



BANGOR STATE FAIR

JULY 30 - AUGUST 8
PRESENTED BY **MARDEN'S**
SURPLUS & SALVAGE

Horse & Oxen Pulling Book

Livestock Superintendent: Jesse Caron
Pulling Superintendent: Karna Johnson

2026 PULLING HORSE and OXEN RULES, REGISTRATION, AND PREMIUMS

The Bangor State Fair will be hosting the Paul Bunyan Horse Pulling Competition on Monday August 3, 2026. Exhibitors can trailer in for the day using the in-field area of the Race Track. Ample trailer parking, water and tent/shaded areas will be available.

Oxen that are staying for the working steer portion of Bangor State Fair can make arrangements with the livestock superintendent for housing of animals.

General Livestock Rules

Horses:(Equine Infections Anemia) All horse or other equidae imported into the State of Maine must show evidence of being tested and found negative to the Coggins test within six months of entry. All horses from within the state must have a negative Coggins test done within 36 months.

Cattle:Permits required for all cattle imported into the State of Maine. All breeding bovines imported into the State of Maine must be tested within 30 days prior to date of entry for both Tuberculosis and Brucellosis (except official vaccinates under 18 months of age). No Bucellosis or Tuberculin test is required for cattle in the state if they originate directly from herds within the state, not under quarantine. Tuberculosis test required on steers and oxen imported into the state. Each exhibitor of livestock will assume full responsibility for compliance with all Maine State Health Requirements.

ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE A RFID TAG

No domestic animals originating from herds under quarantine shall be permitted on the fairgrounds. Domestic animals offered for show or exhibition and at any fair, livestock shows and/or exhibition, showing evidence of external parasites, foot rot, shipping fever or other disease, may be excluded from and ordered removed from such fair, livestock show and/or exhibition. Otherwise situations will be handled as the director of said division of animal industry may direct. All domestic animals originating outside the State of Maine must meet the same requirements to show as are required for entry into the state. Warts: Warts will be classified as an infectious disease.

All animals must be castrated in order to be shown where a state stipend is paid.

Horses: At the finish of the pull, only the top half may enter the next class. One blanket outside of harness is permissible.

Oxen: No bulls allowed to pull.

Barriers: A substantial barrier shall be maintained at the end of the ring toward which the pull is proceeding; so as to prevent impede or runaways.

Condition of Animals: Any animal which is thin or dehydrated or is lame or shows open sores, the directors or superintendents shall make the decision if the animal shall be allowed to pull.

Management: The management reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, to close or reopen any class, to set ahead or change program on account of weather conditions or change in track if deemed necessary for the best interest of the Fair. Horses at all times shall be under the direction of the superintendent of this department to whom all inquiries should be directed to for further information.

The fair will not have hay on site for exhibitors. If you need to purchase hay contact Jesse by email livestock.bsf@gmail.com or call 207-356-5069 and he can get you in touch with a hay provider.

All animals must be on the grounds and present for weigh in by 7 am.

Proof of Insurance: Exhibitors will not be allowed to unload animals into the barns until they have provided a Certificate of Insurance (COI) evidencing a minimum of \$1,000,000 of coverage for both General Liability and Property Damage. The **City of Bangor (Bangor State Fair), Global Spectrum, LP and HC Bangor, LLC must be named as Certificate Holders and Additional Insureds. Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors (MALE) Insurance does NOT meet the requirements for working steers/timed events.** Exhibitors must also submit individual **Release and Covenant Not to Sue** forms for each individual that will be participating showing/caring for your livestock during the Fair and a **W-9** Form must be presented in order to receive payments.

Jesse Caron

Bangor State Fair

Livestock Superintendent

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2026 Bangor State Fair Horse Pulling - Paul Bunyan Classic

Pull Superintendent: Karna Johnson 207-343-4355

Tuesday August 4, 2026

Weigh In starts at 7am Show starts at 11 am

General Rules:

- All general livestock rules apply.
- All animals must be in place by Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 8:00 am
- All horses will be weighed individually and that weight is good for the duration of show. However, horse **MUST** remain on the grounds or will have to be **RE-WEIGHED**. There will be a 30 lb tolerance per team of horses for classes. All horses must be chipped at time of weigh-in.

Horse Pulling Premiums

2 lbs. of Rock per Pound of Horse Distance - Light Side

\$500, \$475, \$450, \$400, \$375, \$360, \$315, \$275, \$220, \$175, \$150, \$130, \$130

2 lbs of Rock per Pound of Horse Distance - Heavy Side

\$500, \$475, \$450, \$400, \$375, \$360, \$315, \$275, \$220, \$175, \$150, \$130, \$130

Paul Bunyan Sweepstakes 12 ft Elimination

3100 lb – Distance

\$550, \$500, \$475, \$450, \$400, \$375, \$360, \$315, \$275, \$220, \$175, \$150, \$130

2026 Bangor State Fair Oxen Pulling - Paul Bunyan Classic

Pull Superintendent: Karna Johnson 207-343-4355

Monday August 3, 2026

Scales Open at 7 am Show start at 10 am

General Rules:

- All general livestock rules apply.
- All animals must be in place by Monday, August 3, 2026, at 8:00 am
- All cattle must have halters to weigh-in
- All sticks will be measured and must not exceed 48".
- No plastic sticks allowed in the pulling ring,
- There will be a 50 lb tolerance per team of Oxen for classes.

Oxen Pulling Premiums

Youth 1100 lb / Under - Driver 12 & Under Distance

\$150, \$125, \$115, \$110, \$105, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$75, \$65, \$55, \$50, \$50

Youth 1300 lb / Under 16 + Under Distance

\$150, \$125, \$115, \$110, \$105, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$75, \$65, \$55, \$50, \$50

1600 lb Distance

\$200, \$175, \$165, \$155, \$140 \$120, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$75, \$70, \$60, \$50

2000 lb Distance

\$200, \$175, \$165, \$155, \$140 \$120, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$75, \$70, \$60, \$50

2400 lb Distance - PR

\$200, \$175, \$165, \$155, \$140 \$120, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$75, \$70, \$60, \$50

2800 lb Percentage - Distance

\$275, \$250, \$220, \$200, \$175, \$165, \$150, \$125, \$110, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$70

Ladies Class Percentage

\$200, \$175, \$165, \$155, \$140 \$120, \$100, \$90, \$80, \$75, \$70, \$60, \$50

3600 - 4000 lb Percentage – Distance

\$300, \$275, \$250, \$225, \$200 \$175, \$165, \$150, \$125, \$110, \$100, \$90, \$80

Paul Bunyan Sweepstakes Distance

\$550, \$500, \$450, \$350, \$325, \$275, \$250, \$220, \$195, \$165, \$125, \$100, \$75

