

*CHISAGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY*  
*Presents*

# **2026 CHISAGO COUNTY FAIR**

**RUSH CITY, MN  
JULY 9-12, 2026**

***LIVESTOCK OPEN CLASS  
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS***

**Registration Day: JULY 9, 2026  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

# CHISAGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

## SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK

1. All entries for Livestock Exhibits must be in place by **12:00 noon on Thursday**. Livestock Superintendents and Open Class Director will be available for registration in the barns.
2. All Livestock Entries will be dismissed at **5:00 pm on Sunday evening**.
3. No exhibitor of livestock shall be allowed to make more than one entry in each category. Limited 10 entries total per family.
4. Exhibitors must keep their stock, stalls, and pens in good condition and open for inspection.
5. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called and any exhibitor failing to comply with this order will be ruled out of competition.
6. All animals on exhibit will be shown to the judges under the supervision of the respective superintendent.
7. Exhibits of bulls, 3 years or over, must lead such animals with a suitable staff attached to a nose ring.
8. In all classes, which call for registered stock, all animals must be accompanied by a certificate of registry, showing that the animal is properly registered in the studbook, herdbook or flockbook, which is recognized as being authentic for the breed which the animal is representing.
9. Base dates for computing age shall be March 1 and September 1.
10. If premium money is won without display of papers in registration classes, money will be held until papers are sent in for examination.
11. Any one animal can be shown in only one area such as open, 4-H or FFA. Registration papers will be checked during vet checks.
12. These rules are for both open class & 4-H: to enter any animal, there must be a lot/category number listed. There are no swine, rabbits, goats, pets, dogs, or horses in open class.
13. The Director, Superintendent or some other person appointed shall assist the judge as clerk and shall keep a record of the awards made. This record, when completed, shall be signed by the judge, and returned to the secretary.
14. Ribbons or cards shall designate the awards as follows: First premium, BLUE. Second premium; RED. Third premium, WHITE.
15. Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition and should be reported to the Director.
16. No appeal from the decision of the judge shall be allowed. An exhibitor may make protest to the Director at the time of the award, who may then request the judges to give reasons for such placing.

Any questions can be directed to the Open Class Superintendent, Abby Penzenstadler, by email [chisagofaiopenclass@gmail.com](mailto:chisagofaiopenclass@gmail.com) or phone (651) 230-7162.

The Chisago County Agricultural Society adheres to the guidelines for exhibition provided by the Minnesota Board of Health. For full details please refer to the MN Board of Animal Health's website.  
<https://www.bah.state.mn.us/>



## **General Requirements**

All animals must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition and at least once daily during the exhibition. All out-of-state animals must meet Minnesota importation requirements. No animal may enter or be at a public exhibition that is showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

## **Responsibilities of Official Veterinarian**

An official veterinarian must be present at each public exhibition of livestock for which a permit is required. The official veterinarian of an exhibition shall:

- Approve the cleaning and disinfection of the exhibition prior to the exhibition and during the exhibition if livestock are released and new livestock are brought to the exhibition premises.
- Inspect all livestock on the day admitted to the exhibition.
- Refuse admission of livestock showing signs of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, or of livestock not meeting the exhibition entrance requirements.
- Maintain tagging records include: the characters on or contained within the ear tag; characters on or contained within other official ear tags on the animal; species, sex, age, and type of animal; date of application; and name and address of the premises where the animal was identified.

## **Responsibilities of Exhibition Management**

- Retain the services of an official veterinarian.
- Comply with all orders of the Board or the official veterinarian pertaining to the sanitation of the premises and the health status of all livestock exhibited.
- Clean and disinfect all building and exhibit areas for the use of livestock prior to the opening date of the exhibition and during the exhibition if livestock are released and new livestock are brought to the exhibition premises.
- Maintain the livestock and exhibition areas in a sanitary condition.
- Ensure that any livestock showing symptoms of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease are removed from the premises or quarantined in a separate facility.
- Maintain records which include the name and address of each exhibitor along with the species, class, and number of animals the person exhibited.

