



2026 BANGOR STATE FAIR

Exhibitor Info & Premium Book



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Tentative 2026 Bangor State Fair Livestock Schedule

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

12 pm barn opens

THURSDAY JULY 30

7 am Market Animal weigh in

9 am Breed Sheep Show

4 pm Market Lamb Show

6 pm Market Steer Show

FRIDAY JULY 31

9 am Commodity Judging Contests

10:30-11:30 Fitting Clinic

1 pm Dairy Show

3 pm Beef Show

8 pm Movie Night

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

9 am PAUL BUNYAN JACKPOT HEIFER & JACKPOT STEER SHOW

4 pm Penobscot Livestock Market Animal Auction

6 pm Pedal Tractor Pulls and Egg Races

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

9 am PAUL BUNYAN CLASSIC OPEN BELTED GALLOWAY SHOW

12 pm Pedal Tractor Pulls

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

4 pm Barns Open

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

7 am Working Steer Weigh in

10 am Working Steer 4-H Showmanship, Cloverbud Demos

Followed by Working Steer Open Show Div. A-G

5 pm Pedal Tractor Pulls and Egg Races

8 pm Movie Night

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

9 am 4-H Dairy Goat Show

4 pm Working Steer Open Show Div H (Open Cart Class)

6 pm Working Steer 4-H Cart & Drag

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

9 am Open Dairy Goat Show

12 pm Working Steer Scoots (on track)

BSF Animal Stipend Program
Due to the Livestock Superintendent
by June 1, 2026
livestock.bsf@gmail.com

___ I plan to participate in the Animal Stipend Program at Bangor State Fair for the weekend of:

___ Weekend 1 - Move in July 29 after 12 pm - dismissal Sunday evening August 2
(beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep)

___ Weekend 2 - Move in August 5 after 4 pm - dismissal Saturday evening Aug 8
(dairy goats, working steers, llamas)

Exhibitor/ Farm Name: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell
Number: _____
Email address: _____

Number of Animals _____

Breed(s) _____ **and** _____

**** Small Livestock Farm/ Families allowed 1 flock per exhibitor - exceptions need to be approved by Livestock Supt.*

Number of Pens requesting (per application if applicable) _____

**** Supplies and Grooming stalls will be assigned an area*

Note: *This Intent Form advises the BSF Livestock Superintendent that you will be bringing animals for the designated weekend. Paperwork needs to be turned in before unloading animals.*

___ Intent Form
___ Educational Display
___ W-9
___ Insurance (MALE or livestock)
___ Release and Covenant Not To Sue
___ Camper (if applicable)

Jesse Caron

Bangor State Fair Livestock Superintendent
[Livestock.bsf@gmail.com](mailto:livestock.bsf@gmail.com)
(207) 356-5069

2026 BEEF- DAIRY CATTLE RULES, REGISTRATION, AND PREMIUMS

We are accepting a **limited** number of exhibitors who wish to show Dairy, Beef or a combined herd of at least **ONE (1)** and a maximum of **Eight (8)**, show quality animals and display them at the Cross Insurance Center for **Weekend one of the fair, July 30th to August 2 2026**. Exhibitors are expected to maintain their animals and exhibit area in first class condition during their stay, have competent, friendly and knowledgeable help in their area during Fair open hours until 9:00 pm every evening to interact with Fair patrons. We are offering a stipend program for exhibitors who have fulfilled their obligations (proper documentation, insurance, length of stay etc.) to the Bangor State Fair. Please find the requirements to fulfill along with the stipend amount listed below.

Number of Cattle Shown Stipend to be paid/animal **1 - 8 \$75 per head**

Educational Display Stipend to be paid/animal **1-8 \$75 per head**

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. Bedding will be provided. Dairy exhibitors please note, we will **not** have the Milking Parlor on site.

Exhibitors may not show any un-neutered male over **six (6) months** of age that is not recorded (registered) in the Book of Records for the respective breed (Pursuant to Sec. 3.7 MRSA c4) please be prepared to confirm registration.

Exhibitors **must** have an Educational Exhibit and may enter in the Fair's Educational Exhibit judging, either as a 4-H project or an "open" project, but not both.

Exhibitors **must** have a farm/name sign as well as name signs for animals exhibited. Poles and drape will be provided.

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) will also be accepted as proof of insurance.** Copy of MALE cards will need to be turned in.

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.

All animals must be in their assigned stalls as of **8 pm on Wednesday July 29** and remain on display through **4:00 on Sunday August 2nd** to be eligible for stipend payments.

Allocation opportunities are limited and decisions along with the number of animals to be brought need to be submitted to the Superintendent by **June 1, 2026**.

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Bangor State Fair
Livestock Superintendent
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YOUTH BEEF SHOW 2026

Show: Friday, July 31st at 3pm

Beef Representative: Corinna Caron
151 Nokomis Rd Corinna Maine 04928
207-249-2191

The Bangor State Fair reserves the right to not pay premiums in any category listed in this book if the breeder/exhibitor is not pre-registered and/or his/her animals are not stabled on the fairgrounds.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTE: All show entries must be entered into the Showman App by July 25th.

<https://showman.app/shows#/paul-bunyan-classic-99b1>

1. The Youth Beef Show is open to all youth between the ages of 6 and 21. Youth must be 6 y/o by January 1st 2025 and no older than 21 on January 1, 2026.
2. Grade and registered heifers must show characteristics of a beef breed and be sired by a beef bull.
NOTE: Registered cattle may not be shown as grades in the Youth Beef Show.
3. Beef steers may be shown. Steers must be born after January 1, 2025, and owned before January 1, 2026.
4. All extended stay (4 days) beef heifers and steers must be on the Bangor State Fairgrounds after 12 Noon on Wednesday July 29, 2026 and in place by 8 pm on July 29, 2026.
5. Judging will be held at 3:00 PM Friday, July 31, 2026. Judging Contest will be held at 9:00 AM, Friday, July 31, 2026.
6. The following classes 2-8 will be shown by breeds at the discretion of the Beef Representative. Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, Belted Galloway, and AOB (all other breeds).
7. Leather or steel-toed shoes or boots will be worn while actively working with animals. Exception is muck boots will be allowed while washing animal. Contestants are required to wear appropriate clean and neat show uniforms for all lots.
8. Exhibitors shall care for their own animals at the Bangor State Fair and their area must be clean and presentable.
9. All animals exhibited must meet the health and identification requirements of the State of Maine Department of Agriculture as listed in the rules and regulations of the Livestock Department.
10. Name signs to identify the animals must be in place by **Thursday, July 30 2026 by 10 am.**
11. Failure to comply with any rule will be considered just cause for disqualification and/or forfeiture of all premiums.
12. Bangor State Fair reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and regulations.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

There will be four divisions: Pixie (6 through 8 years old as of January 1st), Junior (9 through 12 years old as of January 1st), Intermediate (13 through 16 years old as of January 1st) and Senior (17 years and over as of January 1st).

Fitting and Showmanship classes have been combined to the respect that as soon as Seniors have been judged on fitting, they will be judged on showmanship, followed by Intermediate then Juniors.

Bangor State Fair banners will be awarded to the winners of the Fitting and Showmanship classes in all divisions.

CLASS 1 - Showmanship and Fitting

CLASS 2 - Junior Heifer Calf - Born between January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

CLASS 3 - Senior Heifer Calf - Born between September 1, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025.

CLASS 4 - Summer Yearling - Born between May 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025.

CLASS 5 - Spring Yearling - Born between March 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025.

CLASS 6 - Junior Yearling - Born between January 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025.

CLASS 7 - Senior Yearling - Born between September 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024.

CLASS 8 - 2-year-old Heifer born on or after January 1, 2024.

CLASS 9 - Cow and calf (calf must still be nursing)

CLASS 10 - Breed Champion Heifer - first and second place animals from Classes 2 through 8. CLASS 11 - Steers (Non-BSF Market Steers)

PREMIUMS

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15
7TH and on					
\$13					

OVERALL TOP 5 HEIFERS All Breed Champions and Reserves from Class 10

OVERALL CHAMPION \$100

RESERVE CHAMPION \$75

THIRD OVERALL CHAMPION \$50

FOURTH OVERALL CHAMPION \$40

FIFTH OVERALL CHAMPION \$30

4-H MARKET STEER SHOW AND AUCTION

****Weighing of Steers: Thursday July 30th at 7 am**
Judging Contest: Friday July 31 at 9 am
Showmanship & Fitting: Thursday July 30th at 6:00 pm
Judging of Steers: Thursday July 30th at 6pm
Auction: Saturday August 1st at 4:00 pm

4-H Representative: Corinna Caron – (207) 249-2191

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to 4-Hers who are residents of Penobscot County, members of the Penobscot County 4-H Livestock Club, and to 4-Hers from other counties who are **active** members of The Penobscot County 4-H Livestock Beef Club and have no active Beef Clubs in their own counties. There is a maximum of 10 steers allowed unless otherwise approved by the BSF Livestock Superintendent.
All 4-Hers participating must meet all requirements set by the Penobscot County 4-H Livestock Beef Club and BSF . Participants showing cattle must have reached their 9th birthdays, but not have passed their 19th birthdays, as of midnight, December 31, 2025.
2. Any beef breed is acceptable as a project steer. The steer must show the characteristics of a beef breed, been sired by a beef bull, born on or after January 1, 2025 and have been owned by the 4-H member no later than December 31, 2025. Steers in question will be examined by a veterinarian at the discretion of the 4-H Representative and BSF.
3. No bulls or stags will be allowed to be shown or auctioned. **ALL STEERS MUST HAVE HEALED CASTRATIONS. ANY QUESTIONABLE CASTRATIONS MAY REQUIRE A LETTER FROM A VETERINARIAN/STATE VETERINARIAN.**
4. All 4-H Market Steers will be properly ear tagged with an RFID tag. 4-Her must use standard Animal Approval Form for and submit to the Penobscot County Extension Office no later than June 30, 2026.
5. Each 4-H member will show and sell one Market Steer at the Bangor State Fair.
6. **Any steer that cannot be managed and led by its owner without any help from others will not be allowed to show and may be removed from the fairgrounds. This rule will be strictly enforced and will be enforced by the Livestock Superintendent . All steers shown must furnish proof to the 4-H Representative that they have attended a show clinic prior to the fair.**
7. All 4-H Market Steers and their owners will be on the Bangor State Fairgrounds **by 8 pm Wednesday July 29th.**
8. Bangor State Fair reserves the right, after inspection, to eliminate any steers from competition and sale that do not meet the standards required for a quality show and sale; e.g., backbone, ribs and hooks to pins must show some amount of condition; backbone and ribs must be covered, unless this is due to sickness of the animal immediately prior to the fair.
9. **Leather or steel-toed shoes or boots will be worn when actively working with animals. Open toed Shoes and bare feet will be cause for immediate dismissal by the Fair. (Exception is when washing animals where muck boots will be allowed.)**
10. Embossed copies of the Animal Approval Form and Project Records will be presented to the 4-H Representative the day the steer arrives at Bangor State Fair. Project Records (**including barn records**) must be up-to-date and neatly presented. If they are not, the member may be disqualified and his/her animal will be removed from the grounds.
11. Exhibitors shall care for his/her own steers to the best of their abilities. An animal and member can be disqualified if someone other than the member constantly cares for or prepares the animal for showing. Other observers may bring this to the attention of the Representative for action. Exceptions: In the case of mandatory attendance at a special activity or an unavoidable emergency, another eligible 4-H member may show and care for the animal, with the knowledge and permission of the 4-H Representative. Only members may care for animals at the fair.
12. Required attire for all shows and auction will be clean and neat show uniforms. The uniform for Fitting & Showmanship is clean denim pants (no rips) and wear a Western style or solid colored shirt with collar that is button down) and leather or steel-toed boots or shoes. No hats or farm or breed advertising are allowed in the 4-H show ring. Western attire & clean (no rips) blue jeans may be worn during the Livestock Auction.
13. A neck rope tie, in addition to the usual halter, is required for all animals during the fair.

