

OSSIPEE VALLEY FAIR - LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT – RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to York, Cumberland and Oxford Counties except as noted in individual division regulations.
2. Entries close June 30 except as noted by departments. Entry blanks are available on the fair's web site. Entries may be made without entry blanks, but all information must be given.
3. Sites are available for self-contained campers and trailers. A fee will be charged. Camping fees must be paid before exhibitor may show and/or receive premiums. See camping info for registration details.
4. Members of the same firm or family, or from the same farm will be regarded as one exhibitor including 4-H, no exceptions.
5. There will be a 10 head limit, including 4-H animals, for beef and dairy exhibitors. Baby beef animals are exempt from the 10 head limit.
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to incorporate agricultural education into their stall space decorations.
7. **INSURANCE** –Uniform insurance requirement enacted by the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs (3/18/06) and adopted by the Finance Committee of the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society: “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...** (A separate certificate will be required for each fair.) 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.” Information on joining is available on the fair's web site. **In order to exhibit and earn premiums, original liability insurance certificate (not a photocopy) - or copy of Exhibitor Association membership card must be mailed with entry.**
8. All livestock entering the grounds must meet the following health requirements of the Maine State Department of Agriculture:
 - A. Cattle/Goats: No Brucellosis or Tuberculin test is required for cattle in the State if they originate directly from herds within the State not under quarantine.
 - B. It is recommended that cattle be vaccinated against IBR & P13. Such viral diseases are widespread and may cause severe respiratory symptoms in cattle, and secondary complications.
 - C. Domestic Animals and Poultry offered for sale or exhibition at this fair, showing signs of any external parasites, ringworm, foot rot, shipping fever, warts or other diseases will be ordered from the fairground immediately.
 - D. All domestic animals and poultry originating outside the State must meet the same requirements to show as are required for entry into the State.
9. All cattle must be in place Thursday at 9 AM and stay until 6 PM Sunday (unless otherwise noted).
10. No distinction shall be made between polled and horned cattle.
11. Blankets must be removed by 9:30 AM daily.
12. **First bedding will be furnished by the fair. (Sheep: see department rules) If exhibitors desire extra bedding, they must provide their own.**

- 13.** Each exhibitor will be entitled to free passage with one assistant.
- 14.** Judging will occur as scheduled and continue until completed. Judges are instructed to award premiums only on high grade animals of good breeding and type. Decisions of the judges are final.
- 15.** The fair reserves the right to accept or reject any entry made. The premium list having the approval of the Board of Trustees, further changes or awards will not be made without approval. The fair management further reserves the right to interpret any rule or statement made in these regulations.
- 16.** All animals to compete for herd or group premiums must first be entered for single premiums. Any animal may enter as many classes as it is eligible for according to class and age.
- 17.** Premiums and awards will be paid by the fair as soon after the close of the fair as possible.
- 18.** OVAS will, under no circumstances, be liable or responsible for any losses, injuries or damages sustained to or by any owner, owner's agents, employees, and/or livestock entered in any class or while participating in such class, or while on the grounds. All risks of loss, injury, damage or destruction to property and/or livestock are assumed in full by such owners, their agents, and employees whether caused by active or passive negligence, condition of the premises or any other reason or cause whatsoever. All owners by their entries do unreservedly and without exception agree to hold the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society harmless from any loss, costs or damage caused by them arising from any occurrence in which they or their property or animals may be involved while on the premises of the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society.
- 19.** Cooking and smoking are prohibited in the buildings or tents.
- 20.** No interference with any judge, State Official or Fair Official will be allowed when these people are discharging their duties. Abusive language by exhibitors shall make them liable to be suspended from the privileges of the Ossipee Valley Fair by the Livestock Supt. and forfeit all prize money. This will be enforced with regard to 4-H and adult exhibitors alike.
- 21.** Purebred Animals: All livestock entered as purebred must have at time of entry, or upon request of proper officials, the registration certificate for each animal issued by the appropriate breed registry in the owner's name. In compliance with State Law, no premiums will be paid on grade males. Young stock with registration pending must be shown to be registerable.
- 22.** Exhibitors are requested to participate in the Grand Parade.
- 23.** In the event that the Finance Committee finds that unusual circumstances limit the receipts of the fair so as to jeopardize the future of the fair if premiums are paid in full, then that Committee is authorized to reduce all premiums offered by the fair by whatever percentage it considers necessary for the protection of the fair. Such reduction shall apply equally to all premiums, but in no event shall be more than 50%.
- 24.** In the event that the entire fair and/or agricultural competitions must be cancelled by the Society or the Department of Agriculture for good cause, the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society will not be liable for losses incurred by exhibitors.