# IDENTIFICATION FOR POULTRY

All chickens, turkeys and game birds at exhibitions, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band.

At exhibitions, all chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart approved by the board to show compliance with the following requirements:

1. Pullorum-typhoid – originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified *U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean* under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP); or be negative to a pollorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition.
2. *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae* – all turkeys and turkey hatching eggs must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified *U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum (MG) Clean* and *U.S. Mycoplasma Synoviae (MS) Clean* under the NPIP; or be negative to a *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and a *Mycoplasma synoviae* test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition.

For questions related to poultry exhibition requirements, please contact the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory at 320-231-5170.

## Leg and Wing Bands

- All chickens, turkeys and game birds at exhibitions, except baby poultry, must be identified with a leg or wing band (provided upon check-in by the Chisago County Ag Society)



# IDENTIFICATION FOR CATTLE

Breeding cattle, rodeo cattle and all exhibition cattle require official identification when they are being imported into Minnesota or moving out of a herd within the state.

Breeding cattle do not need to be identified if they are:

- Consigned to a state/federal approved auction market
- Moving directly to slaughter
- Moving directly to a slaughter-only handling facility

Breeding cattle are defined as all cattle except:

- Heifers of beef breed less than 18 months of age maintained for feeding purposes
- Bulls under ten months maintained for feeding purposes
- Steers and spayed heifers

The Board offers free official metal ear tags to veterinarians and cattle and bison farmers. You can [order tags online](#) or call the Board at 651-296-2942 to place your order.

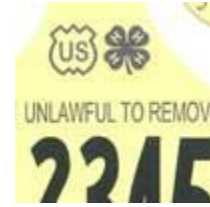
## National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES)

- NUES ear tags begin with an official state number followed by three letters and then four numbers. The official state number for Minnesota is '41'.
- Metal NUES tags can be ordered at no cost from the Board by calling 651-201-6836 or using the online tag order form
  - In compliance with federal law, NUES tags **must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after**
  - Orange brucellosis vaccination tags may only be used by accredited veterinarians in cattle and bison
- Plastic NUES tags may be purchased from Leedstone by calling 877-608-3877 or from the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association by calling 800-827-3442



## Animal Identification Number (AIN)

- AIN ear tags begin with an official country code followed by an additional 12 digits; 15 digits in total. The official U.S. country code is '840'.
  - In compliance with federal law, AIN tags **must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after**
  - May be purchased from most ear tag distributors
  - 4-H tags available by contacting your county extension office
- 15-character tags beginning with the letters 'USA' or manufacturer-coded tags beginning with any number between 900 – 998 **are only official if applied to the animal prior to March 11, 2015**



## American Identification Number

- In compliance with federal law, these tags are **only official if applied to the animal prior to March 11, 2015**
- Combines 'USA' with 8 or 9 digits
- Includes the National Farm Animal Identification and Records (FAIR)
  - Administered by Holstein Association USA, Inc.



## Limited Movement: Breed Registry Tattoos and Tags

Valid only for movement within Minnesota and import from the following states:

- Iowa
- Missouri
- South Dakota

Acceptable if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration number. Pending registrations are not acceptable.

## Limited Movement: USDA-Approved Backtag

**Valid only** for movement of cull cattle being imported from an out-of-state market to a state/federal approved market.



## DIVISION 100 - POULTRY

Ethan Lindahl, Superintendent

All entries must be this year's hatch except pigeons and peafowl. **Must follow Minnesota Board of Animal Health rules.** All birds will be hand inspected for mites, lice, etc. Entries will be accepted on a first-come basis depending on space available. Entries are accepted after 11:00 am on Thursday but must be in place by 12 pm (noon). Birds too large for cages will not be accepted for exhibit. Display in pairs and with natural environment.