14. The barn area will be kept clean by all 4-H Market Steer project members.
15. Name signs to identify the animals must be in place by **Thursday, July 30 2026 by 10 am.**
16. Parental consent forms and parental responsibility forms must be signed and adhered to by all parents of members who are minors. Signed forms must be submitted to the 4-H Representative prior to the fair.
17. Steers will be divided evenly into three weight groups, heavy, medium and light. Final determination of weight classes will be made by BSF Livestock Superintendent.
18. **Steers will be weighed at 7:00 AM on Thursday July 30, 2026. Steer must reach a minimum weight of 850 lbs. in order to participate in the Steer Judging and Livestock Auction. Steers may be fed and watered after weighing.**
19. All 4-H Market Steers exhibited at the Bangor State Fair will be sold at auction on **Saturday, August 1st.** The 4-H Market Steer and Market Lamb auction will start at 4:00 PM. Each member must be present. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the 4-H Representative. **All Market Animal participants must submit to the Penobscot County Extension Office no later than July 15, 2026, the name of five bidders (participants that have participated in GROUP BUYER VISITS only have to submit 3 bidders) that have been contacted to attend the Auction on Saturday night. Failure to do this could result in not being allowed to sell Steer at Auction. 4-H Steer must be shown at the fair in order to be sold at Auction. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
20. Auction bids are open to all responsible persons. 4-Hers are allowed to bid on their own animal if bids are not deemed sufficient.
21. A good halter of suitable rope must be left on the steer after it is sold.

All animals exhibited must meet the health and identification requirements of the State of Maine Department of Agriculture as listed in the rules and regulations of the Livestock Department.
http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/staff.shtml All exhibitors of animals must follow the Penobscot County 4-H Policy and Guidelines Manual.
22. Any 4-H Beef Club member staying overnight on the fairgrounds must be supervised by an adult. The 4-H Representative and Beef Club leaders reserve the right not to serve as overnight supervisors.
23. All 4-Hers enrolled in the Market Steer Project must participate in the Market Steer fitting, showmanship and beef judging contest to be eligible to sell their steer at the 4-H auction. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the 4-H Representative and the 4-H Staff.
24. Failure to comply with the above rules will be considered to be just cause for disqualification from the show and/or auction and/or forfeiture of all premiums. Above rules will be punishable at the 4-H Representative's discretion according to the number and severity of offenses. Ethics and safety will not be compromised. Punishment may include, but not be limited to, member and steer being ejected from the Bangor State Fair and disallowed from future BSF Market animal participation.
25. Bangor State Fair reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and regulations. Please also refer to the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics in the Penobscot County 4-H Policy and Guidelines Manual. Any 4-Her not adhering to these rules may be asked to leave the Fairgrounds and premiums may be withheld.

JUDGING CONTEST

The judging contest is open to youth who are showing at Bangor State Fair. BSF Market Animal participants are REQUIRED to participate.

****See State Judging Contest section of Fairbook for more information. ****

SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING

There will be three divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Seniors (and Intermediates (if applicable) will start with the Showmanship Class. They will enter the ring with steers that have NOT been fit. Seniors will be judged and placed on showmanship. Once the Judge completes that class the Seniors will have 45 minutes to return to their chutes (in the 4-H designated area) and fit their steer. After 45 minutes they will be called back into the ring for the judging of the Fitting Class. This same process will take place with Intermediates if that division is required.

During the fitting portion of the contest 4-Hers may not be helped by adults, other 4-H members or other individuals.

Showmanship and fitting classes for Juniors have been combined to the respect that as soon as Junior Division is judged on showmanship, they will be judged on fitting. However, banners and premiums will remain separate.

ALL DIVISIONS

1ST \$25.00 **2ND** \$23.00 **3RD** \$21.00 **4TH** \$19.00
5TH \$15.00 **6TH** \$13.00 **7th and beyond** \$11.00

Ribbons will be awarded to premium winners.

The Bangor State Fair banners will be awarded to the winners of the 4-H Fitting and Showmanship classes in all divisions.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The Showmanship Contest differs from other livestock shows in that it is the exhibitor rather than the animal that is being judged. The show is conducted like all others, but there is often more movement in the ring as the judge puts the exhibitors through their paces. Here are some of the points the judge considers:

- The ability of the exhibitor to control his/her animal.
- How well the exhibitor focuses his/her attention on the judge and how quickly he/she responds to the judges' commands.
- The ability of the exhibitor to capitalize on the strengths of his/her animal and draw attention away from any weaknesses.
- How well the exhibitor squares his/her animal; that is, are all four legs placed squarely beneath the steer?
- Aggressive showmanship: A successful show person **makes sure** the judge notices his/her animal in its best light.
- How well an exhibitor shows an unfamiliar animal. A true show person can handle and successfully exhibit even a strange animal.

Becoming a successful show person takes long hours of hard work and practice. For the past few months, these 4-Hers, some of who are showing for the first time, have spent 2-3 hours/day working on their showmanship skills.

This has meant walking, grooming and squaring their animals as well as identifying their animals' strong and weak points. These 4-Hers will not become expert show people overnight, but their continued hard work will certainly make them some of the best around.

FITTING CONTEST

The Fitting Contest determines how well the exhibitor has prepared his/her animal for show. The structural quality of the animal is not considered, but rather the animal is judged based on its cleanliness, how well it is groomed and clipped and how well the exhibitor has highlighted the animal's strengths and masked its weaknesses.

Here are a few of the points upon which the judge bases his/her decision:

General cleanliness and coat quality: The animal should be clean, shiny, and free of dandruff. This indicates a lot of washings!!!

Grooming and Clipping: The animal's head and underside should be clipped and smooth. Other areas are clipped according to exhibitor preference. There should be no distinct lines between clipped and non-clipped areas. These areas should be gradually blended together.

Feet: The hooves should be trimmed, sanded smooth, and polished.

Ears: The inner ear should be cleaned and free from wax.

Tail: The tail can be prepared in a variety of ways, including being balled or teased.

How well structural flaws are masked: For example, if the animal has a swayed back, the hair along the back can be made to stand up to give the appearance of a straight top line.

A well-fit animal represents a large time commitment on the part of the 4-Her. From the time the animal is purchased, the stall must be cleaned daily and the animal brushed regularly. Starting in the spring, the animal must be washed 2-3 times a week. In the weeks prior to the fair, the 4-Hers generally wash their animals every other day and begin to clip, trim fit, and work on all the extras necessary to win a 4-H Fitting Contest.

JUDGING OF STEERS

PREMIUMS

1st \$100.00	2nd \$ 90.00	3rd \$80.00
4th \$ 70.00	5th \$60.00	6th \$50.00
7th \$40.00	8th \$30.00	9th+ \$20.00

The Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Highly Commendable and Honorable Mention Steers will each receive a banner. All other steers will receive ribbons.

BANGOR STATE FAIR Youth Beef and Dairy Show Entry

New this year! ALL Entries will be done online through the ShowmanApp. There are NO entry fees for the Youth Shows. ENTRY DEADLINE is JULY 25th. Any changes in entries after this date need to be directed to the Livestock Superintendent. Help and questions about using the app can be directed to the Livestock Superintendent at livestock.bsf@gmail.com or call 207-249-2191.

Enter using this site: <https://showman.app/shows#/paul-bunyan-classic-99b1>

** Dairy Show Friday July 30 @ 1 pm

**Beef Show Friday July 30 @ 3 pm

BEEF

CLASS 1 Fitting and Showmanship (Mandatory)

CLASS 2- Junior Heifer Calf - Born between 1-1-2026 and 3-31-2026

CLASS 3- Senior Heifer Calf - Born between 9-1-2025 and 12-31-2025

CLASS 4- Summer Yearling - Born between 5-1-2025 and 8-31-2025

CLASS 5- Spring Yearling - Born between 3-1-2025 and 4-30-2025

CLASS 6- Junior Yearling - Born between 1-1-2025 and 2-28-2025

CLASS 7- Senior Yearling - Born between 9-1-2024 and 12-31-2024

CLASS 8- 2-year-old Heifer born on or after 1-1-2024

CLASS 9- Cow and calf (calf must still be nursing)

CLASS 10- Overall Heifer -1st and 2nd place animals Classes 2-8

CLASS 11- Steers (Non-BSF Market Steers)

DAIRY

Class 1 Fitting and Showmanship (Mandatory)

Class 2 - Jr. Heifer Calves - Born between 3-1- 2026 and 4-30- 2026

Class 3 - Intermediate Heifer Calves - Born between 12-1 2025 and 2-28- 2026

Class 4 - Senior Heifer Calves -Born between 9- 1- 2025 and 11- 30- 2025

Class 5 - Summer Yearling - Born between 6- 1- 2025 and 8-31- 2025

Class 6 - Junior Yearling Heifers -Born between 3- 1- 2025 and 5-31- 2025

Class 7 – Intermediate Yearling Heifer – Born between 1-1- 2025 and 2-28- 2025

Class 8 - Senior Yearling Heifers - Born between 9-1-2024 and 12-31- 2024

Class 9 - Junior Champion Classes

Class 10 - Two Year Old

Class 11 - Three Year Old

Class 12 - Senior Champion Classes

Class 13 - Breed Champion

Class 14 - Overall Dairy Heifer (each breed champion)

2026 SHEEP RULES, REGISTRATIONS AND PREMIUMS

We are accepting a **limited** number of exhibitors who wish to exhibit a flock of sheep. We are looking for a flock of at least **THREE (3)** and a maximum of **EIGHT (8)** (**unless other arrangements have been made with Livestock Superintendent**), show quality animals and display them at the Cross Insurance Center for the **entire four (4) day duration of Weekend One of the Fair, July 29th-August 2, 2026**. Exhibitors are expected to maintain their animals and exhibit area in first class condition during their stay, have competent, friendly and knowledgeable help in their area during Fair open hours until 9:00 pm every evening to interact with Fair patrons. We are offering a stipend program for exhibitors who have fulfilled their obligations (proper documentation, insurance, length of stay etc.) to the Bangor State Fair. Please find the requirements to fulfill along with the stipend amount listed below.

Number of Sheep Exhibited Stipend to be paid/animal **3-8 \$25.00**

Educational Display Stipend to be paid/animal **\$25.00**

The fair will **not** have hay on site for exhibitors. Please make arrangements for your own supply. Bedding in the form of shavings or sawdust will be provided. If you need to purchase hay contact Jesse by email livestock.bsg@gmail.com or call 207-356-5069 and he can get you in touch with a hay provider.

All sheep exhibited at agricultural fairs are required to have a Scrapie Flock Identification. For more information please visit https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/adt/index.shtml

Exhibitors **must** have an Educational Exhibit and may enter in the Fair's Educational Exhibit judging, either as a 4-H project or an "open" project, but not both.

Exhibitors **must** have a farm/name sign displayed with their flock. Poles and drape will be provided.

