

20. Judges will not recommend or make awards on more articles or animals than there are premiums offered in the official printed list unless authorized by Superintendent and Secretary.
21. The records of awards as offered in the official premium list and returned by the superintendents and judges of the different departments shall be authority recognized by the Secretary in drawing premium orders.
22. The payment of premiums will commence Monday a.m. of fair week or thereafter as soon as possible and continue through October following each annual fair.
23. Premium checks will be sent by mail to exhibitors. Premium checks should be cashed within 30 days. Any uncashed checks by the end of six (6) months from issue date shall become void. Checks may be issued during fair week for horse, pony & farm tractor pulls.
24. PROTEST - All protest must be made in writing and state the specific cause of the complaint or appeal. Any Exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following: (a) Conflict of interest of the judge (b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor (c) Exhibitor, group leader or superintendent behavior (d) Eligibility of the exhibit. The result of the decision by the judge(s) is final. Exhibitors have 10 days from the close of the fair to file a complaint or appeal with the Fair Office. All protests will be considered by the Board of Directors at the October or December meeting following each annual fair. The Board of Directors will then issue a notice recommending action on the findings. The exhibitor has 45 days from the date that the complaint was filed with the fair to file an appeal with the Department of Agriculture. The department has 60 days to investigate the appeal and issue a report on the findings. In each case of protest the party protesting must deposit with the superintendent of their department the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, which sum shall, in the event of the protest being sustained, be returned to the complainant, and if the protest shall not be sustained, then said sum shall be forfeited.
25. Reasonable care will be taken of all articles and animals on exhibition, but in no case will the Society be responsible for any loss or damage to the same.
26. The Hillsdale County Agricultural Society maintains what it considers an adequate police force and night watch on the grounds, but does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage of goods or exhibits by fire or theft and upon these condition entries will be received.
27. No roaming solicitations allowed including leaflets, flyers or distribution of any materials.
28. No Bicycles, Rollerblades, Roller skates and Skateboards are permitted on the grounds during fair week. All Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited on the fair grounds, except at special events where alcoholic beverage use has been approved by the Board of Directors.
29. Reptiles or animals are not allowed on the fairgrounds during fair week unless the animal has been pre-registered as part of an entertainment show, a 4-H animal, an FFA animal, an open class animal, pulling contest animal, an animal registered with a party camping on the fairgrounds, an animal with the Sheriff Mounted Division, an animal being used by a person under the American Disability Act or an animal or reptile approved by the secretary-manager of the fair.
30. Ribbons and Rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
31. Cattle - Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) & RFID Electronic identification ear tag requirements refer to the Cattle Section of the MDARD Health Requirements.
32. Sheep & Goats - Scrapies tagging requirements refer to the Goat and Sheep Section of the MDARD Health Requirements. Refer to the rules in the Sheep Section in Open Class for tagging clarifications.
33. All Equidae (equine) except foals under six (6) months and nursing their dam must present proof of a negative test to Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the 12 previous months and have papers checked prior to unloading. Refer to the Horse and Other Equidae section of the MDARD Health Requirements.
34. DRUG TESTING POLICY- Any animal entered in any class at the fair may be subjected to drug testing at the discretion of the Fair Manager, Superintendent, or his/her designated representative. The Fair's veterinarian/authorized representative may collect urine, blood, hair and/or other test samples for cause. Refer to Livestock Sample Collection Procedures pg 59 .
35. Open Class premiums shall not be awarded in an animal class where an exhibitor is less than 6 years of age by December 31 of the fair exhibition year.
36. Open Class Youth age policy - participants are limited to youth who are 19 years of age by December 31st of the fair/exposition year or younger.
37. Youth Department Age Eligibility - refer to the Youth Department General Rules and Regulations eligibility requirements.
38. The fair reserves the right to photograph and record your exhibits.

**Entry Instructions:**

1. Use the entry form enclosed with premium book or request entry forms from the Fair Office. Photo copies are acceptable. Please use two entry forms when entering still exhibits and livestock.
2. Write your name and post office address plainly.
3. Make entries conform to premium list rules and classifications.
4. Give department, section, class, and accurate description of entry.
5. In stock entries give age, sex and breed required by premium book rules.
6. Send list by mail as early as possible, including entry and stall or pen fees as listed in premium book. All animals and articles must be in place for judging by times listed at head of each department.