### ***CHICKENS***

#### **Premiums**

#### **Class**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Egg Production Pen of two pullets                        | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 2. Market Pen of two market type: two females or two males  | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 3. Breeding Pen of one male and two females (no crossbreds) | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 4. Bantam Breeding Pen of one male and two females          | 4 | 3 | 2 |

### ***HOBBY POULTRY***

#### **Class**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. Peafowl                                  | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 6. Pheasant                                 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 7. Quail                                    | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 8. Other (Must not be in book of standards) | 4 | 3 | 2 |

### ***PIGEON***

#### **Class**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9. Breeding Pen of one male and two females | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 10. Other                                   | 4 | 3 | 2 |

### ***DUCKS***

#### **Class**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11. Market Pen of two market type: two females or two males | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 12. Breeding Pen of one male and two females                | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 13. Bantam Breeding Pen of one male and two females         | 4 | 3 | 2 |

### ***GEESE***

#### **Class**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14. Market Pen of two market type: two females or two males | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 15. Breeding Pen of one male and two females                | 4 | 3 | 2 |

### ***TURKEYS***

#### **Class**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16. Market Pen of two market type: two females or two males | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 17. Breeding Pen of one male and two females                | 4 | 3 | 2 |

## DIVISION 150 - BEEF CATTLE

Jim Penzenstadler, Superintendent - Phone (651) 248-2354

Each class will be individually judged. All registered. Show following the 4-H/FFA Beef show on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

### **BREED CLASSES**

Hereford

Simmental

Shorthorn

Other Breeds

### **FEMALES**

### **Premiums**

|    |   |    |    |   |
|----|---|----|----|---|
| 1. | Junior heifer calf: calved between Jan. 1 and June 1 of current year  | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 2. | Senior heifer calf: calved between Oct. 1 and Dec 31 of previous year | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 3. | Summer yearling: calved between July 1 and Sept 30 of previous year   | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 4. | Spring yearling: calved between April 1 and June 30 of previous year  | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 5. | Junior yearling: calved between Jan 1 and March 31 of previous year   | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 6. | Senior yearling: calved between Sept 1 and Dec 31, 2024               | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 7. | Group of two females, any age, bred and owned by exhibitor            | 12 | 10 | 8 |

### **BULLS**

|     |  |    |    |   |
|-----|--|----|----|---|
| 8.  | Junior calf: calved between Jan. 1 and June 1 of current year        | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 9.  | Senior calf: calved between Oct. 1 and Dec 31 of previous year       | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 10. | Summer yearling: calved between July 1 and Sept 30 of previous year  | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 11. | Spring yearling: calved between April 1 and June 30 of previous year | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 12. | Junior yearling: calved between Jan 1 and March 31 of previous year  | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 13. | Senior yearling: calved between Sept 1 and Dec 31, 2024              | 12 | 10 | 8 |
| 14. | Two-year-old: calved between Mar 1 and Aug 31, 2024                  | 12 | 10 | 8 |

### **GROUP CLASSES**

|     |   |    |    |    |
|-----|---|----|----|----|
| 15. | Produce of Dam  | 15 | 13 | 10 |
| 16. | Get of Sire - Four animals, any age, either or both sexes                 | 15 | 13 | 10 |
| 17. | Six Head - Any age, owned by one exhibitor                                | 15 | 13 | 10 |
| 18. | Cow/Calf-Cow & her natural born calf – calved after Jan 1 of current year | 15 | 13 | 10 |

## DIVISION 155 - DAIRY CATTLE

Chad Buehring, Superintendent - Phone (763) 464-2333

All registered or identified grades. Show following the 4-H/FFA Dairy show on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