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) will also be accepted as proof of insurance.** Copy of MALE cards will need to be turned in.

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Bangor State Fair SHEEP SHOW

Youth Sheep Show and Contest: Thursday, July 30 at 9:00 AM

NOTE: All show entries must be entered into the Showman App by July 25th.

<https://showman.app/shows#/paul-bunyan-classic-99b1>

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Youth Sheep Show is open to all youth between the ages of 6 and 21. Youth must be 6 y/o by January 1st 2026 and no older than 21 on January 1st 2026. Pre-Registration for this show is necessary.
2. **DAY OF SHOW** -All animals exhibited must meet the health and identification requirements of the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, as listed in the rules and regulations of the Livestock Department. **In order to maintain consistency with other Fairs, the BSF reserves the right to check ear tag numbers to ensure that the sheep on the registration are the same as the ones being shown. Your cooperation is appreciated.**
3. Sheep in each breed class must be registered. There will be two Commercial Classes (these two classes are for non-registered animals only, not divided by breed)
4. Sheep for Stipend program may arrive anytime after 12 pm on Wednesday July 29, 2026. All animals need to be ready and in place by 7 am Thursday July 30. Release is on Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
5. Participants must tend their own animals at the fair and area must be clean and presentable .
6. All participants may wear a western style or solid colored shirt with collar. Be neat and presentable.
7. Judging of Sheep will begin at 9 am on Thursday July 30th.
8. All sheep exhibited in the Sheep Show must be fitted for show. Those animals not fitted for show will be disqualified from the class.
9. Failure to comply with any rule will be considered just cause for disqualification from the show and/or forfeiture of all premiums.
10. Bangor State Fair reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and regulations.
11. A judging contest will be held at 9 am on July 31, 2026. Youth exhibitors are invited to participate.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP - Irrespective of Breed

There will be 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. A Pixie will be added at the discretion of the BSF Livestock Superintendent.

Fitting and Showmanship classes have been combined to the aspect that as soon as Senior Division is judged on fitting, they will then be judged on showmanship, followed by Intermediates then the Junior Division. However banners, ribbons and premiums will remain separate.

Bangor State Fair banners will be awarded to the winners of Fitting and Showmanship in all divisions.

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th on...
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$12

Classes and Premiums

Sheep will be judged by breed within each class, except for Commercial Yearling Ewe and Commercial Ewe Lamb. (These two classes are for non-registered animals only, not divided by breed.)

1. Yearling Ram – 1 year and under 2 years
2. Ram Lamb - under one year of age
3. Pair of Ram lambs - under one year of age

CHAMPION RAM - banner

4. Yearling Ewe—1 year and under 2 years
5. Pair of Ewes
6. Senior Ewe Lamb (born Oct 1, 2025-Dec 31, 2025)
7. Junior Ewe Lamb (born after Jan 1, 2026)
8. Pair of Ewe Lambs (under 1 year of age)

CHAMPION EWE - banner

GROUPS

* indicates only one entry per exhibitor and all must be owned and bred by exhibitor

9. Yearling Ewe and ewe lamb
10. Pen of 3 lambs, both sexes represented
- 11 * Young Breeder's Flock: 1 Ram, 1 Yearling Ewe and 2 ewe lambs
- 12 *Flock: 1 Ram, 2 yearling ewes, 2 ewe lambs
13. *Get of Sire (3 progeny of one sire, both sexes represented)
14. Maine Born and Bred - lamb was bred and born in Maine and owned by 4-H member. Proof of ownership must be provided - no leases (limit 2 entries per exhibitor)

GRAND CHAMPION EWE OF ALL BREEDS - BANGOR STATE FAIR Banner

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE OF ALL BREEDS - Banner

GRAND CHAMPION RAM OF ALL BREEDS - Banner

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM OF ALL BREEDS - Banner

15. Handspinner Fleece (mixed breed, registered or unregistered)
16. Fiber Lead Line - Exhibitor wears clothing made of fibers from sheep and tells the story of creation.

COMMERCIAL CLASSES

Classes for non-registered ewes, not divided by breed)

17. Commercial Ewe Lamb - under 1 year of age
18. Commercial Yearling Ewe - 1 year and under 2 years of age
19. Market Lamb (Non-BSF Market Lambs)

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th on...
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$12

Bangor State Fair Youth Sheep Show Entry Form

New this year! ALL entries will be done online through the ShowmanApp. There are NO entry fees for the Youth Shows. ENTRY DEADLINE is JULY 25th. Any changes in entries after this date need to be directed to the Livestock Superintendent. Help and questions about using the app can be directed to the Livestock Superintendent at livestock.bsf@gmail.com

NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

**Breed Sheep Show Thursday July 30 @ 9 am
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Enter using this site: <https://showman.app/shows#/paul-bunyan-classic-99b1>

4-H MARKET LAMB SHOW & AUCTION

All showing is done on Thursday, July 30, 2026

****Weighing of Lambs: 7am**

Fitting and Showmanship: 4pm

Judging of Lambs: 4 pm

Auction: Saturday, August 2 2026: 4pm

The Bangor State Fair reserves the right to not pay premiums in any category listed in this document if the breeder/exhibitor is not pre-registered and/or his/her animals are not stabled on the fairgrounds.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to girls and boys in the counties of Hancock, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Waldo and Washington who are enrolled in an approved 4-H Market Lamb Project. Participants must have reached their 9th birthdays, but not passed their 19th birthdays, as of midnight December 31, 2025. There is a maximum of 12 lambs allowed unless otherwise approved by BSF Livestock Superintendent. Priority will be given to Penobscot Livestock 4-H Club members.
2. Participants must submit an Intent to Participate form to the Penobscot County Extension Office, 307 Maine Ave., Bangor ME 04401 (942-7396) **by May 15, 2026.**
3. **Copies of embossed Animal Approval Form must be submitted to your County Extension Office by June 30, 2026.** That county extension educator is to forward them onto Penobscot County by July 5, 2026 by 4 pm. All exhibitors of animals must follow the Penobscot County 4-H Policy and Guidelines Manual.
4. Animals need to have a state approved scrappie tag. These are free from the Dept. of Ag. Please contact the 4-H Representative if your lamb does not have one and you do not have your own farm tags.
5. **All Market Animal participants must submit to the Penobscot County Extension Office no later than July 15, 2026, the name of five bidders (participants that have participated in GROUP BUYER VISITS only have to submit 3 bidders) that have been contacted to attend the Auction on Saturday night. Failure to do this could result in not being allowed to sell lamb at Auction. 4-H lamb must be shown at the fair in order to be sold at Auction. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Market lambs must be on the grounds by 8pm, **Wednesday, July 29, 2026.** Each member must accompany his or her lamb. Weigh-in is at 7:00 AM Thursday July 30..
7. All lambs will be weighed before judging. Any lamb that does not weigh at least 80 pounds will be disqualified from entry to the show and auction
8. A copy of your embossed Animal Approval Form and Project Record **must be shown** to the 4-H Fair Representative by 9:00 AM the day of the show.
9. All participants may wear a western style or solid colors shirt with collar. Be neat and presentable.
10. Participants must tend their own animals at the fair. Guidance may be given from a 4-H leader or assistance from other 4-Hers only.
11. No lamb may be exhibited in competition that cannot be managed and led by the person showing the animal without any help from others. This rule will be strictly enforced.
12. All 4-Hers showing in the 4-H Market Lamb Show on Thursday must participate in the judging contest to be eligible to sell their lambs at the 4-H auction.
13. All male lambs must be wethers.
14. After the lambs are graded, there will be a top 5 selected.
15. Lambs will be sold at Auction on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 4 PM. Members must be present.
16. Lambs become the property of the buyers as soon as they are sold. Members must load their own lamb onto the designated stock trailer after the auction.
17. Auction bids are open to all responsible persons. 4-Hers are allowed to bid on their own animal if bids are not deemed sufficient.
18. All 4-H Market lambs need to stay until released by BSF Livestock Superintendent unless other arrangements have been made with superintendent.
19. All animals exhibited must meet the health and identification requirements of the State of Maine Department of Agriculture as listed in the rules and regulations of the Livestock Department.
20. Failure to comply with any rule will be just cause for disqualification from the show and/or auction and/or forfeiture of all premiums.
21. Bangor State Fair reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and regulations.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

There will be three divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Groupings can be removed at the discretion of the 4-H Representative.

Fitting and Showmanship classes have been combined to the respect that as soon as Senior Division is judged on fitting, it will then be judged on showmanship, followed by Intermediate Division, and Junior Division.

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	on...
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15	\$12	

The Bangor State Fair banner will be awarded to the winners of the Fitting and Showmanship Class in all divisions.

JUDGING OF MARKET LAMBS: 4 PM PREMIUMS

Grand Champion – Rosette + \$50
Reserve Champion – Rosette + \$48
Third Overall- Rosette + \$45
Fourth Overall – Rosette + \$41
Fifth Overall - Rosette + \$37

All lambs in Blue Group \$25.00
All lambs in Red Group \$20.00
All lambs in White Group \$15.00

Ribbons will be awarded to premium winners.

Maine Bred, Born and Raised Market Lamb: This class is for the 4-H member that has purchased the market lamb from a Maine Producer/Individual. That Maine producer owned the ewe and ram at time of breeding and the lamb was born in the state of Maine. **The bill of sale** for this lamb will state the farm/individual name and address. The date of birth and a statement saying: The dam and ram of this market lamb was owned by _____ from the time the ewe was bred and lambed. If the 4-Her is the producer they also qualify for this class. The Scrapie tag number is: _____. A banner will be awarded.

This bill of sale will accompany the animal approval form the 4-H member submits to their county extension office prior to May 15, 2026. It should also be brought to the fair and shown to the 4-H Representative at time of registering.

STATE JUDGING CONTEST

Contest: Friday, July 31, 2026 at 9am

Representative: Corinna Caron
151 Nokomis Rd Corinna Maine 04928
207-249-2191

The Bangor State Fair reserves the right to not pay premiums in any category in this document if the breeder/exhibitor is not pre-registered and/or his/her animals are not stabled on the fairgrounds. Youth participants must let the representative know they want to participate by Thursday, July 30 at 8 pm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The State Judging Contest is open to all youth** between the ages of 6 and 21. Youth must be 6 y/o by January 1st 2026 and no older than 21 on January 1, 2026.
2. The Judging Contest will be held on Friday, July 30, 2026 at 9am for the following commodities; beef, dairy, lamb.
3. There will be three divisions: Junior (9 through 13 years old as of January 1st), Intermediate and Senior (14 years and over as of January 1st). A Pixie Division will be added at the discretion of the Beef Representative.
4. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be required to do placings, plus written and oral reasons. Pixies will just give oral reasons.
5. The winners will be determined by the combined scores of a youth's placings, written reasons and oral reasons, as determined by the official judge.
6. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded.

PREMIUMS

ALL DIVISIONS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	
\$25	\$23	\$20	\$18	\$15	\$13	\$10	
8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

**Market Steer members of Penobscot Livestock 4-H Club are required to participate in the Beef portion of the Judging Contest. Market Lamb members of Penobscot Livestock 4-H Club are required to participate in the Sheep portion of the Judging Contest.

Sign up using this site: <https://showman.app/shows#/paul-bunyan-classic-99b1>

Heart of Maine Dairy Goat Association
Bangor State Fair Dairy Goat Show
ADGA sanctioned Jr. Doe and Sr. Doe Shows, Saturday Aug 8th, 2026
Cross Insurance Center, Bangor, ME
The Juniors and Seniors are Separately Sanctioned.

