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ORANGE COUNTY FAIR
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
(845) 343-4826
www.orangecountyfair.com

OFFICIAL OPENING - JULY 15 – JULY 31, 2011
*(Fair will be closed to the public on Monday's & Tuesday's)

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****EXHIBITION RULES & REGULATIONS****

(Unless otherwise noted in the specific rules of an individual Department)

OPENING & CLOSING OF EXHIBITS:

1.) The exhibits of the Orange County Fair will open as follows:

-Dept. B – Arts & Crafts/Dept. D – Sewing & Needlework: Friday, July 15, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.
-Dept. C – Culinary/ Dept. E – Farm & Garden/Dept. F- Flowers/Dept. H – Fruits/Dept. I – FFA:
Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 4:00pm.

All exhibits shall remain in place until the closing of the Fair on **Sunday, July 31, 2011.**

2.) **Exhibit Acceptance & Removal: The time for acceptance of exhibits is listed under each Department's Rules and Regulations. All Departments have set certain times for acceptance and the release of all exhibits. There will be no deviation from this rule.)**Please make sure that you bring your claim tags when picking up your exhibits. All exhibits shall be removed on **Monday, August 1, 2011, unless otherwise specified by a Department.**

3.) **Unclaimed Exhibits:** All exhibits that are not removed on **Monday, August 1, 2011, will be brought to the Fair Office and held for one (1) week. Any exhibit not claimed within one (1) week will be disposed of.**

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ENTRIES:

1.) Entry Forms can either be sent by mail or made in person until **Friday, July 1, 2011.**

2.) **No late Entry Forms will be accepted** (Except for the following Departments: Livestock, Culinary, Fruits, Farm & Garden and Flowers).

3.) Entries may be made between the hours of **9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday -Friday**, at the Orange County Fair Office, located on the Fairgrounds.

4.) If you are mailing in your entries, please send it to:

**Orange County Fair
239 Wisner Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940
Attn: Entry Clerk**

5.) When mailing you entry form, please make sure that your entry fee is included.

6.) If paying by check/money order, please make payable to the **Orange County Agricultural Society.**

7.) Entry fees will be ten percent (10%) of the First Prize Premium for each class entered, unless other wise stated in the specific rules of a Department.

8.) All Junior Exhibitors will be charged an entry fee of \$1.00, per each Department entered. This entitles them to enter into more than one class in the Junior Section of that Department. They shall also receive a Junior Season Pass.

9.) **ALL ENTRY FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE.**

10.) **Please use only one (1) Entry Form per each Department entered.**

11.) Entry forms should be made out carefully, as lack of correct and complete information may disqualify the exhibitor or cause a delay in issuing awards. **Any article that is not entered into the right class will be disqualified. Anyone in doubt as to the correct class should call the Fair Office before the closing date of entries, for further assistance.**

12.) All entries must be made out in the name of the owner, agent, producer or manufacturer and a certificate to that effect must be furnished by the exhibitor on request of the Orange County Agricultural Society, Inc.

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ENTRY TAGS:

- 1.) Entry tags will be mailed to the Exhibitor.
- 2.) **Entry tags will not be mailed out after Friday, July 1, 2011. If you do not receive your entry tags in the mail by Wednesday, July 6, 2011, please call the Fair Office for further instruction.**
- 3.) If any changes or adjustments need to be made to your entry tags, please call the Fair Office by **Wednesday, July 6, 2011.**

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EXHIBITOR PASSES:

- 1.) **EXHIBITOR PASSES ARE GIVEN AS A COURTESY TO ANYONE WHO ENTERS AN EXHIBIT INTO THE FAIR AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR FAIR ADMISSION. RIDES ARE NOT INCLUDED.**
 - 2.) Exhibitor Passes will be issued as follows:
 - Exhibitors whose entry fees total up to \$5.00 or more shall receive Four (4) Daily Exhibitor passes.
 - Exhibitors whose entry fees total under \$5.00 shall receive Two (2) Daily Exhibitor passes.
- *Only Exhibitors entering exhibits that require additional care will be provided with the number of passes needed to do so by the Department Superintendent.
- 2.) **All Exhibitor Passes will be issued at the time exhibits are brought in.**
 - 3.) **EXHIBITOR PASSES WILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS AND/OR THEIR PERSONNEL; UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL EXHIBITOR PASSES BE OBTAINED AT THE FAIR OFFICE.**
 - 4.) Exhibitors who are entitled to passes for their assistants, hostlers and herdsman, must receive them from the Department Superintendent.