### **BREED DIVISIONS**

Holstein

Jersey

Brown Swiss

Milking Shorthorn

Ayrshires

Guernsey

Crossbreed

### **CLASSES**

|     |  |    |         |   |
|-----|--|----|---------|---|
| 1.  | Spring heifer calf: born between March 1 and May 31 of current year  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 2.  | Winter heifer calf-born between Dec 1, 2025 and Feb 28, 2026   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 3.  | Fall heifer calf: born between Sept 1 to Nov. 30 of previous year  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 4.  | Summer yearling heifer: born between June 1 to Aug 31 of previous year   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 5.  | Spring yearling heifer: born between March 1 to May 31 of previous year  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 6.  | Winter yearling heifer: born between Dec 1, 2024 to Feb 29, 2025   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 7.  | Fall yearling heifer: born between Sept 1 to Nov 30, 2025  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 8.  | Junior best three females: consisting of three (3) females from category 3 -9  |    |         |   |
| 9.  | Unfresh 2-year-old: born between March 1 to Aug 31, 2024   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 10. | Dry 3 and 4-year-old: born after Sept 1, 2021  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 11. | Dry aged cow: born before Aug 31, 2020   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 12. | Junior 2-year-old in milk: born Mar 1 to Aug 31, 2024  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 13. | Senior 2-year-old in milk: born Sept 1, 2023 to Feb 28, 2024   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 14. | 3-year-old in milk: born between Sept 1, 2022 to Aug 31, 2023  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 15. | 4-year-old in milk: born between Sept 1, 2021 to Aug 31, 2022  | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 16. | Aged cow in milk: born before Sept 1, 2021   | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 17. | 125,000 lb cow: Lifetime production verified by DHIA or other official records.<br>This cow will not be eligible to be shown in category 18<br>(Aged cow in milk - born before Sept 1, 2021) | 12 | 10      | 8 |
| 18. | Senior three (3) best females: Females from categories 12 - 19   |    | Rosette |   |
| 19. | Produce of Dam: two (2) animals, any age, either sex, the produce of one cow   |    | Rosette |   |
| 20. | Daughter Dam   |    | Rosette |   |

### **CLASS H NOVICE HEIFER**

- N1. Novice heifer born after March 1 and before June 30 of current year  
*Exhibitor must be 9 years of age or younger on Jan 1, 2024*

## DIVISION 160 – SHEEP

Amanda Cook, Superintendent – Email [heino018@umn.edu](mailto:heino018@umn.edu)

Class A-G will show Friday following the 4-H/FFA Sheep show at 12:00 p.m. Class H will show Thursday evening following the 4-H Lamb Lead show at 4:00 p.m.

### **BREED DIVISIONS**

Registered Hampshire  
Registered Dorset  
Registered Suffolk  
Registered Other Breeds  
Wether Sire/Dam  
Commercial Breeds

### **Breeding**

|    |  |    |   |   |
|----|--|----|---|---|
| 1. | Spring Ram Lamb: born after Feb. 15 of current year    | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 2. | Winter Ram Lamb: born Jan. 1 – Feb. 15 of current year | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 3. | Fall Ram Lamb: born Aug. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year  | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 4. | Yearling Ram: must show a yearling mouth               | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 5. | Spring Ewe Lamb: born after Feb. 15 of current year    | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 6. | Winter Ewe Lamb: born Jan. 1 – Feb. 15 of current year | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 7. | Fall Ewe Lamb: born Aug. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year  | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 8. | Yearling Ewe: must show a yearling mouth               | 10 | 8 | 6 |

### **Market**

Ewe lambs and wethers born after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Suggested weight of 110-140 lbs. Must be slick shorn.

|    |   |    |   |   |
|----|---|----|---|---|
| 1. | White face market lamb  | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 2. | Speckle face market lamb: must show strong evidence of black and white face | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 3. | Black face market lamb  | 10 | 8 | 6 |

### **Lamb Lead**

Participants must wear a garment of at least 50% wool and coordinate their sheep to match. Sheep should be halter trained to lead. A short narrative describing the outfit and sheep should be submitted to the Superintendent prior to the show. Participants do not need to own the sheep to enter Lamb Lead, but the sheep led must be exhibited in a class listed for the open class sheep show. All ages determined as of first day of fair.

|    |                             |    |   |   |
|----|-----------------------------|----|---|---|
| 1. | Beginner: ages 11 and under | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 2. | Intermediate: ages 12 - 18  | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 3. | Senior: ages 19 and over    | 10 | 8 | 6 |

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