Judge: : Lauren Acton

Show Chair: Scott Leeman, leemangoat1@gmail.com 207-341-2075

Show Secretary: Catherine Gignac catharine.gignac@gmail.com

Entry Fee: \$6 per animal if entry postmarked by July 26, 2026. Postmarked after July 26th, \$20.00 per animal.

Make checks payable to: HOMDGA or pay via PAYPAL at HOMDGAmaine@gmail.com

Fees MUST ACCOMPANY entries and be postmarked by July 25th, 2026 or day of show rate will be charged \$20 per animal.

Complete Entry: A complete entry includes 1) proof of insurance as required by Bangor State Fair, 2) The Bangor State Fair Covenant Not To Sue, 3) HOMDGA entry form and 4) show fees. 5) and W-9 Your entry will be returned if it is not complete. Failure to submit any of these by the deadline will constitute a late entry and day of show rates will apply. Failure to submit any of these forms will forfeit your ability to show at Bangor State Fair. All of these forms can be scanned and emailed to Cathy or Scott as well as printed and mailed.

Mail entries to: Cathie Gignac 45 Rowell Rd, Holden ME 04429. Electronic entries are encouraged email: catharine.gignac@gmail.com Please contact Cathie for format. But you still need to mail in all forms with payment.

SHOW RULES AND GUIDELINES

ADGA Rules shall govern these shows

1. Any animals showing signs of contagious and/or infectious diseases will result in the herd being asked to leave. Animals that become sick during the show will be removed from display pens **and will not be shown.**
2. Entries are accepted from all Maine counties provided the herd is not under quarantine. Health papers are required from all out-of-state animals. Out-of-state exhibitors must obtain a written permit from the Maine State Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Augusta, Maine 04333. Permit and health papers may be checked prior to unloading.
3. **No exhibitor will be allowed to unload animals or show without signing the Bangor State Fair Release and Covenant Not to Sue and providing proof of insurance and a signed W-9 as required by Bangor State Fair.**
4. Original registration papers must be presented on all animals over 6 months of age. All animals under 6 months of age may be shown with a stamped duplicate registration. **A stamped duplicate is only valid for 30 days from date ADGA issues (new 2010).** No copies of registration papers will be accepted. Persons showing animals whose papers have been signed for transfer but have not been processed for transfer by the ADGA office must show those animals as agents for the current owner shown on ADGA records.
5. Base date for age computation is date of show **(Aug 8th, 2026)**
6. Animals must be shown in their regular class to be eligible to compete in specialty classes. Animals are to be shown in the same breed in the specialty classes as they were in the regular classes. Purebreds and recorded grades may not be combined.
7. There will be no pre-show milk out.
8. Entries are unlimited (except where noted in specialty classes), however **no more than two premiums will be awarded per exhibitor per class State Law with the exception of one for Best Three Females.**
9. Substitutions will be allowed within a given breed only.
10. Tattoos must be legible if not must have chip and reader to receive a leg on a championship.
11. Order of judging: Recorded Grade, Oberhasli, Nubian, Alpine, AOP (Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg), Nigerian, Lamancha. Order of judging is not subject change.
12. The Senior Doe Show will begin at 9:00 am followed by the Jr. Doe Show. Papers will be checked between 7:00 and 8:00 on Saturday morning and on Friday evening.
13. **Exhibitors are REQUIRED to be on the fairground by 9 am Thursday August 6. Early or late arrivals must be coordinated with the Show Chairperson AND BSF Livestock Superintendent .** The show committee will assign pens, based on registration entry, according to need and availability. Please do not change pen assignments without consulting a

member of the show committee first. **Pens will be available by Wednesday August 5 after 4 pm.**

14. Tack Pens may or may not be available.
15. Some pens at the fair are not built to keep kids or Nigerian Dwarfs in. Please bring items to fill gaps should you need to.
16. Entry fee refunds will only be given **when entire** herd is scratched and the show secretary is notified no later than 3 days prior to the day of show. **Breeders and herds leaving the show before the designated time which is at the livestock superintendent discretion will forfeit all premiums.**
17. Breeders are responsible to follow the general livestock rules as outlined by Bangor State Fair.
18. **Loading of animals after fair dismissal will only be done at the loading dock area off Buck street.**

Show Guidelines:

1. All exhibitors are requested to wear white in the show ring.
2. Owners of permanent champion animals are requested to show them in the champion challenge class.
3. Please have animals ready and at ringside when breed classes are called.

CLASS NUMBERS

ON ENTRY FORM PLEASE INDICATE CLASS NUMBER AND BREED. NOTE IF YOUR BREED IS BEING SHOWN IN AOP THE BREED FOR THE ENTRY FORM IS AOP.

JUNIOR DOES

CLASS

1. Junior kids under 4 months of age
2. Senior kids 4 months and under 8 months of age
3. Junior yearlings 8 months and under 12 months of age
4. Senior Yearlings 12 months and under 24 months of age
5. Junior Get of Sire—Three Junior does all with the same sire
6. Junior best 3 Females – **One entry per exhibitor**

SENIOR DOES

CLASS

7. Milkers under 2 years of age
8. Milkers 2 years and under 3 years of age
9. Milkers 3 years and under 5 years of age
10. Milkers 5 years and older
11. Champion Challenge

SPECIALTY CLASSES

CLASS

12. Senior Dam and Daughter
13. Senior Produce of Dam – Both animals must have freshened at least once
14. Senior Get of Sire – Three Senior does all with the same sire
15. Senior Best 3 Females (to consist of three does in milk—exhibitor owned)—One entry per exhibitor
16. Best Udder

PREMIUMS paid for 8 placings

Jr. Classes

\$25 \$23. \$21. \$19 \$17 \$15 \$13 \$12

Sr. Classes

\$25 \$23. \$21-\$19 \$17 \$15 \$13 \$12

Spec. Classes

\$25, \$23 \$21. \$19. \$17 \$15 \$13 \$12

Champ Challenge

\$25 \$23. \$21. \$19-\$17 \$15 \$13 \$12

*Plus \$5 per animal for every animal shown for education display. Educational displays consist of a farm sign along with a display of content intended to inform the public about agriculture.

*Trophy/Banner and a \$50 premium Awarded to Best Jr. Doe in show, Best Senior Doe in show, and Best Udder in Show.

4-H A.D.G.A SANCTIONED GOAT SHOW

Contest: Friday Aug 7th, 2026

4-H Representative: Scott Leeman

Animals need to be on the fair grounds by Thursday 9am.

Judge: Lauren Acton

Rules and Regulations governing all 4-H Goat Show at Bangor Fair:

1. Entries are open to all youth that are enrolled in an approved 4-H goat project. Participants must have reached their 9th birthdays (except for demonstration class/workshop, and judging contest), but not have passed their 19th birthdays, as of midnight, December 31, 2025.
2. Show entry forms should be sent to: **Cassidy Leeman, 50 Cedar Lane, Etna, ME 04434**. Entries may be submitted by e-mail to cassleeman@gmail.com and must include all the information found on the entry form. **Proof of insurance, covenant not to sue and W-9** may be copied and sent electronically. Mailed entries must be **postmarked by July 24, 2026** in order for a youth to participate. **NO EXCEPTIONS. NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
3. **Complete Entry: A complete entry includes proof of insurance as required by Bangor State Fair, The Bangor State Fair Covenant Not To Sue, W-9 and 4-H entry form. Failure to submit any of these by the deadline will constitute a late entry and will forfeit your ability to show at Bangor State Fair.**
4. **All participants must present the standard 4-H Approval Forms for Animal Shows with embossing from state office and 4-H project records to the 4-H representative on the day of show.** Cloverbuds do not have to have an animal approval form. Due to State Cloverbud regulations Cloverbuds may only show animals in the demonstration class/workshop. For animals owned by a Cloverbud youth to be shown in the 4-H breed classes, the animals must be leased to an older 4-Her eligible to show in those classes. The animals must be listed on the older youths animal approval form.
5. Health papers are required from all out-of-state animals. Out-of-state exhibitors must obtain a written permit from the Maine State Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Augusta, Maine 04333. Permit and health papers may be checked prior to unloading.
6. Participants must tend their own animals at the fair as age appropriate.
7. **All participants must wear white shirts with no printing except of a 4-H nature.** White or khaki **pants** are required. Be neat and presentable.
8. Base date on animal's age will be the date of the show, August 7th, 2026.
9. Entries are unlimited (except where noted in specialty classes), however **no more than two premiums will be awarded per exhibitor per class.**
10. All animals must be on the fairgrounds by **9 am Thursday July 31st, 2025**. Check-in at Show Ring @ 7:30 AM. **Project records need to shown at check-in in order to show.** Animals can arrive Wednesday August 5th after 4pm.
11. **Pen manure doesn't need to be scraped when leaving after the show.**
12. **ORDER OF JUDGING:** Demonstration Class, Fitting and Showmanship, Non-Dairy/Unregistered Show, ADGA/4-H Dairy Goat Show, Judging.
13. All animals must meet the health requirement of the State of Maine, Department of Agriculture, as listed in the rules and regulations of the livestock department. All exhibitors of animals must follow the Penobscot County 4-H Policy and Guidelines Manual.
14. Failure to comply with any rule will be considered just cause for disqualification from the show and/or forfeiture of all premiums.
15. Bangor State Fair reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and regulations. The Bangor State Fair reserves the right to not pay premiums in any category listed in this book if the breeder/exhibitor is not pre-registered and/or his/her animals are not stabled on the fairgrounds.
16. **No horned animals allowed**
17. There is no entry fee for 4-H animals in this show. 4-H members who wish to enter their animals in the Open Show on Saturday August 8th 2026 must submit a separate entry for the Open Show and pay the entry fee. Entry forms for the Open Show should be sent to: Cathie Gignac 45 Rowell RD Holden ME 04429.
18. Breeders are responsible to follow the general livestock rules as outlined by Bangor State Fair
19. **Project records** must be presented to 4-H Representatives before premiums will be awarded.
20. **All 4-Her's who show in the fitting and showmanship contest, and in the breed classes must also participate in the judging contest.**

Order of Events

7:00-9:00 am Check-In

9:00 -11:00 am Demonstration(Cloverbuds) followed by Fitting & Showmanship

11am - 2:00 pm ADGA Sanctioned Breed Classes

2pm - 2:30 pm Judging with the judge.

(NOTE: All times are approximate. Show officials will adjust based on pace of judging. Events will follow one after the other as outlined above.)

I. DEMONSTRATION CLASS/WORKSHOP:

Beginners' Demonstration/Workshop: Ages 8 & under (Cloverbuds): In the interest of safety, each show lists specific age requirements. In this Class/Workshop, the entrant must have a 4-Her over the age of 9 to assist in the ring. The entrant may walk alongside the animal but the older 4-Her must use a lead line and control the animal. The judge asks the entrant questions about the animal that cover such knowledge areas as breed, parts of the goat general care, age and feed. The animal does not need to be owned or leased by the entrant. No registration papers or animal approval forms are necessary. Cloverbuds will receive a Cloverbud ribbon and an honorarium for participation.

II. & III. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Juniors - 9 to 12; Intermediate 13-15; Seniors - 16 to 18

The Fitting and Showmanship Classes have been combined in the respect that as soon as the Senior Division is judged on fitting, they will then be judged on showmanship. Followed by Intermediate division then Junior Division will follow.