7. Read the rules in premium list.
8. Make all entries according to rules of department.
9. Livestock entries close when filled but no later than the entry deadline date for Open Class. Late entries may be accepted if space allows, subject to a late fee of \$25.

**FARM MACHINERY:**

To the merchants, agents and factories dealing in farm implements, or any heavy farm machinery, we extend to you a cordial invitation to exhibit at our fair. We pledge you a hearty welcome. This is a prosperous agricultural district and there is always a large attendance of farmers at the fair, which are looking for something they need and expect to buy. Many come to the fair with the express intention of looking over these exhibits, who want to see the very latest and best, and to hear the points of excellence and superiority explained. This affords one of the very best opportunities to show farm machinery and implements directly to the purchaser, and we encourage the exhibition to the fullest extent.

# DEPARTMENT 1 DAIRY CATTLE

*Superintendent—Gary Nye*

**Rules:**

1. Entries Close—When stalls are filled, but no later than August 31st, 2018.
2. Entry Fee—\$5.00 per head and a one time Livestock Exhibitor Fee of \$3.00 must be sent with Entry Form.
3. In Place—All animals must be in place for showing by Sunday, September 23rd at Noon.
4. Judging—Thursday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m.
5. Removal—No animals removed before 10:00 p.m. on closing day of Fair.
6. The Society will not furnish hay or bedding for stock.
7. All cattle entered must be eligible to register in a recognized herd book; exhibitors must furnish certificates of registry for all animals over one year of age, and also certificates of transfer when not bred by exhibitor, if requested to do so by the Superintendent.
8. Quality of animals and fitness for breeding (meaning neither too fat nor too lean nor showing signs of bareness, with justness of proportion), to be considered, next after establishing purity of blood.
9. All cows, 2 years old or over, shall show signs of producing calf within 9 months.
10. Only one herd shall be shown by the same exhibitor where there is no competition.
11. Animals may be shown for both single and herd Premiums.
12. Animals competing for sweepstakes will be allowed to compete for single Premiums.
13. First and second place winners qualify to show for Champion and Reserve Champion.
14. If animals and stall are not kept clean and bedded, Premiums may be withheld.
15. Any stall not occupied by livestock may be used for bedding and supplies with approval with Department Superintendent.
16. An Exhibitor is not entitled to draw more than two moneys in any individual class and only one money in group classes.
17. All cattle moving to a show, sale, or exhibition are required to have an official Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) ear tag. Refer to the MDARD Health Requirements on page 8 of the Premium Book.
18. You may call the superintendent at (517)849-2949 if you have any questions.

## The following Premiums and Classes apply to Section 1 through 6

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	30.00	27.00	23.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00

Section 1	HOLSTEINS
Section 2	JERSEYS
Section 3	GUERNSEYS
Section 4	AYRSHIRES
Section 5	BROWN SWISS
Section 6	MILKING SHORTHORNS

## *Bulls*

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
1	100	Bull Calf-born after 9/1/17	(over 4 months of age)
1	101	Yearling Bull-9/1/16—	8/31/17

*Do not enter Classes 102 through 105, Awarded by Judge*

1	102	Junior Champion	Ribbon
1	103	Reserve Junior Champion	Ribbon
1	104	Grand Champion	Rosette
1	105	Reserve Champion	Rosette

## Junior Females

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
1		115	Spring Heifer Calf – After 3/1/18
1		116	Winter Heifer Calf—12/1/17 - 2/28/18
1		117	Fall Heifer Calf - 9/1/17 to 11/30/17
1		118	Summer Yearling Heifer- 6/1/17 to 8/31/17
1		119	Spring Yearling Heifer - 3/1/17 to 5/31/17
1		120	Winter Yearling Heifer - 12/1/16 to 2/28/17
1		121	Fall Yearling Heifer - 9/1/16 to 11/30/16
1		122	3 Best Junior Females Bred By Exhibitor

