

Welcome to the Anoka County Fair,

The biggest county-wide event of the year will open July 27nd, when the Anoka County Fair begins its 137th year presentation. As always, success of the fair is the culmination of efforts by the various individuals, and committee together with the fine cooperation of the Anoka County businesses and professionals.

Again this year the Fair Board is striving to bring you a bigger and better fair, designed to promote agriculture, education, livestock and manufacturing. But most of all, the aim is to promote better understanding among all people of the county! The Anoka County Fair is a non-profit organization, with all profits used to make each succeeding fair a better one.

To you who attend the Fair and to those people who give their time, talent and interest, the officers and directors of the Fair Board express their sincere appreciation. Our number one objective is to make the Fair the best week of your summer, so come and see for yourself what a good time you can have.

**Sponsored by the Anoka County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors:**

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GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS:

1. The entry day's for the Open Class Departments will be Saturday July 24, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, July 25 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM for all Departments except livestock. **Please note that departments will close at 5:00 PM.** All of your exhibits need to be distributed to the appropriate department by 5:00.

Judging day is Monday, July 26. Exhibitors with livestock entries should check under each division for entry dates and times.

Note: Entry day for Flowers & Vegetables will be on SUNDAY ONLY 11:00 AM - 5:00PM.

2. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION:** Please visit our website at www.anokacountyfair.com, and click on the open class link. All entries must be registered by **midnight** on Thursday, July 22.

You may also complete an entry form by listing each individual entry in its Department, Division, & Class. Please return to the Fair Office prior by July 22.

Livestock entries are required to pre-enter & fill out the entry form.

3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to order the removal of any exhibit which is not in the best interest of the Fair, which endangers the public, contains any profanity, nudity, defamation of any kind or nature towards any groups, or entered in violation of the rules listed. Any premiums or awards will not be awarded.
4. The Fair Board will not be responsible for any damages to exhibits or livestock caused by fire, water, windstorms, theft, or any act of God, nor does the board assume any liability for accidents to persons or property involved with the Fair.

5. **GATE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE REQUIRED BY ALL, FOR ENTRANCE TO THE GROUNDS.**

Gate Admissions are charged Tuesday through Sunday. Adults \$9.00, Child (7-12) \$4.00
Discount Admission tickets are available at the Fair Board office for adults at a cost of \$8.00 prior to opening day.

6. Premium checks will be available Monday, August 2 when you pickup your entries.
Exhibits will remain on display during the entire fair. Exhibits will be released Monday, August 2, between the hours of 1:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Livestock entries: See each Department for release times.

7. Premiums will be awarded for each Division and Class as listed with sweepstakes awarded at the discretion of the judge. Judges will not award premiums unless articles are worthy of merit. If no completion exists or is not worthy of a premium, the judge has the right to withhold any awards with this decision final except where mistakes, fraud or misrepresentation exist and not discovered at the time. In such cases, the Board of Directors decision will be final.

8. Only ONE (1) entry per class is allowed unless otherwise stated and must be entered in the name of a bona fide owner and must also be made, raised or grown by the same. Premiums will not be awarded to any exhibit leased or borrowed (with the exception of livestock entries). No articles will be allowed to complete for any premiums that are not named and numbered in the premium list. A request can be made to the board for the following year.

Rules for Livestock Exhibitors:

9. The official Veterinarian shall have full authority in all matters of livestock sanitation as the representative of the Fair Board. It is suggested that all exhibitors contact the official vet. All livestock health forms as required must be given to the superintendent when space is assigned.

10. First bedding for all large livestock stalls and pens will be furnished by the Fair. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed for all large livestock. Rabbit & poultry feed will be provided.

11. Only healthy animals can be exhibited. All certificates furnished to the veterinarian must be less than 90 days old. Animals with warts or ringworm are not eligible to exhibit.

12. Sheep and goats must be scrapie tagged.

13. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination.

14. Poultry must have Pullorum free certificates.

15. A current Coggins Test is required prior to showing any horses at the Fair.

16. Special parking space has been provided for livestock trucks and trailers. Gate personnel will direct you to parking spaces immediately after unloading.

17. Only TWO entries per class are allowed for all large livestock.

18. GATE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE REQUIRED BY ALL EXHIBITORS! See rule 5.

19. Good Luck to each of you with your entries and most of all, Have Fun at the Fair!