Premiums:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th to	15 th
\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9	\$9

V. MAINE STATE ADGA SANCTIONED 4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Open Doe Show

Contest: August 7th 2026

4-H Representative - Show Chairman: Scott Leeman
Show Secretary: Cassidy Leeman
Judge: Lauren Acton

SHOW RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Exhibitors shall follow all rules and regulations governing 4-H goat shows listed above.
2. Registration papers must be presented on all animals over 6 months of age. All animals under 6 months of age may be shown with a stamped duplicate registration. No copies of registration papers will be accepted. Persons showing animals whose papers have been signed for transfer but have not been processed for transfer by the ADGA office must show those animals as agents for the current owner shown on ADGA records.
3. Animals must have been shown in regular classes to participate in specialty classes.
4. Tattoos must be legible to receive a leg on a championship.
5. This show is sanctioned by ADGA for the following breeds: LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Oberhasli, All Other Purebreds (Alpine, Nubian, Toggenburg, Sable, Saanen) and Recorded Grade and **will be shown in this order.**
6. **The 4-H open doe show will begin directly following the Unregistered/Non-Dairy Show.**
7. The Junior and Senior Doe Shows are *not* Separately Sanctioned.
8. All exhibitors are requested to wear white in the show ring.
9. Owners of permanent champion animals are requested to show them in the champion challenge class.
10. Please have animals ready and at ringside when breed classes are called.

ADGA Rules shall govern these events.

Classes for 4-H Breed Classes—Jr. and Sr. Combined Show
Use the following class numbers on the Entry Form

1. Jr. Kids under 4 months of age
2. Sr. Kids 4 months and under 11 months of age
3. Dry Yearlings

Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champions

4. Milkers under 2 years of age
5. Milkers 2 years and under 3 years of age
6. Milkers 3 years and under 5 years of age
7. Milkers 5 years and older

Senior and Reserve Senior Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

8. Champion Challenge

9. Best Udder of Breed (limit two animals per exhibitor)
 10. Best Herd (1 milking doe, 1 dry, 1 exhibitor's choice, must be owned or leased by exhibitor, 1 entry per breed)
- Best Udder in Show
Best Doe in Show

This class will be shown following the Best Doe in Show (all breeds in one class)

12. Dam & Daughter (Dam & her daughter **doe kid** owned or leased by exhibitor) (one entry per exhibitor regardless of breed, grades and purebreds may not be mixed)

Premiums:

1st--\$25 2nd--\$23 3rd--\$21 4th--\$19 5th--\$17 6th--\$15 7th--\$13 8th--\$11

VI. JUDGING

There will be four divisions: Cloverbuds (5-8 yrs. of age), Junior (9-12 yrs. of age), Intermediate (13-15 yrs. of age) and Senior (16 to 18). Awards will be made according to the Danish System except for Cloverbuds who will receive a Cloverbud ribbon and an honorarium for participation.

Premiums

Blue Ribbon Group \$25

Red Ribbon Group \$20

White Ribbon Group \$15

Ribbons will be awarded to premium winners. 4-Hers who are not enrolled in a 4-H goat project but participate in judging will receive a ribbon but no premiums. Project records must be presented to 4-H Representative before premiums will be awarded.

All 4-Her's who show in the fitting and showmanship contest, and in the breed classes must also participate in the judging contest.

2026 WORKING STEERS CATTLE RULES, REGISTRATION, AND PREMIUMS

The Bangor State Fair will be accepting a limited number of exhibitors who wish to show working steers (**maximum of FOUR (4) pair of show quality animals**) and display them at the Cross Insurance Center for weekend two of the fair, **August 6 to August 8th 2026.**

Exhibitors are expected to maintain their animals and exhibit area in first class condition during their stay, have competent, friendly and knowledgeable help in their area during Fair open hours until 9:00 pm every evening to interact with Fair patrons.

Exhibitors must have a farm/name sign displayed with their cattle. Poles and drape will be provided.

We are offering a stipend program for exhibitors in addition to premiums who have fulfilled their obligations (proper documentation, insurance, length of stay etc.) to the Bangor State Fair. Please find the requirements to fulfill along with the stipend amount listed below.

Requirement

Stipend to Be Paid

Show Quality Working Steers including proper documentation, Insurance, length of stay, etc.

\$150 per pair (max 4 pair)

Educational Exhibit

\$150 per pair (max 4 pair)

Exhibitors **must** have an Educational Exhibit and may enter the Fair's Educational Exhibit judging, either as a 4-H project or an open project but not both. (See Fair book for additional Educational contests)

General Livestock Rules

All animals must be castrated in order to be shown where a state stipend is paid. No polled or dehorned steers will be allowed in the working steer show. Wooden goad sticks only. Excessive goad stick use is prohibited and may result in the loss of premiums.

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. Bedding will be provided.

All animals must be in their assigned stalls as of 8:00 pm Wednesday, August 5, 2026 and remain on display through 7:00 pm on Saturday August 8, 2026 to be eligible for stipend payments.

Stall allocation will be limited. All entries with appropriate documentation must be submitted to the Livestock Superintendent no later than June 1, 2026.

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

livestock.bsf@gmail.com 207-356-5069

2026 4-H Working Steer Show: Rules, Registration and Premiums

Weigh In: Thursday August 6, 2026 at 7 am

Rules:

- General Livestock Rules Apply
- All animals over 6 months old must be castrated in order to be shown.
- All 4-H working steers shall be trained to yoke and wooden cart.
- Wooden goad sticks only. Excessive goad stick use is prohibited and may result in loss of premiums.
- Show order will be determined by the Show Superintendent.
- All entries must be emailed to livestock.bsf@gmail.com by July 7, 2026.
- All animals must be in place Wednesday, August 5th at 8:00 pm
- Open to all youth ages 9 – 18 as of January 1st who are enrolled in the 4-H Working Steer Program and doing satisfactory work.
- Cloverbuds ages 5-8 as of January 1st may have a demonstration class at the discretion of the Show Superintendent.

Premiums:

<u>1st Blue</u>	<u>2nd Blue</u>	<u>3rd Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
\$35	\$33	\$31	\$29	\$27

Showmanship Classes:

Show time: Thursday August 6th 10 am

Senior (ages 14 – 18 as of January 1)

Junior (ages 9 – 13 as of January 1)

Cloverbud Demonstrations

Show time: Following Showmanship

Event to be held at the discretion of the Show Superintendent and 4-H Leaders. Cloverbuds will not be eligible for Overall 4-H Teamster Awards.

Cart Classes:

Show time: Friday: Friday August 7 at 6 pm

Senior (ages 14 – 18 as of January 1)

Junior (ages 9 – 13 as of January 1)

Drag Class

Show time: Friday: Friday August 7 at 6 pm

Senior (ages 14 – 18 as of January 1)

Junior (ages 9 – 13 as of January 1)

Overall Teamster Awards:

- Trophies will be awarded to highest scoring teamster in each of the Senior and Junior age divisions.
- Points will be determined by using the Danish system.
- Ties will be broken as needed by points in cart class, followed by showmanship class, followed by points in pulling class.

13 pts – 1st Blue Ribbon

12 pts – 2nd Blue Ribbon

11 pts – 3rd Blue Ribbon

10 pts – 4+ Blue Ribbon

8 pts – Red Ribbon

6 pts - White Ribbon

2026 Open Show Steers & Oxen Rules, Registration and Premiums

Weigh In: Thursday August 6 at 7 am

General Livestock Rules:

- All general livestock rules apply.
- All animals over 6 months old must be castrated in order to be shown. No polled or dehorned steers will be allowed in the show steer & oxen show.
- Wooden goad sticks only. Excessive goad stick use is prohibited and may result in loss of premiums.
- All entries must be emailed to livestock.bsf@gmail.com by July 7, 2026.
- All animals must be in place by Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 8:00 pm
- No halters or ropes will be allowed during the show. Teams must always be under the control of the teamster.
- No animals entered in the 4-H baby beef show can be shown in the open steer show.
- All other breed steers are to be shown in all other breed classes only.

Divisions A – G: **Show Time:** Thursday, August 6, 2026, following the 4-H Showmanship and Cloverbud demo

Divisions A-D: Best Paired and Best Matched

A - Shorthorns

B - Devon

C - Dairy Breeds

D - All Other Breeds

Premiums for Class 1 – 16

1st - \$79, 2nd - \$74, 3rd - \$69, 4th - \$64, 5th - \$59, 6th - \$55, 7th - \$51, 8th - \$47

Class Description

1. Best pair under 500
2. Best matched under 500
3. Best pair 501 – 1000
4. Best matched 501 – 1000
5. Best pair 1001 – 1400
6. Best matched 1001 – 1400
7. Best pair 1401 – 1900
8. Best matched 1401 – 1900
9. Best pair 1901 – 2400
10. Best matched 1901 – 2400
11. Best pair 2401 – 2900
12. Best matched 2401 – 2900
13. Best pair 2901 – 3500
14. Best matched 2901 – 3500
15. Best pair 3501 and over
16. Best matched 3501 and over

Division E: Best Working Pair

Premiums for Class 1 – 7

1st - \$95, 2nd - \$85, 3rd - \$80, 4th - \$76, 5th - \$71, 6th - \$67, 7th \$60, 8th - \$56

Class Description

1. Calf weighing 500 to 1000
2. Steer weighing 1001 to 1400
3. Steer weighing 1401 to 1900
4. Steer weighing 1901 to 2400
5. Oxen weighing 2401 to 2900
6. Oxen weighing 2901 to 3500
7. Oxen weighing 3501 and over

Division F: Best Four

Premiums for Class 1 – 6

1st - \$95, 2nd - \$85, 3rd - \$80, 4th - \$76, 5th - \$71, 6th - \$67, 7th \$60, 8th - \$56

In Classes 1 – 6 for the best 4 steers owned and entered by one farm, the heaviest pair must fit the specified lot, but a lighter pair may be used to make the entry. Each pair may only be used once in this category. Animals will be hitched together and driven by one person. This is not a working class.

Class Description

1. Steer - heaviest pair 500 to 1400
2. Steer - heaviest pair 1401 to 1900
3. Steer - heaviest pair 1901 to 2400
4. Oxen - heaviest pair 2401 to 2900
5. Oxen - heaviest pair 2901 to 3500
6. Oxen - heaviest pair 3501 and over

Division G: Best Teamster Ages 12 & Under

Premiums & Awards:

- 1st Place – Banner and \$50.00
 - Additional Teamsters will receive a premium of \$25.00
- Class Description:
1. Teamsters Ages 12 & under–Teamsters may drive one (1)pair of cattle.

Division H: Open Cart Class

Show Time: Friday, August 7, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Rules:

- General Livestock Rules apply
- All cattle must be trained to yoke and cart prior to entering this class. No first time hitching allowed. Any team not under control of the teamster at all times will be required to unhook.
- Wooden goad sticks only. Excessive goad stick use is prohibited and may result in loss of premiums
- Hook on time: 1 minute
- Course time: 5 minutes
- Any team that exceeds time limits will be asked to unhook.