*Do not enter Classes 123 & 124, Awarded by Judge*

1		123	Junior Champion	Ribbon
1		124	Reserve Junior Champion	Ribbon

## Senior Females

*(Milk out at the discretion of the Judge)*

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
1		134	Senior Yearling in milk—born 9/1/16 to 2/29/17
1		135	Jr. Two Yr. old born—3/1/16 to 8/31/16
1		136	Sr. Two Yr. old born—9/1/15 to 2/28/16
1		137	Jr. Three Yr. Old—3/1/15 to 8/31/15
1		138	Sr. Three Yr. Old—9/1/14 to 2/28/15
1		139	Four Yr. old cow born—9/1/13 to 8/31/14
1		140	Aged Cow 5 Years Old and Over-born before 9/1/13
1		141	Dry Cow Class-Any Age

*Do not enter Classes 142 through 146, Awarded by Judge*

1		142	Senior Champion	Ribbon
1		143	Reserve Senior Champion	Ribbon
1		144	Grand Champion	Rosette
1		145	Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
1		146	Best Udder of Breed	Rosette

## Group Classes

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
1		155	Produce of Dam shall consist of 2 animals, either sex or any age, the produce of one cow. The Dam must be named on the entry form, and each exhibitor is limited to one entry per Dam. Animals need not be owned by the exhibitor.
1		156	Best 3 Females shall consist of 3 females any age, all to have been bred, and at least 2 to be owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry.
1		157	Dam and Daughter
1		158	Herd of 4 Females that have Freshened

## Section 7: Special Supreme Champion

*Do not enter Section 7, Awarded by Judge*

1	7	169	Supreme Champion	Trophy & \$100
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*(Grand Champion from each Breed Class #144)*

# DEPARTMENT 3 BEEF CATTLE

Superintendent—Gary Nye

### Rules:

- Entries Close—When stalls are filled, but no later than August 31st, 2018.
- Entry Fee—\$5.00 per head and a one time Livestock Exhibitor Fee of \$3.00 must be sent with Entry Form.
- In Place—All animals must be in place for showing by Sunday, September 23rd at 12:00 Noon.
- Judging—Tuesday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m.
- Removal—No animals removed before 10:00 p.m. on closing day of fair.
- All cattle shown except in group classes must be property of the exhibitor when entered.
- All beef breeding cattle entered must be eligible to be registered. Exhibitors must furnish certificates of registration for all animals, if requested to do so by the Superintendent. We recognize the beef industry has crossbred cattle for many years and would honor crossbred calves from registered dams.
- First and second place winners qualify to show for Champion and Reserve Champion.
- If animals and stalls are not kept clean and bedded, Premiums may be withheld.
- Dry Cows must have weaned calf by side.
- An Exhibitor is not entitled to draw more than two moneys in any individual class and only one money in group classes.
- Any stalls not occupied by livestock may be used for bedding and supplies with approval with Department Superintendent.

- All cattle moving to a show, sale, or exhibition are required to have an official Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) ear tag. Refer to the MDARD Health Requirements on page 8 of the Premium Book.
- You may call the superintendent at (517)849-2949 if you have any questions.

## The following Premiums and Classes apply to Section 17 through 23

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	30.00	27.00	23.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00

Section 17	HEREFORDS
Section 18	ANGUS
Section 19	SHORTHORNS
Section 20	SIMMENTAL
Section 21	LIMOUSIN
Section 22	OTHER EXOTIC BREEDS, 75% or more of one breed
Section 23	ALL CROSSBRED CATTLE, Less than 75% of one breed

## Bulls

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
3		300	Junior Calf—7/1/18 and after
3		301	Junior Calf—5/1/18 through 6/30/18
3		302	Junior Calf—3/1/18 through 4/30/18
3		303	Junior Calf—1/1/18 through 2/28/18
3		304	Winter Calf—11/1/17 through 12/31/17
3		305	Senior Calf—9/1/17 through 10/31/17

*Do not enter Classes 306 and 307, Awarded by Judge*

3		306	Junior Calf Champion	Ribbon
3		307	Reserve Junior Calf Champion	Ribbon

3		308	Late Summer Yearling—7/1/17 through 8/31/17
3		309	Early Summer Yearling—5/1/17 through 6/30/17
3		310	Spring Junior Yearling—3/1/17 through 4/30/17
3		311	Junior Yearling—1/1/17 through 2/29/17
3		312	Senior Yearling—9/1/16 through 12/31/16

*Do not enter Classes 313 through 316, Awarded by Judge*

3		313	Junior Champion Bull	Ribbon
3		314	Reserve Junior Champion Bull	Ribbon
3		315	Grand Champion Bull	Rosette
3		316	Reserve Champion Bull	Rosette

