

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Upon publications of the Exhibitor's Handbook all previous years' Exhibitor's Handbooks are null and void. Every attempt has been made to be sure the information in this book is accurate at the time of printing. Additional and updated information and forms are available at www.carvercountyfair.com.

2026 Carver County Fair Premium List

Carver County Fairboard

501 West 3rd Street, Waconia, MN 55387

Fair Office: 📞 952-442-2333

Carver County Agricultural Society Officers:

Jim Klein, President; Meldon Melcher, 1st Vice President; Steve Rolf, 2nd Vice President; Laura Pavek, Treasurer; Jason Harms, Secretary

Board of Directors:

Jim Klein, Meldon Melcher, Steve Rolf, Laura Pavek, Jason Harms, Melissa Bisek, Steve Brueggemeier, Patti Dietzel, Bill Flusemann, Scott Flusemann, Alex Klaustermeier, Tyler Klaustermeier, Scott Knight, Brian Lenzen, Ken Norman, Dan Robb, Ross Schneider, Ryan Sirolli, Luke Wolter, Joe Yetzer

County Extension: 📞 952-442-4496

Ex-Officio: Devarati Bhattacharya

Carver County Commissioners: Lisa Anderson, Tom Workman, Matt Udermann, Tim Lynch, John P. Fahey

General Rules and Regulations

No animal or article unworthy of a premium shall receive 1st place even though there be no competition. Nor shall any animal or article receive a higher premium than its merit demands. When there is nothing in a division deserving a premium, the judge or committee shall make no award. Lack of competition shall not be cause for withholding a premium, if the animal or article is worthy. Any person who attempts to interfere with the judging of exhibits shall forfeit any award that he or she may be entitled to in that division. No animal or article shall compete for more than one award except when the animal is used as part of a herd or group division. Livestock judges shall give reasons for their placing at the completion of the judging of each division. Other judges may be asked to give reasons for their decisions. Pedigrees (or proof of eligibility to record by registry certificates of sire and dam) of horses and cattle in the registered divisions shall be shown to the Superintendent to entitle animals to premiums. This rule will be strictly observed. Superintendents of all departments have the right to accept or reject any exhibit.

Policies

The Society will not assume any responsibility for disease, sickness, injury, loss or damage to exhibits contracted during the Fair. Any veterinarian expenses incurred during the fair are the owner's responsibility.

Any person knowingly violating any of the rules of this Society will thereby forfeit all rights to any premium that may be awarded to them.

No persons will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on the grounds except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisement or distribution of bills, cards, fliers, etc. except within the space occupied by the exhibitors is prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will be subject to fine and expulsion from the grounds as the Board of Directors may elect.

An exhibitor removing exhibits before 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2026 will forfeit their premium monies. **All premium checks must be cashed within 30 days after they are issued.**

Exhibition of Livestock in Minnesota (2026)

Always check with exhibition management to make sure they have not imposed any restrictions or additional requirements. For Minnesota State Fair exhibition requirements, call 📞 651-288-4417 or visit www.mnstatefair.org.

Animal Health

All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the Fair and throughout fair week. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts. Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the Official Veterinarian and Fair Superintendent and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this Veterinarian and the designated Fair Superintendent. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.

Official Identification

Please note that the following types of identification are not considered official on certificates of veterinary inspection or test records required for exhibition:

1. 4-H tags
2. Producer tags without a state or USDA assigned premises number and individual animal number preceded by state abbreviation
3. Tattoos not registered with either a breed association or a state agency

For questions about approved official identification, contact the MN Board of Animal Health at 📞 651-296-2942 or 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/

Cattle

Cattle must be officially identified:
🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/

Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats must be officially identified. No sheep or goat that is within 30 days of giving birth may be exhibited without prior approval from the Board of Animal Health.

Swine

Swine must be individually identified with an ear tag or tattoo.

Horses

Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official EIA test conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of an exhibition.

Poultry

Poultry defined as "turkeys, chickens (fancy, exhibition, and game), waterfowl, and game birds maintained in captivity, excluding pigeons and doves"

Poultry Test Requirements: Pigeons and doves must have a seamless leg band. Chickens, turkeys, and game birds, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band. Chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified pullorum-typhoid clean or are negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Turkeys and turkey hatching eggs must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified Mycoplasma gallisepticum clean and Mycoplasma synoviae clean or are negative to a Mycoplasma gallisepticum and a Mycoplasma synoviae test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.