Premiums for Class 1 – 4

1st - \$95, 2nd - \$88, 3rd - \$83, 4th - \$78, 5th - \$73, 6th - \$68, 7th \$63, 8th - \$58

Class Description

1. Teamsters Ages 12 & under
2. Teamsters Ages 13 – 18
3. Teamsters Over 18 - 64
4. Teamsters 65 and over

Division I: Scooting Contest - Show Steers Only

Show Time: Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 12:00 pm

Rules:

- * 6-minute time limit
- * No ropes, horn chains, halters or collars
- * All chains must be wrapped
- * Helpers must stay at the Brow
- *No fiberglass goad stick or whip
- * No circling around to make a gate
- * Ties will be broken by time

Scoring:

- * Hitting a block 10 pts
- * Knocking over a block 20 pts
- * Missing a gate or circling 20 pts
- * Hitting the Brow 20 pts
- * Going over or under the Brow 1pt/inch
- * Out of course 10 pts
- * Running 20 pts
- * Heavy use of stick 40 pts *2nd warning = Disqualification
- * Over 6-minute time limit 1pt/second

Premiums Class 1 – 5

1st - \$80, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$71, 4th - \$68, 5th - \$63, 6th - \$61, 7th - \$57, 8th - \$53

Class Description

1. Steers weighing under 500
2. Steers weighing 500 - 1400
3. Steers weighing 1401 - 1900
4. Steers weighing 1901 – 2400
5. Oxen weighing 2401 & Over

BSF Rabbit Educational Display & Demonstration 2026

Contact Person Patrick Cammack
Rabbits must be in place by 9 AM August 6, 2026

The purpose of this educational display is to promote the rabbit industry, their benefits, and to teach the public about proper care in a professional courteous manner. The display will be run by Eastern Maine Rabbit Breeders Association (EMRBA). A liaison from the EMRBA will be onsite to communicate, and coordinate with the BSF livestock superintendent. Educational demonstrations will be done to the public throughout the event discussing rabbit breeds, and general rabbit husbandry.

The sale of Rabbits is allowed, per Maine State Law, all rabbits sold must be at least 8 weeks of age. No person under the age of 18 is permitted to purchase a rabbit. BSF will pay* EMRBA \$800 for educational demonstrations and \$400 for the live rabbit display. A minimum of 25 rabbits will be required for the display. *allow EMBRA to compete in a stipend contest requiring educational displays and demonstrations.

RULES & REGULATIONS

RABBIT EXHIBITORS MUST ABIDE BY ALL GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.

1. All Rabbits must meet health requirements as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Maine Department of Agriculture.
2. All Rabbits and Educational Display will be set up in the Cross Center by 9am August 6th 2026 and will be dismissed on August 8th at 6pm.
3. The Rabbit Exhibit is open to any EMRBA who wishes to exhibit.
4. Rabbits must be 8 weeks of age.
5. No diseased or externally parasitic animal will be allowed to enter the show. All rabbits will be inspected.
6. The Fair will not be responsible for rabbits after 8:00 p.m., Saturday August 8th, 2026.
7. Any rabbits removed prior to check out time will forfeit all money (animal illness or sales not included).
8. EMRBA reserves the right to limit the number of rabbits each individual may exhibit.

Open Educational Display Competition 2026

Judges: Unannounced Team
Registration Required - Read Rules below

One of the primary missions of any agricultural fair is to educate the general public as to the mission and contributions of the family farm in today's world. Agriculture plays a vital role in ensuring the quality of life Americans have come to expect.

The Bangor State Fair is committed to being a leader in raising public awareness of the contributions that farmers make. We want everyone to be aware of the sacrifices, hard work, and the rewards that go hand in hand with preserving a way of life that we as a society cannot afford to lose.

To this end, the fair has instituted a series of premium payments that we hope will encourage you, our exhibitors, to share your wealth of knowledge and experience that is part of your day to day life with the fair going public.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. In order to be eligible for premiums, all exhibitors must register by **Thursday, July 30, 2026 before 11:00 AM** at the Livestock Office for **Weekend One** and **Thursday, August 6, 2026 before 10:00 AM** for **Weekend Two** if they intend to participate in the Open Educational Display Competition.
2. **All exhibits** must be on display when the gates open daily from **Thursday, July 30, 2026 through Saturday August 8, 2026 at 6:00pm.**
3. Premiums will be paid in the category Open. 4-H members can have an exhibit in the 4-H Individual class, or in the Open class, but not both.
4. Educational exhibits can include, but are not limited to: charts, graphs, photos, videos, static displays, models, demonstrations, public participation, etc. Let your imagination be your guide!
5. Exhibits should endeavor to tell the story of the particular breed or breeds that are being shown. Any facts, no matter how insignificant they seem to you, will help in educating the public. Charts or graphs that show milk production, butter fat content, meat production, amount of feed or water consumed daily and/or annually, etc., go a long way to involving the public in what you do. Remember, you are working with an audience that may not be aware of modern agriculture and animal husbandry practices, and will welcome all the facts, pictures or demonstrations you can offer.
6. Any individual breeder, farm, or any organization representing a particular breed, farmers' co-op, etc. that exhibits at Bangor State Fair in 2026, is eligible for premium payments and all are encouraged to enter an exhibit.
7. Judging will take into consideration the factual content of displays, the knowledgeable and reliable information on the display as well as the visual appeal of the display. The decision of the judges will be final. Judges are not obligated to award a premium if an entry is deemed to be of insufficient quality and substance.
8. **All displays and demonstrations will be located in an area designated by the livestock superintendent or BSF designee.** To be eligible for a premium, exhibits must be displayed during designated times listed in number 2. A First Place Award **must** score 90 points or better to be awarded. See below for other point requirements.

Exhibits shall be scored as follows:

<i>Exhibit Theme</i> -Does the exhibit tell the story of the commodity that is being shown by the exhibitor?	20 points
<i>Exhibit Title</i> - An attention grabbing, catchy title helps. It should be prominently placed, with the largest lettering of the entire exhibit.	10 points
<i>Lettering</i> - Quality and size of lettering.	5 points
<i>Color, motion or lights</i> - Appropriately and safely used. Is the display visually appealing?	10 points
<i>Originality</i> -Is it imaginative? Does it make appropriate use of graphics and/or props?	20 points
<i>Size of Articles on display</i> -Is the display easily read and seen from a distance of 10 feet?	5 points
<i>Information portrayed to the public</i> -Does the display give pertinent information to the public? <i>Are the sources of information given and reliable?</i>	30 points

Total Points: 100 points

PREMIUMS TO BE PAID (Premiums are awarded in ranked order, not Danish System)

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th and on
OPEN CATEGORY	\$400	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$75

1st place premium must score > 90 points

2nd place premium must score > 85 points

3rd place premium must score > 80 points

4th place premium must score ≥ 75 points

5th place premium must score > 70 points

4-H Educational Display Competition 2026

Judges: Unannounced Team

Register by Monday July 20, 2026

Drop Off: Wednesday July 29, 2026 between 2pm and 7 pm

Pick up: Saturday August 8, 2026 between 6 pm and 8 pm

4-H Representative: Emily Bishop

emily.pigeon@maine.edu 207-942-7396

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To this end, the fair has instituted a series of premium payments that we hope will encourage you, our exhibitors, to share your wealth of knowledge and experience that is part of your day to day life with the fair going public.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. In order to be eligible for premiums, all exhibitors must register by **Monday, July 20, 2026 before 12:00 PM** via email; livestock.bsf@gmail.com and emily.pigeon@maine.edu if they intend to participate in the 4-H Educational Display Competition. Registration is done by sending an email stating your plan to participate.
2. **All exhibits** must be on display when the gates open daily from **Thursday, July 30th at 9 am through Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm**. All Exhibits must remain on the fairgrounds until 6:00 PM on **Saturday August 8, 2026**. They should be removed by 8:00 PM. Any exhibits leaving the fairgrounds before this time, without prior approval of the coordinator, could result in loss of gratuity.
3. Premiums will be paid in two categories: 4-H Individuals, 4-H Clubs. Reminder that 4-H members can have an exhibit in the 4-H Individual class, or in the Open class, but not both.
4. Educational exhibits can include, but are not limited to: charts, graphs, photos, videos, static displays, models, demonstrations, public participation, etc. Let your imagination be your guide!
5. Exhibits should endeavor to tell the story of the particular breed or breeds that are being shown. Any facts, no matter how insignificant they seem to you, will help in educating the public. Charts or graphs that show milk production, butter fat content, meat production, amount of feed or water consumed daily and/or annually, etc., go a long way to involving the public in what you do. Remember, you are working with an audience that may not be aware of modern agriculture and animal husbandry practices, and will welcome all the facts, pictures or demonstrations you can offer.
6. Judging will take into consideration the factual content of displays, the knowledgeable and reliable information on the display as well as the visual appeal of the display. The decision of the judges will be final. Judges are not obligated to award a premium if an entry is deemed to be of insufficient quality and substance.
7. **All displays and demonstrations will be located in an area designated by the livestock superintendent or BSF designee.** To be eligible for a premium, exhibits must be displayed from Thursday, July 30, thru Saturday, August 8. Judging will occur at random, unannounced times from July 30 thru August 1, 2026. A First Place Award **must** score 90 points or better to be awarded. See below for other point requirements.

Exhibits shall be scored as follows:

<i>Exhibit Theme</i> -Does the exhibit tell the story of the commodity that is being shown by the exhibitor?	20 points
<i>Exhibit Title</i> - An attention grabbing, catchy title helps. It should be prominently placed, with the largest lettering of the entire exhibit.	10 points
<i>Lettering</i> - Quality and size of lettering.	5 points
<i>Color, motion or lights</i> - Appropriately and safely used. Is the display visually appealing?	10 points
<i>Originality</i> -Is it imaginative? Does it make appropriate use of graphics and/or props?	20 points
<i>Size of Articles on display</i> -Is the display easily read and seen from a distance of 10 feet?	5 points
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Total Points: 100 points

PREMIUMS TO BE PAID (Premiums are awarded in ranked order, not Danish System)

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th & on
4-H INDIVIDUAL	\$225	\$175	\$125	\$75	\$50	Ribbon & Gratuity
4-H CLUB **	\$225	\$175	\$125	\$75	\$50	Ribbon & Gratuity

1st place premium must score > 90 points

2nd place premium must score > 85 points

3rd place premium must score > 80 points

4th place premium must score > 75 points

5th place premium must score > 70 points

****4-H Clubs registered in Penobscot County are only eligible for premiums if they have submitted their Club Audits in accordance to the Penobscot Leader's Association. See County Educator at Penobscot Cooperative Extension for more information.**

4-H Exhibition Hall and Club Exhibit Rules 2026

Judges: Unannounced Team

Register by July 20, 2026

Drop off on Wednesday July 29, 2026 between 2pm and 7 pm.

Pick up: Saturday August 8, 2026 between 6pm and 8 pm.

4-H Representative: Emily Bishop

emily.pigeon@maine.edu 207-942-7396

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. In order to be eligible for premiums, all exhibitors must register by Monday, July 20, 2026 before 12:00 PM via email: emily.pigeon@maine.edu, if they intend to participate.
2. Those participating in individual display need to complete an exhibit form and a judging card. This will be submitted at drop-off on Wednesday July 29, 2026.
3. All exhibits must be on display when the gates open daily from Thursday July 30 at 9am through Saturday August 8, 2026 at 6 pm. All exhibits must remain on fairgrounds until 6 pm on August 8, 2026. They should be removed by 8pm. Any exhibits leaving the fairgrounds before this time, without prior approval by the coordinator could result in loss of gratuity.
4. Premiums will be paid in two categories; 4-H Individual, 4-H Club

Who can exhibit?

Youth (5-18 as of December 31 of the prior year) in the State of Maine who are enrolled in 4-H and are carrying on approved 4-H projects.