## Junior Females

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
3		326	Junior Calf—7/1/18 and after
3		327	Junior Calf—5/1/18 through 6/30/18
3		328	Junior Calf—3/1/18 through 4/30/18
3		329	Junior Calf—1/1/18 through 2/28/18
3		330	Winter Calf—11/1/17 through 12/31/17
3		331	Senior Calf—9/1/17 through 10/31/17

*Do not enter Classes 332 and 333, Awarded by Judge*

3		332	Junior Calf Champion	Ribbon
3		333	Junior Calf Reserve Champion	Ribbon

3		334	Late Summer Yearling—7/1/17 through 8/31/17
3		335	Early Summer Yearling—5/1/17 through 6/30/17
3		336	Spring Junior Yearling—3/1/17 through 4/30/17
3		337	Junior Yearling—1/1/17 through 2/29/17
3		338	Senior Yearling—9/1/16 through 12/31/16

*Do not enter Classes 339 and 340, Awarded by Judge*

3		339	Junior Champion Cow	Ribbon
3		340	Reserve Junior Champion Cow	Ribbon

3		341	Two Years Old and Calf—3/1/15 through 8/31/15
3		342	Three years old and over and Calf

*Do not enter Classes 343 through 346, Awarded by Judge*

3		343	Senior Champion Cow	Ribbon
3		344	Senior Champion Reserve Cow	Ribbon
3		345	Grand Champion Cow	Rosette
3		346	Reserve Champion Cow	Rosette

## Groups

*(Any animal shown in the following group classes must have been shown in the above individual classes.)*

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description
3		356	Junior Get of Sire (Not included in A.H.A. Classes) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three animals—both sexes represented</li> <li>Bulls from classes 300 through 312</li> <li>Heifers from classes 326 through 338</li> </ol>

3	357	2 Bulls	
		a. Any age-owned by exhibitor	
		b. From classes 300 through 312	
3	358	Pair of Yearlings	
		a. One Bull and one Heifer	
		b. Bull from classes 308 through 312	
		c. Heifer from classes 334 through 338	
3	359	Pair of Calves	
		a. One Bull and one Heifer	
		b. Bull from classes 300-305	
		c. Heifer from classes 326-331	
3	360	Produce of Dam 2 of either sex	
3	361	Breeders Herd	
		One Bull and three Cows or Heifers	
		The females have to be bred and raised by the exhibitor	
3	362	Pair of Females, any age	

**Section 25: Special Supreme Champion**  
*Do not enter Section 25, Awarded by Judge*

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description	
3	25	370	Supreme Bull	Trophy
			<i>(Grand Champion from each Breed Class #315)</i>	
3	25	372	Supreme Champion	Trophy
			<i>(Grand Champion from each Breed Class #345)</i>	

## DEPARTMENT 5

# SHEEP

*Superintendent—Bart Marshall*

**Rules:**

- Entries Close—when pens are filled, but no later than August 31st, 2018.
- Entry Fee—\$2.00 per head and a one time Livestock Exhibitor Fee of \$3.00 must be sent with Entry Form.
- In Place—All animals must be in place by Sunday morning, September 23rd.
- Judging—Wednesday, September 26th at 9:00 a.m.
- Removal—No animals removed before 10:00 p.m. on closing day of Fair.
- The Society will furnish no hay or bedding for stock.
- The date for computing the age of sheep is September 1st, except for junior lambs which is January 1st.
- All sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of making entry.
- No animals shall be entered for more than one Premium except in flocks.
- All sheep entered must be eligible to registry in a recognized flock book. Exhibitors must be prepared to furnish certificate of registry of all animals over 1 year of age and also certificate of transfer if not bred by exhibitor, if requested to do so by the Superintendent (Exception: Section 41).
- Wether Type Breeding Sheep are limited to entries in Section 41 only.
- All sheep/goats moved within Michigan shall be identified with official USDA Scrapie program identification tags prior to movement off the farm. Contact the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at (866) 873-2824 for ear tags. Refer to MDARD Health Requirements for updated information.
  - USDA Official Ear Tag—tagged in either ear. OR
  - USDA Official Ear Tag number tattooed in the ear, flank, or tail web. If tattooed, the end of the Scrapie tag should be cut off so it can't be reused. The cut Scrapie tag must be carried with the goat whenever it is moved. OR
  - USDA approved breed association registry tattoo. The breed registration certificate, which include the tattoo characters, must accompany the goat when moved. USDA approved breed association include: the American Boer Goat Association, the American Dairy Goat Association, the American Goat Society, the Cashmere Goat Registry, the International Boer Goat Association, the International Fainting goat Association, the National Pygmy Goat Association, the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association, the Pedigree International, and the Pygora Breeders Association. OR
  - Pygmy goats registered with the National Pygmy Goat Association (NPGA) can use the NPGA microchips. They must carry the NPGA registration certificate with the goat when moved. Owners using this ID are required to provide a microchip reader. OR
  - Sheep that are part of the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program can use the Scrapie Flock Certification Program tag. OR
  - Sheep that are part of the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program can tattoo the number from the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program tag in the ear or flank. If tattooed, the tag must be carried with the animal whenever it is moved.
- An exhibitor is not entitled to draw more than two moneys in any one Class and only one money in group Classes.