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JUDGING/JUDGES:

- 1.) All judging will take place on **Sunday, July 10, 2011 - Sunday, July 31, 2011**, in respective Departments.
- 2.) Animals and articles receiving premiums will be designated by prize ribbons or stickers, which will be affixed by the Judges for the information of the public. Only the Judge's books will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. In no case will a ribbon or sticker be considered a voucher for a premium.
- 3.) All Judges will report to the General Manager of the Orange County Agricultural Society, all cases of interference with their deliberations and refusal on the part of exhibitors to comply with their requirements.
- 4.) All exhibitors who have their exhibits overlooked by the Judges are requested to report the fact to the General Manager of the Orange County Agricultural Society.
- 5.) No person will be allowed to act as a Judge in any class in which he has articles or stock entered for premiums.
- 6.) No person shall be entitled to premium in any class unless the article or animal shall be deserving thereof.
- 7.) Any exhibitor who shall make or cause to be made any false statement in regard to any article or animal exhibited or shall interfere with the Judges in the performance of their duties in any manner whatsoever, shall be excluded from the competition and shall not be entitled to any premiums during the current year.
- 8.) In case there is one entry in a class, the Judges shall decide whether or not it is entitled to a 1st, 2nd or 3rd premium. Judging is done on a basis of perfection, not by comparison.

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PROTESTS:

- 1.) All protests must be submitted in writing and filed with the Orange County Agricultural Society within six (6) hours after judging of the class is completed. A fee of \$10.00 must accompany each protest and which will be forfeited to the Society if the protest is decided against the person protesting.

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PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS:

- 1.) Premium checks will be mailed to all winners. Please make sure that we have your complete mailing address.
- 2.) As the Society is required by law to make an early detailed report to the State Agricultural Department, all checks issued for premiums must be presented on or before **December 2011**.

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EXHIBITORS:

- 1.) **The Officers of the Orange County Agricultural Society will have charge of the exhibition and the right to control all exhibits. They will always endeavor to exercise every reasonable precaution to avoid theft, fire and accident. The Orange County Fair and its officers will in no case be responsible for loss or damage that may occur and upon these conditions alone entries will be received.**
- 2.) The Orange County Agricultural Society reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries or cancel awards, without claim for damages.
- 3.) **Any exhibitor refusing to cooperate with Department Superintendents will be subject to possible forfeiture of premiums and suspension of future exhibiting privileges.**
- 4.) **The Department Superintendents have the right to reject any and all exhibits that are unfinished, soiled or worn.**
- 5.) No animal or article will be allowed to compete for more than one premium unless otherwise specified by that Department. Cattle may compete as individuals and for herd prizes.
- 6.) Competitors for premiums in all Departments must have resided in Orange County or an adjoining County for at least six months immediately preceding the Fair, unless otherwise stated under a Department's additional Rules and Regulations.
- 7.) **Exhibitors must see to the delivery and the removal of their exhibits to the grounds. The Fair cannot provide transportation or be subject to any expense.**
- 8.) The Orange County Agricultural Society and its management will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.
- 9.) The owners of articles on exhibition will be allowed to sell the same during the Fair unless stated under a Departments additional Rules and Regulations; said article not to be removed until the closing of the Fair.
- 10.) The Officers of the Orange County Fair and the police appointed will keep order on the grounds, see that the rules are faithfully executed and keep vigilant night watches during exhibition.
- 11.) All inquiries as to the Fair and its arrangements and for purchase of privileges can be sent to the Orange County Agricultural Society, Inc., P.O. Box 3116, Middletown, New York 10940.