Enrolled youth ages 5-8 (Cloverbuds) are encouraged to exhibit, but will not be judged competitively. Cloverbud members will receive a ribbon and gratuity for displaying their work.

What's the difference between a project and an exhibit?

A 4-H project is the general category (see the list of Project Categories/Exhibit Classes) under which a 4-H member's efforts fall. 4-H'ers are expected to keep an annual Project Record for each of their projects to guide and track their progress. 4-H Project Records are based on goals each youth sets for themselves. Exhibiting in the Fair may be a goal or a step to a goal.

Fair exhibits are a way to share with the public what a club or individual has been doing in 4-H.

What makes an exhibit?

An exhibit is a representative sample of a youth or club's current work in 4-H. Adults may guide work and make suggestions, but not contribute materially to completed exhibits.

Club leaders will submit a fair registration sheet that certifies their club members' exhibits represent current approved projects and activities. Club leaders are responsible for ensuring that all computer-generated graphics, documentation, charts, etc. are the work of the member exhibiting, that their members' exhibits are entered in proper categories and meet minimum standards. **Judges may eliminate any exhibits that are categorized incorrectly or are of inferior quality.**

Exhibits must showcase the work of the member exhibiting, not an assemblage of a kit. "Kits" include the prefabrication, assembly, or collection of component parts which materially diminishes the exercise of those skills the 4-H project is designed to teach. Kits may be included as part of a display or exhibit, but cannot be the primary component of the exhibit. Examples may fall in a hobby or collection category: a model train with a landscape or scenery created by the member; a collection of model cars assembled by the 4-H'er.

Explanations should be included by the member on the judging card to clarify any use of prefabricated components in the exhibit.

Exhibits are limited to a maximum of ten (10) exhibits per member ages 9 and up. Cloverbud exhibits are limited to the ages of the youth, i.e. a 5-year-old can have 5 exhibits.

A maximum of three exhibits per project will be allowed. For example, a 4-H'er may exhibit corn, cucumbers, and potatoes in the garden category, but not 3 corn varieties. A 4-H'er may exhibit decoupage, ceramics and a seasonal craft in the Arts and Crafts category, but not three seasonal crafts. Please contact 4-H county staff if you need assistance categorizing exhibits. **Exhibits may be disqualified if categorized incorrectly.**

Posters may be no larger than 14"x 22". No baled hay or straw is permitted as part of the display or exhibit. 4-H exhibits must be completed before they enter the Hall.

How should individual exhibits be marked?

Each exhibit must be plainly marked with the state-printed version of the 4-H (or Cloverbud, as appropriate) Exhibit & Judging Card AND a Life Skills Wheel card. Be sure to include the age and number of years in the project on the top portion of the Exhibit & Judging Card. Life Skills Wheel cards should be carefully completed on both sides to give judges an accurate idea of the project's scope and the work involved in creating the exhibit.

How are individual exhibits judged?

The "Danish System" is used to evaluate individual 4-H exhibits. This means:

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

Judges may consider skill level based on age and circumstance, and expect a higher performance from older 4-H'ers, so there is some variance within the standard.

Ribbons and premiums (amounts determined by each fair) are awarded to worthy exhibits on the basis of individual merit.

Purple Ribbon/Judges' Choice: Superior quality, excellent work.

Blue Ribbon: Excellent quality, overall good work, may have room for refinement.

Red Ribbon: Average to above average quality. Shows signs of quality, but some areas need improvement.

White Ribbon: Below average quality. Considerable improvement needed.

Premiums for 4-H Exhibit Hall Individual Exhibits

Purple ribbon: \$7 Blue Ribbon: \$5 Red Ribbon: \$3 White Ribbon: \$2 Cloverbud \$3

What about Club Exhibits?

The purpose of the 4-H Club Exhibit is to show the work and goals of 4-H clubs and/or educate the public about 4-H. Club Exhibits should display the meaning and spirit of 4-H through examples of one or more projects (dairy, photography, gardening, etc.), and use "4-H" in the title. All 4-H and Cloverbud club exhibits must be prepared by members of the club, not parents or leaders, although adults can assist youth as partners in the process. Cloverbud clubs will not be judged competitively, but will receive a rosette and gratuity. The Club Exhibit should show the variety of things the Club has been involved in over the past year. Club Exhibits can be up to 5' tall, up to 6' wide and 4' deep (5' x 6' x 4') and should make use of the full display area. Tables may be available by request.

The Club's name may be a part of the club exhibit (it will be covered during judging)...OR the Club may have

a poster with their Club name and county neatly printed on an 8.5-inch by 11-inch sheet of poster paper or other decorative sturdy paper to be placed on the Club Exhibit AFTER it has been judged. Please remember that individual youth names should not be included on the display.

A reminder that any active 4-H Club in Penobscot County is required to exhibit a Club Exhibit for Bangor State Fair. Premiums will only be awarded to Penobscot County Clubs that have submitted their Club Audits in accordance to the Penobscot County Leaders Association. See County Educator at Penobscot Cooperative Extension for more information.

4-H Club Exhibits will be scored as follows:

	Maximum points:
Exhibit theme (Should express ONE idea or message)	10
Exhibit title (Brief catchy title clearly visible: 3-inch/largest lettering of exhibit)	10
Legibility (readable text/typeface from 4 feet away)	10
Color or motion appropriately used	10
Arrangement (Objects in exhibit should be well spaced, sturdy, and balanced)	10
Originality (Was imagination and/or creativity used?)	10
Size of articles on display (Recognizable at a distance of 4 feet)	10
Communicates the purpose of 4-H/the Club to the public	10
Use of exhibit space—does it utilize all the available space (ok to use wall only)	10
The following areas should be included in the exhibit:	
Community Service	5
Field Trips the Club has taken	5
Health & Safety issues	5
Demonstrations	5
Environmental Awareness	5
Media Coverage by Club (4-H newsletter counts)	5
Total possible points:	120

Bonus points (up to 20) for the WOW factor may be used to break a tie. Club Exhibits will be scored and ranked (1st-8th).

Premiums for Club Exhibits in Exhibit Hall

1st - \$75 2nd - \$60 3rd - \$50 4th - \$40 5th and on \$35

Project Categories/Exhibit Classes

101. Aerospace (replaces Rocketry): the atmosphere of the Earth and the region of space around it; the industry concerned with aircraft, missiles, satellites and spacecraft; travel in space. Projects in this area should focus on the knowledge and research of this frontier science field. No flammable fuels.

102. Agriculture: The science, art, and business of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock. Projects in this area should reflect work in the history of agriculture, global agriculture, current issues such as genetically modified crops, organic designation, etc. Work should be thorough and clearly presented through

various media.

103. Aquaculture: Rearing aquatic animals or cultivating aquatic plants for food. Projects in this area should reflect work in this area, such as raising bait, developing trout ponds, etc. and may be presented through various media.

104. Arts & Crafts: Activities and hobbies that are related to making things with one's own hands and skills. Exhibits in this project area could reflect work in pottery or ceramics, basket making, seasonal crafts, jewelry, leather craft, candle making, decoupage, glass, stonework, or other areas.

105. Beef: Cattle that are raised for meat. Projects in this area should focus on the production, management, genetics, or skills necessary for the production of quality beef animals. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

106. Bicycle: Projects in this area all should have something to do with bikes; development of a bike trail, bike safety, research on effectiveness of bike helmets, rules of the road for riding bikes in traffic, uses of bicycles around the world for transportation, inventions of bike accessories, etc. and may be presented through various media.

107. Cats: Projects in this area should focus on the care and ownership of this domesticated animal and may be presented through various media.

108. Child Care & Development: Child Care is the service involving care for other people's children, development covers the biological and psychological changes that occur between birth and adulthood. Projects in this area should include strategies, tools, safety, child nutrition, and/or research covering stages of child development, etc. and may be presented through various media.

109. Clothing, Textile, & Fiber Arts: Clothing includes coverings for the body; a textile is any kind of woven, quilted, knitted, crocheted, knotted or tufted cloth or nonwoven fabric. Fiber arts include spinning, weaving, felting, and quilting. Exhibits should include examples of work that demonstrate different techniques and levels of difficulty for the participant and may include samples of home decor and furnishings made of cloth as well as surface decoration (tie-dye, marbling, stenciling, etc.) of textiles or clothing.

110. Communications & Public Speaking: The activity of conveying ideas to the public/potentially large audiences. Projects in this area should cover any form of communication including journalism using either traditional or new technology. Exhibits in this category can include written copy of any speech to convince, to deliver information, or to entertain on any appropriate topic. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

111. Composting & Recycling: Composting is the decomposition of biodegradable organic matter; recycling is the art and/or science of processing used materials to create new products. Projects in this area should research or demonstrate either composting or recycling and may be presented in a variety of media. Exhibiting creative transformations of waste into decorative or useful items is encouraged.

112. Computer Technology: The activity of designing, constructing and programming computers. Projects in this area should focus on knowledge of and show examples of computer hardware or programs. (See **148** for website and digital design)

113. Creativity Unlimited: This category is for any exhibit that does not fit under another category. **No more than two exhibits may be entered in this category.**

114. Dairy Cattle: Cattle that are reared for their milk production. Projects in this area should focus on the production, management, genetics, or skills necessary for the production of quality dairy animals. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

115. Digital Art: computer generated, scanned or drawn using a tablet and a mouse. Work should be framed or otherwise prepared for hanging.

116. Dog: Projects in this area should focus on the care, ownership and skills of the owner and animal. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

117. Energy: Any source of usable power. Projects in this area should research or demonstrate types of energy such as solar, geothermal, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, coal, fuel oil, renewable, or research of energy

efficiency, or projects dealing with electricity are expected, etc. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

118. Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment: Apparatus for agricultural production. Projects in this area should focus on the uses, maintenance, function, or development of this equipment. Results can be presented in various media.

119. Entomology & Bees: The study of insects. Projects in this area should focus on insects, their habitats, their body structure, groups of insect families, current issues in insect health, care and maintenance of bee equipment, etc. **No live insects permitted.** Exhibit examples: A display showing at least three stages of the life cycle of one insect; mounted labeled insects; one half pint of honey from a member's beehive; a display, poster or notebook about beekeeping, social structure of bees, the beehive or how to extract honey, etc. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

120. Entrepreneurship & Economics: The practice of business, economics or marketing. Projects in this area should center on business opportunities or business aids the 4-H'er has developed. Photographs, descriptions of plans, products, brochures, t-shirts or web pages explaining the business or product are all welcome. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

121. Fine Arts 2D Original creations; all work done by the 4-H'er. Projects in this category include drawings and prints; watercolor, acrylic or oil paintings; collage. Items must be framed or otherwise prepared for hanging.

122. Fine Arts 3D Original creations, all work done by the 4-H'er. Projects in this category include assemblage, sculpture of wood, stone, clay, and/or metal. Items must be prepared for display.

123. Family Life: The members of a household under one roof including the strengths and needs of all. Exhibits in this area could include examples of family events such as game night, or methods of dealing with family stresses including births, hospice, or financial restrictions and how the family developed strategies to thrive during stress. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

124. Foods and Food Preservation: Exhibits in this area may include samples of foods that have been prepared by the 4-H'er. Food exhibits must include a sample of **3 servings on a disposable plate inside of a clear plastic bag** and write recipe on recipe card. Items must be food safe for the judges and will be on display during hot weather. Food will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance. Food preservation exhibits should include **two samples of food that has been preserved** with details about processing indicated on the Life Skills wheel. Sealed containers will not be opened. Other examples of food project exhibits include a weekly menu plan developed to promote good health or for a specialty purpose—vegan, gluten-free, diabetes management, etc.

