

ENTRY FEES:

By order of the Board of Directors, Entry fees will be charged for exhibits in the following

Departments:

Dept. 1 Horses	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 2 Dairy	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 3 Beef	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 4 Sheep	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 5 Swine	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 6 Goats	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 7 Oxen, Llama, Alpaca	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 8 Poultry	\$2.00/animal
Dept. 9 Rabbits	\$1.00/animal
	\$3.00/meat pen
Dept. 10, Div. 1-9	\$1, \$2, \$3/animal
Div. 12-23	FREE
Dept. 11, Div. 1-9	\$1, \$2, \$3/animal
Div. 12-23	FREE
Dept. 12-21	FREE
Dept. 22	See Details
Dept. 23 & 24	FREE

!!!ATTENTION EXHIBITORS!!! PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be pre-entered and completed online utilizing Fair Entry. Once placed in the computer, entries cannot be changed. Substitutions cannot be made, i.e., if you enter a Cherry Pie, you cannot bring an Apple Pie as a substitute.
2. All entries must be completed in full with **ALL** required documentation and entry fee **PAID** to be considered complete.
3. Entries will be accepted from August 1, 2026, to August 24, 2026.
4. All entries are due by August 24, 2026. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTEED.**
5. Exhibits will be accepted Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and again on Sunday, August 30, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 AM.
6. All exhibits must be on fairgrounds by Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 11:00 AM or they may not be accepted.
7. All judging begins on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 12:00 PM.
8. **NO** animal or exhibit may be removed from the Fairgrounds prior to 9:00 PM Saturday, September 5, 2026. Removal prior to that time will result in the loss of ALL Premiums.
9. All premiums will be mailed after the fair for all exhibitors.
10. Superintendents of a department reserve the right to refuse to accept any entry. Furthermore, superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition exhibits of decidedly inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.
11. All animal exhibitors will be entered into Good Housekeeping division for daily and weekly awards. All exhibits will be scored on the following basis:
 - Cleanliness of animals 15
 - Cleanliness of bedding 15
 - Entry Card/ribbons properly displayed 20
 - Keeping grain & hay feed presentable 10
 - Keeping all equipment sanitary/neat 10
 - Keeping aisles clean 15
 - Courtesy to people 15
 - **TOTAL 100**
12. Age of all exhibitors in Market Classes, Dept. 10 and Dept. 11 will be determined from January 1, 2026. 18 years and younger may enter in Dept. 10 **OR** Dept. 11. All others see standard departments.
 - a. 4-H & FFA, see Department 10
 - b. Youth (19 and under), see Department 11
13. Any exhibitor ages 5-18 that wishes to participate in Youth Livestock Auction, please enter in Department 11, Market Divisions.
14. Any exhibitor ages 19-22 that wishes to participate in Youth Livestock Auction, please enter in Departments 2-9.
15. All animals must follow all Animal Health Rules.
16. All exhibitor stalls/cages must be cleaned no later than Monday, September 7, 2026. If stalls are not cleaned by this time, premium checks will be forfeited.
17. All exhibits must be picked up no later than Monday, September 7, 2026. If they are not picked up **OR** alternative arrangements have not been made, they will be disposed of without prior contact.
18. **Two** weekly exhibitor buttons per animal exhibit will be issued **FREE** by the fair. This pass does not include rides or Grandstand admission. Excludes Departments 10 (Division 12-23),

Department 11 (Division 12-23), & Department 12-23.

19. It is permissible to charge an entry fee.
20. Responsibility for accident: The Erie County Fair shall not be responsible for any accident which may occur to any animals exhibited at the show; the exhibitor shall hold it blameless and indemnity against any legal proceeding arising from any such accident.

EXHIBITS:

1. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Erie County Fair/Wattsburg Agricultural Society.
2. The Fair Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. All Animal Health rules must be followed, and proper documents must accompany entries to be considered complete. All incomplete entries will not be accepted.
4. Exhibits should be entered under the name of the owner. Owner shall be the person responsible for showing the animal. Premiums will be made payable according to the exhibit's entry form.
5. Exhibitor is responsible for daily care and feeding of animals and daily removal of manure from barn. The exhibitors will be expected to keep the space they occupy in a clean and sanitary condition and to remove all their equipment promptly as the superintendent may direct. Daily and Overall Good Housekeeping awards will be given in each animal department. Inspections to be made unannounced.
6. During fair week, reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage, but the Erie County Fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss. Exhibits not removed during the stipulated removal time allotted by the Fair are the responsibility of the owner; the Fair cannot assure the wellbeing of the exhibits.
7. Entries will be made according to classifications as listed in Official Premium Book.
8. Premiums, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rules apply where there are fewer entries

in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves.

