SHEAVES - Forage sheaves are judged upon their apparent forage quality, purity and yield. It is very essential that the shown sample be cured in a way that will preserve the natural green color and the maximum amount of foliage.

CORN – Corn samples should be carefully selected. The ears should be firm and well matured and should show good quality.

Enter your exhibit in the category that applies to you. In the case of any complaint against an exhibitor, the Fair Management reserves the right to call for affidavits to satisfy a challenge.

- A** Adult: persons aged 20 to 69 on August 16, 2017.
- S** Senior: persons 70 and over on August 16, 2017.
- P** Professional: persons who produce the items with the intent to sell.
- T** Teen: persons aged 13-19 on August 16, 2017
- Y** Youth: persons aged 7 to 12 on August 16, 2017.
- C** Child: persons 6 and under on August 16, 2017.
a guardian or parent must sign the entry form.
- SN** Special Needs

DIVISION 1- THRESHED GRAIN

Class 1	Winter Wheat, Red	Class 6	Spring Wheat, any other
Class 2	Winter Wheat, White		Variety, specify variety
Class 3	Winter Wheat, any other Variety, specify variety	Class 7	Oats, any variety, specify variety
Class 4	Spring Wheat, Red	Class 8	Barley, any variety, specify
Class 5	Spring Wheat, White		Variety.

DIVISION 2 – THRESHED FORAGES

Quart samples of either this year's or last years crop may be shown.

Class 1 Any variety, specify variety

DIVISION 3 – SHEAF FORAGES

Class 1 Alfalfa, 1st cutting
Class 2 Alfalfa 2nd cutting
Class 3 Any clover, 1st cutting
Class 4 Any clover, 2nd cutting
Class 5 Sweet clover, yellow
Class 6 Mixed hay
Class 7 Grass hay

DIVISION 4- SHEAF GRAIN

Class 1	Winter Wheat, Red	Class 7	Oats, any variety, specify Variety
Class 2	Winter Wheat, White	Class 8	Barley, any variety, specify variety
Class 3	Winter Wheat, any other variety, specify variety	Class 9	Any other
Class 4	Spring Wheat, Red		
Class 5	Spring Wheat, White		
Class 6	Spring Wheat, any other variety, specify variety		

DIVISION 5 – OTHER AGRICULTURE EXHIBITS

Baled Hay- Approximately 18 inches from any standard size bale shall constitute an exhibit.

Class 1 Legume hay
Class 2 Grass hay
Class 3 Mixed hay

**ENTRY FORM FOR ALL DIVISIONS EXCEPT HORSE SHOW
2017 SANDERS COUNTY FAIR**

ALL ITEMS TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE 2017 SANDERS COUNTY FAIR MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM. PRE-REGISTER YOUR ENTRIES ON THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017. ON-LINE ENTRIES CLOSE AT 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017. YOUR EXHIBIT ENTRY TAGS WILL BE PRINTED AND WAITING AT EACH DIVISION DESK. **You may enter twenty (20) items at no charge; each item entered over the initial twenty will be charged 50 cents per item entered; there is no charge for entries entered on-line.** Art, Crafts & Photography and Home Sewing & Needlecraft exhibits will be accepted on Monday, August 28, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Horticulture and Floriculture exhibits will be accepted on Wednesday, August 30, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Entries for Open Class Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine are to be entered on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **ANTICIPATE ALL ENTRIES YOU PLAN TO ENTER IN EACH DIVISION. Non-preregistered entries will NOT be accepted for exhibit during the 2017 Sanders County Fair.** Bring the completed entry forms to the Fair Office or mail to: SANDERS COUNTY FAIR, P. O. BOX 9, PLAINS, MONTANA, 59859-0009. If you have any questions, call the Fair Office, (406)826-3202.

All information below is required, to include your date of birth. If you do not provide the information, you will not be allowed to enter exhibits in the fair. No exceptions.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

_____ BIRTH DATE: _____

Age on August 16, 2017 _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Entrant is 10 or under

USE A DIFFERENT ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DIVISION. YOU MAY ENTER ONLY ONE EXHIBIT PER LOT.

CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	DIVISION	CLASS	COLOR/BREED	DESCRIPTION

This form is to be used for all Open Class exhibits and parade entries. (You must use the Horse Show entry form for the Open Class Horse Show entries.) All entries must be made on an Official Entry Form (photocopies accepted). Livestock exhibitors must furnish their own feed and water containers. **SEE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING ENTRIES IN OPEN CLASS AT FAIR TIME

1. Only residents of Sanders County as well as adjoining Montana counties - Mineral, Lake, Missoula, Flathead and Lincoln - may enter Open Class competition.
2. All entries must be made in the name of bona fide owner; **you may enter twenty (20) items at no charge; if you enter more than twenty (20) items in the fair, you will be charged 50 cents for each additional item entered.**
3. All property of any character entered for competition or display, or any other purpose anywhere on the Fairgrounds, shall be subject to the control of the Fair management.
4. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017.** Your exhibit entry tags, or other documentation, will be printed and waiting for you at the Division desk. **ANTICIPATE ALL THE ENTRIES YOU PLAN TO ENTER IN EACH DIVISION; THERE IS NO PROBLEM IF AN ENTRY IS NOT EXHIBITED AFTER BEING PRE-REGISTERED.** Any unused tags will be kept by the Division Superintendent. **Exhibitors who fail to pre-register will NOT be permitted to exhibit items during the 2017 Sanders County Fair.** (This does not apply to the Open Class Horse Show - please check Division rules.) Entry forms may be mailed to Sanders County Fair Commission, P. O. Box 9, Plains, Montana 59859, or taken to the Fairgrounds Office during regular office hours. Pre-registration closes at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2017. **You may enter online at co.sanders.mt.us.** On-line entries close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. There is no limit on the amount of entries when entering on-line.
5. **A separate Entry Form is to be used for each Division where exhibits are to be entered for judging.**
6. All entries must be made on Official Entry Forms, furnished on our website, co.sanders.mt.us, or obtained from the Fair Office. Photo copies will be accepted. The forms must be filled in completely, with the information printed or typed in black ink. Said information is to include: current address, telephone number and birth date. Entrants aged 10 or less must have the signature of a parent, guardian or sponsor.
7. Exhibit Entries for judging are to be brought to each Division. Entries for Arts, Crafts & Photography and Home Sewing and Needlecraft are to be entered on Monday, August 28, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entries for Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Horticulture and Floriculture are to be entered on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entries for Open Class Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine are to be entered on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All Open Class exhibits shall remain in place until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2017. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FAIR GROUNDS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DAY APPROPRIATE FOR THAT EXHIBIT.** Early removal of entries shall cause the entrant may be barred from entering exhibits the following year.
8. Exhibitors are subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in the current Fair Premium listing. Exhibitors entering agree to be governed by these rules when entering.
9. Any entry judged in Open Class or 4-H may not be removed for display or competition in any other area. Any display used in a Commercial exhibit may not be entered in Open Class for judging.
10. The Fair Management reserves the right to remove from the fairgrounds any exhibit that may be falsely entered or that is deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning any reason thereof.
11. **PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID IN CASH ONLY, through the cashier's office beginning at noon on Saturday, September 2, 2017, and continuing through Sunday, September 3, 2017, until the cashier's office closes. Because of our accounting procedures, premiums will not be paid at any other time. If you fail to collect your premium payment on Saturday or Sunday, the premium is forfeited.**
12. The Sanders County Fair Commission and management of the Fair shall have the power of decision in all matters of disagreement between exhibitors, superintendents, judges or other officers of the Fair.
13. The Fair Commission and management reserve the right to amend, add or delete these rules as they in their judgment deem advisable.
14. Any person(s) or organization who may violate any of these rules will forfeit privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalties as the management may order.
15. The Sanders County Fair will not pay or assume transportation charges on articles sent for exhibit unless specified that they will do so.
16. The Sanders County Fair Commission and management will exercise care and diligence to insure the safety of stock and any other articles entered for exhibition or competition, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for the loss of, or the damage of, any article or animal on exhibition and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair against any and all legal proceedings in this regard.
17. Only entries that qualify for published lots and classes (as found on our website) shall be accepted for judging. "Exhibit only" items will be accepted at the discretion of the Division Superintendent, according to space available for that exhibit. Each exhibitor can register only one entry per lot.
18. **You must provide your name, address, telephone number and date of birth. If you do not provide this information, no entry tags will be printed for you and you will not be allowed to enter exhibits.**