125. Forestry: The art and science of managing forests, tree plantations, and related natural resources. Projects in this area should research or demonstrate uses, products, or critical issues in the area of natural forest resources. Work may be presented in a variety of media. Examples: One half pint of maple (or other tree) syrup that the member collected and processed or a display, poster or notebook about maple sugaring, identification and life cycle of trees, invasive forest species, etc.

126 Gardening & Horticulture: This area includes cultivation of plants; fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamentals. Projects should reflect work in gardening (either indoors or outdoors) and the production of food items, flowers, herbs, etc. Work may be presented in a variety of media. Produce should be displayed in the quantities listed:

1. Beans or peas—10 pods
2. Radishes or Brussels sprouts—5 each
3. Corn—3 ears
4. Beets, cucumbers, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, onions, peppers or tomatoes (green or ripe) - 3 each
5. Small fruit, including cherry tomatoes-½ pint box
6. Turnips, rutabagas, cabbage, broccoli, melon, squash or pumpkin – 1 each
7. Indoor plants must be alive and healthy.
8. Herbs may be either dried or living
9. Floral arrangements and corsages may use any combination of cultivated and wildflowers to present a pleasing visual effect. No invasive or poisonous species, please.

127 Goats: Agile animals that are raised for dairy production, fiber, meat or companionship. Projects in this area should focus on the production, management, genetics, or skills necessary for the production of quality, healthy goats. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

128 Healthy Living: (Includes Health and First Aid) Taking responsibility by making smart health choices for today and the future. Projects in this area may include research and demonstration in a variety of areas including fitness, smoking prevention, drug free activities for teens and families, personal safety of information on the internet, etc. Examples: A first aid kit for the family, barn or vehicle; posters including photos of the 4-H'er participating in designated sport and containing information on the extent of involvement. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

129 Hobbies & Collections: A hobby is a spare-time recreational pursuit; a collection is 4 or more things grouped together and intended to be viewed as a whole. Projects in this area should be clearly described. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

130 Home Environment: (includes Landscape or Exterior Home Beautification, Home Improvement) Deals with the physical surroundings of the home. Projects in this area could deal with exterior decorating, weatherization, modification or repair, landscaping, housing for pets, etc. Work may be presented in a variety of media, including photos, renderings, and maps.

131 Horse: Projects in this area should focus on the management, genetics or skills necessary to produce or maintain quality, healthy animals. Work can be presented in a variety of media.

132 Industrial Arts and Building Trades: Hands-on work demonstrating engineering, metalworking or carpentry; knowledge and skills needed to work with tools and machinery. Projects in this area should focus on design and skill development in the areas of industrial arts. Exhibits including samples of work, design plans, representations of demonstrations, research, etc. are welcome.

133 Leadership: The ability to influence a group of people to move toward a common goal. Projects in this area should focus on leadership opportunities and the results of taking advantage of those opportunities. Exhibit examples include posters, scrapbooks, or other appropriate presentations of information and experience.

134 Outdoor Education, Recreation & Environmental Stewardship: The act of going out into the natural environment, learning about and respecting the environment; forms of recreation that take place outdoors. Projects in this area may cover a specific topic or activity and should include research, demonstration, and/or a presentation of a specific area of expertise.

135 Performing Arts: Arts or skills that require public performance. Projects in this area could include dance, drama, music, puppetry, mime, clowning, magic, etc. Presentations should include some type of visual that can be viewed or auditory that can be listened to by the judges and public. Video and audio files may be submitted on flash drives, but each exhibit should be the only file on that flash drive. The duration of any video or audio file should be less than 10 minutes.

136 Personal Development: To guide oneself toward improvement and achieving their own aspirations. Projects in this area could focus on an area of self-improvement including but not limited to strength training, flexibility, learning a new skill, etc. Results should be documented in a thorough way that shows this process but protects the privacy of the individual. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

137 Pets: Projects in this area will include any animal whose main purpose is companionship and does not have another specific category. Exhibits should focus on the skills and knowledge necessary to own this animal. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

138 Photography & Video: Act of taking and printing photos; moving pictures stored digitally for editing or playback. Exhibits in this area could include a photo album, samples of photos taken (2 for ages 9-12; 3 for ages 13 and up) or video clips taken by the 4-H'er. Video and audio files may be submitted on flash drives, but they should be the only file on that flash drive. The duration of any video or audio file should be less than 10 minutes. **Photos must be framed and prepared for wall hanging or be appropriately displayed on a shelf.**

139 Physical Science: The term for the branch of natural science that studies non-living systems. Projects in this area could focus on rock formation, weather, geology, caves, etc.; may include collections of rock specimens (10 or more-if small; for heavy or large items, consider photography, etc.). Work may be presented in a variety of

media.

140 Poultry: Domesticated fowl kept primarily for meat and eggs. Projects in this area should focus on the skills and knowledge necessary to produce healthy, productive poultry. Work may be presented in a variety of mediums. Please note: eggs must be clean or they will not be accepted for exhibit. Clear plastic egg cartons will be provided for display.

141 Rabbits: Domesticated and raised for pets, food, or fiber. Projects in this area should focus on the skills and knowledge necessary to produce healthy, productive rabbits. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

142 Safety: Knowledge and skills to prevent injuries and accidents and how to get assistance when they occur, including but not limited to farm and rural safety, fire safety, injury and illness prevention, kitchen safety, internet and technology use, and environmental safety. Projects in this area could include family fire escape plan, toddler proofing plan, research about accident prevention, etc. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

143 Science: This category is for projects in the fields of biological science, astronomy, chemistry, plant science, marine science or any science not covered by another category. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

144 Sheep: Animals that are raised for fiber, meat or milk. Projects in this area should focus on the skills, knowledge, and equipment necessary to produce healthy, productive sheep. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

145 Swine: Also called hogs or pigs and primarily used as sources of food. Projects in this area should focus on the skills and knowledge necessary to produce healthy, productive swine. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

146 Shooting Sports: Activities including hunting, marksmanship, archery, crossbow, and related firearms. Projects in this area may cover safety, equipment, ethics, landowner relationships, etc. and may contain a pictorial demonstration. **No firearm and/or projectile equipment may be submitted by a 4-H member for exhibit in the 4-H Exhibit Hall.** Work may be presented in a variety of media.

147 Technology & Engineering: Practical application of existing scientific and engineering techniques rather than theory and design. Projects in this area could focus on bridges, buildings, inventions, power sources, transportation systems, etc. Demonstrations and handcrafted models of ideas could be presented. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

148 Veterinary Science: The branch of medical science which deals with the study of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases in companion, domestic, exotic, wildlife and production animals. Projects could include observations from a day with a vet, birthing experiences of your own animals; new techniques in veterinary science, etc. Work may be presented in a variety of media.

149 Volunteerism & Citizenship: The willingness of people to work on behalf of others without being motivated by financial gain, learning to be an informed and active member of society. Projects in this area should document volunteer activities and show the importance of community engagement. Exhibits may include photographs, detailed records of volunteer hours, testimonials of persons or causes supported, informative collections of historic items of national or local interest, or any other appropriate media.

150 Web & Graphic Design: Projects of creative visual expression of content delivered by display or internet. Examples include: link to website; hi-resolution jpg for graphics

151 Wildlife & Fisheries: All animals that are undomesticated; the aquatic population harvested recreationally. Projects in this area should focus on harvesting, recreation, or tourism aspects of this category. Exhibits could include articles made by the 4-H'er, such as: a collection of 6 flies including 1 dry, 1 nymph, 1 streamer and 3 other flies; tying tool block; hatband or other fishing related projects appropriate to age and skill level.

152 Woodworking: Work may be presented in a variety of media, including examples of items created from wood with hand tools: whittling/carving, small items of furniture, birdhouses, etc.

153 Working Steer: Young male cattle trained to work with a yoke and to do heavy pulling similar to draft horses. Projects in this area should focus on the skills and knowledge necessary to train and work with steers, safety or equipment. The material may be presented in various media.



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RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

I, _____ (print name), of _____ (place of residence), being at least eighteen years of age or legally emancipated, in consideration of participation in the 2016 Bangor State Fair as a livestock exhibitor and access to certain premises owned by the City of Bangor, a municipal corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Maine, for that purpose do hereby for myself, my successors, heirs and assigns, fully and completely RELEASE and HOLD HARMLESS said Bangor State Fair, Global Spectrum, LP , City of Bangor, H.C. Bangor, LLC and their officers, servants, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands and actions that I may have, or that my successors, heirs or assigns may have, on account of loss, damage or injury, including personal injury, that I may sustain upon the premises of the City of Bangor, Bass Park and Bangor State Fair grounds. I hereby acknowledge that I have been warned and cautioned that said premises may be in an unsafe condition, and may contain latent and hidden defects, which make entry thereon hazardous. I understand and acknowledge that my entry onto the described premises shall be at my sole risk and exposure, and I hereby voluntarily assume any and all risks of loss, damage or injury, including personal injury, known or unknown, potentially arising out of my entry thereon. I hereby further voluntarily assume the obligation to ascertain the presence and location of any and all hazards upon the described premises, and I hereby acknowledge and agree that no representation by the City of Bangor or by any of its officers, agents, servants or employees at any time shall relieve me or such partnership or corporation from the obligation to fully and independently investigate and ascertain the presence or absence of all such hazards. Further, I acknowledge and agree that no inaccuracy or error in any representation by the City of Bangor or by any of its officers, agents, servants or employees with respect to the presence, absence, location, kind or nature or any hazards upon the described premises shall be deemed by any person to give rise to a claim by myself or by any such partnership or corporation for any injury sustained as a result of such inaccuracy or error. WITNESS my hand and seal this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Signature

Printed Name



BANGOR STATE FAIR

CAMPING SERVICES ORDER FORM

Sites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to **Livestock Exhibitor** applicants, **until July 10, 2026**, who submit a complete application and confirmed payment. Camping is only allowed in designated areas. We suggest reserving your spot early as space is limited and fills up quickly

Livestock Exhibitor: This type of exhibitor is anyone that deals directly with the Agricultural portion of the Bangor State Fair and needs access to the livestock barns at all hours of the day to tend to livestock and other animals. Livestock Exhibitors wishing to rent a camping plot which include a rate of \$75.00 for access to **just electricity and water** for the run of the Fair. **Livestock Exhibitors have until July 10, 2026 to reserve a Camping spot.**

Upon receipt of completed Camping Services Order Form, and full payment of Order Total, an acceptance letter will be sent confirming reservation of space and giving further information regarding move-in/out instructions, reserved spot location, and general camping guidelines.

On-Site Contact Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Livestock Exhibitor

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

RV/CAMPER INFORMATION:

RV/Camper Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

RV/Camper Length: _____ RV/Camper Color: _____

License Plate #: _____ License Plate State: _____

CATEGORY	AMENITIES	RATE	Weekend 1 July 29-Aug2, 2026	Weekend 2 Aug 5-Aug 8, 2026	TOTAL
Camper	Electricity & Water	\$75.00/weekend			
Tent	Electricity	\$50.00/weekend			

ORDER TOTAL: _____

Make Checks payable to: Bangor State Fair

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CCNumber: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Name on Card (please print): _____ V Code _____

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