9. The fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class, or in the case of livestock, the same breed, and poultry, the same species.
10. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, are proved. In such cases, the superintendent, manager or secretary of the Fair or show, or such referee as he/she may appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair management or Show Commission, from whose decision there can be no appeal. It is suggested that each Fair have a committee of three board members designated prior to fair time for this purpose.
11. All protests regarding judging must be made in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protest must be filed at the Fair Office within 24 hours of the occurrence. The case may be appealed to the Fair's Executive Board from whose decision there can be no appeal.
12. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock he is entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize, but the judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so the same mistake in entering need not be made the second time.
13. Exhibitors will be expected to display or parade their animals as directed by the superintendent, to accept the stall assigned without controversy, to keep their animals in an attractive appearance and to cooperate with the Department in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
14. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves as to when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly on call and a failure to comply with the order renders exhibitors liable to be ruled out of competing. Decorations with ribbons previously won by animals at shows shall be prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the Judges.
15. The Erie County Fair reserves the right to

withhold Premiums awarded in any case in which it shall appear that the regulations have not been complied with or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted, and at the Superintendent's discretion, be excused from the ground and/or be barred from future competition at this show.

16. All entries must have been grown, produced, or made since the last Fair, by the person whose name appears on the tag as an exhibitor. If entries are to be limited to residents of the County, or to a specified area, this must be stated in the Fair's Premium Book or tabloid under the Rules Section. Any exhibitor may be required to prove the ability to reproduce entry in any department in the presence of a qualified person.
17. Chairpersons of a department reserve the right to disqualify and remove from area any exhibitor whose behavior is disruptive to exhibiting and judging of entrees. Such person may be barred from future fair exhibiting.
18. The Fair Board of Directors may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in poor condition and any article unfit to show may be excluded. No ribbon, trophies, awards, or exhibits may be removed at any time before the close of the fair. No trucks may enter the barn area prior to release time. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of premiums.
Close of Fair: September 5, 2026, at 9:00 PM
19. Judging is viewed as an educational process, and the public is encouraged to view the judging event. Any exhibitor interfering with the Judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he/she would otherwise have been entitled. Each Fair is to implement this effort, based on available space. No person shall be allowed in the ring while stock is being judged, except judge superintendents and necessary attendants.
20. All livestock for premiums must be the property of the owner thirty (30) days or longer. Health papers are to be issued in the name of the exhibitor.
21. The market animals should be weighed on the same set of scales under a qualified weight master, and the direction of the Fair.
22. Recognizing the fact that it is not possible to list every desirable or worthwhile class in each section of each department, and that fashion and fad, particularly in the areas of Needlecraft,

Domestic Art and Fine Art, may change the norm for which it is intended, it is advised that each Fair shall add or delete classes in which they perceive to be in their own best interest. Such changes shall not in any way jeopardize the Premium reimbursement up to the maximum set forth in each Section of each Department.

23. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prize shall move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
24. Overfitting cattle will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of any animal will disqualify it from competition.
25. When exhibiting in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in charge of owner or employee.
26. Joint ownership considered to be one owner in accordance with registration paper.
27. Any junior exhibitor may be required to prove ability to reproduce entry, in any department, in the presence of a qualified person.
28. Champion awards or trophies will be awarded only if there is competition within the breed, division, or event.
29. Start times are subject to change due to length of preceding competitions.
30. Tack Stalls are not guaranteed in barns.
31. Once animals are on the fairgrounds, they must remain for the duration of the fair unless determined by the committee that they be removed due to illness, etc.
32. **NO** animals on the grounds should have water, feed, hay, etc. withheld unless under a vet's care.
33. There is to be no permanent eating or sleeping areas in the barns as it is a major concern of diseases.
34. Food products cannot be made with any substance that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used for consumption. Any such incidents must be reported to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Program for further review.
35. Where award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the Fair or show which shall be supplied by the Fair, free of charge.
36. Department superintendents may enter exhibits in their own departments, but neither they nor any other exhibitor may communicate with the

Judges during the time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the Judges.