**The following Premiums and Classes apply to Sections 35 through 53**

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
7	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
6	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	
5	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00	7.00		
4	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00			
3	13.00	11.00	9.00				
2	13.00	11.00					
1	13.00						

Section 35	SOUTHDOWNS
Section 36	SHROPSHIRE
Section 37	DORSET
Section 38	CHEVIOT
Section 39	HAMPSHIRE
Section 40	SUFFOLK
Section 41	WETHER TYPE BREEDING SHEEP
Section 42	JACOBS
Section 43	SHETLAND
Section 44	NATURAL COLORED SHEEP
Section 45	DORPER
Section 46	ROMNEY
Section 47	NATURAL COLORED ROMNEY
Section 48	LINCOLN
Section 49	NATURAL COLORED LINCOLN
Section 50	KATAHDINS
Section 51	SOAY
Section 52	EXOTIC BREEDS
Section 53	COMMERCIAL
Section 54	ALL OTHER BREEDS

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description	
5		500	Ram 1 year old	
5		501	Senior Ram Lamb	
5		502	Junior Ram Lamb	
5		503	Pair of Ram Lambs	
5		504	Ewe 1 year old	
5		505	Pair of Yearling Ewes	
5		506	Pair of Yearlings-Ram and Ewe	
5		507	Senior Ewe Lamb	
5		508	Junior Ewe Lamb	
5		509	Pair of Ewe Lambs	
5		510	Pen of 4 Lambs Flock	
5		520	1 Ram any age, 2 Yearling Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs	

*Do not enter Classes 530 through 533, Awarded by Judge*

5		530	Champion Ram	Rosette
5		531	Reserve Champion Ram	Rosette
5		532	Champion Ewe	Rosette
5		533	Reserve Champion Ewe	Rosette

**Section 55: Special Sweepstakes**

*Do not enter Classes 554-556, Awarded by Judge*

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description	
5	55	554	Sweepstakes	
			Best Ram of All Breeds	Plaque
5	55	555	Sweepstakes	
			Best Ewe of All Breeds	Plaque
5	55	556	Best Fitted Pair Ram and Ewe of any Breed	Plaque

**Section 56: Market Lambs**

Dept.	Sec.	Class	Description	
5	56	565	Individual	Ribbon
5	56	566	Pen of 2	Ribbon

*Do not enter Classes 567 and 568, Awarded by Judge*

5	56	567	Champion Individual	Rosette
5	56	568	Champion Pen	Rosette

**Section 57: Wool and Fleece Show**

*Assistant Superintendents—Penny Swearingen and Willis Plank*

**Rules:**

- Entries Close—August 31st, 2018.
- Entry Fee—\$1.00 per Fleece. Limit 2 entries per class. Livestock Exhibitor Fee of \$3.00 will apply.
- In Place—Fleece Entries submitted Noon until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 22nd and 8:00 a.m. until Noon, Sunday, September 23rd.
- Judging—Wednesday, September 26th.
- Removal—The fleeces will be displayed in the Open Sheep barn for the duration of the Fair to be released Saturday 10:00 p.m. until Midnight and Sunday 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Any fleeces left after 10:00 a.m. Sunday will be disposed of by Wool Show.