PREMIUMS:

1. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the entry book and sheets signed by superintendents and judges. Ribbons, cards, and labels that may be attached to exhibits will not be recognized.
2. All premiums will be paid by check, by the Treasurer and will be mailed after the fair, unless otherwise noted in the Fair Book.

CAMPING:

1. The camping fee of \$100.00 for the week **MUST** be paid in full by **August 29, 2026**.
2. Camping must be paid in full and you must be assigned a camping spot before entering the camping area.
3. Campers are permitted to hook up beginning Saturday, August 29, 2026, and must be unhooked by Sunday, September 6, 2026.
4. Campers coming into the fairgrounds prior to the Saturday before fair week or remaining after the close of fair week will be charged \$25/day. (Exceptions: primitive Campers)
5. Campers may not be removed until after the close of fair. All trailers and equipment must be removed from the grounds by Monday, September 7, 2026.
6. All fires must be contained in a metal ring or barrel.
7. Garbage must be contained in black garbage bags and placed in or next to garbage totes.
8. All dogs, cats, and any other animals owned by resident campers must always be on a leash and under control and will be allowed in the campground **ONLY**.
9. Campers are subject to inspection by the Erie County Health Department. If inspection fails, you will be permitted to correct the issue. Any issue must be corrected immediately, or you will be asked to leave the fairgrounds with your camper.
10. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any camper or persons camping.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. All delivery persons and suppliers are requested to complete all their work and leave the fairgrounds by 11 AM on Sunday, August 30, 2026; by 2 PM Mon-Fri, August 31-September

4, 2026; by 8 AM on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

2. Concessionaires must confine themselves to space purchased and assigned. Failure to do so will work a forfeit of the privilege.
3. No unauthorized peddling on the grounds or in its vicinity.
4. No gambling, immoral exhibitions, intoxicated persons, illegal drugs or firearms will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Appropriate attire is required for all exhibitors.
5. Smoking in the buildings and barns is forbidden.
6. No unauthorized dogs, cats, or exotic animals, etc., will be allowed on the fairgrounds except at such times and at such locations that may be designated by the Fair Board.
7. Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, in-line skates, etc. are not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
8. The only golf carts, ATVs, etc. permitted on the Fair grounds are those used for official Fair business and those used by handicapped people. All units must be registered at the Fair Office and handicapped usage is limited to transporting that person to and from the campground only. These units cannot be operated on main walkways and **MUST** be operated by adults. **Proof of liability insurance is required**, and The Executive Committee has the authority to enforce this rule.

NOTICE: The Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc. d/b/a Erie County Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to stock or other exhibits from any cause, and upon this condition only, entries received. The Fair will not assume any liability for personal injury sustained either by exhibitors, helpers, visitors, or guests. All people renting privileges on the grounds and all exhibitors of livestock, machinery, etc. must conduct their business or exhibit so that the public will not be liable to injury. In case anyone is injured, the renter or exhibitor shall assume all responsibility thereafter and shall indemnify the Erie County Fair for any and all expenses occurred by such an accident or injury.

THE OFFICIAL ERIE COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK GENERAL RULES

The State Premium Book has been arranged so that Fairs may incorporate all or parts of it in their individual Fair Premium Books. All Fairs who receive Fair Program Grants shall conform with this The State Premium Book has been arranged so that Fairs may incorporate all or parts of it in their individual Fair Premium Books. All Fairs who receive Fair Program Grants shall conform

with this book when preparing their Premium Books. This means you shall follow the position of Department as shown. You need not show any Departments, Divisions, Sections or Classes for which you do not want Exhibits. Every exhibit accepted for premium must be given an entry tag, which must be properly marked to show the Name of the Exhibit. In the case of livestock, breed name must be shown on cards large enough so that the breed name can be readily identified by the viewers. If the livestock is grouped together according to breed, one large sign to designate the group will be satisfactory. The ribbons or rosettes must be placed on the stall or pen of the individual winners for the duration of the Fair or show. In the case of poultry, entry tags showing species must be plainly exhibited on each cage, and winning stickers must appear on such entry tags showing winners. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of premiums. It will be the duty of the Fair or show officials to enforce this regulation. We want each Fair to encourage exhibitors in each class; however, in some departments, facilities may limit the number of entries. Accordingly, in some classes or divisions, you may limit the number of entries per exhibitor in each class.