

# 2026 ENTRY GUIDEBOOK



**COWBOY BOOTS AND COASTAL ROOTS**

★ **SEPTEMBER 3-7** ★



# MONTEREY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND EVENT CENTER'S 2026 ENTRY GUIDEBOOK

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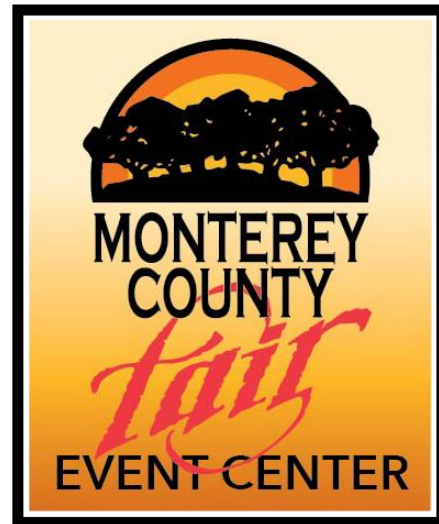
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January 26, 2026

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, I am delighted to welcome you and to thank you for your involvement as we look ahead to the 2026 fair season. Each year, our fairs bring people together from every corner of our state to celebrate agriculture, community, and the dedication of those who make it all possible.

The heart of every fair lies in its people: families, volunteers, youth leaders, and countless others who share their talents and passions. Your participation as exhibitors strengthens these connections, turning each fair into a place where learning, collaboration, and pride in California agriculture come to life.

We are especially grateful for the young people who engage through 4-H, FFA, Grange, and other youth programs. Their enthusiasm and commitment represent the future of agriculture, inspiring the next generation to value hard work, stewardship, and innovation. The skills they develop through these programs, such as leadership, responsibility, and community service, extend far beyond the fairgrounds and enrich the entire state. These experiences are supported by the very spaces that make them possible, which continue to serve their communities long after the fair season ends.

Our fairgrounds are more than event spaces; they are year-round centers of community life. They host educational workshops, local markets, and cultural celebrations that bring people together and strengthen our shared sense of belonging. During emergencies, they also serve as critical response and recovery sites, underscoring their role as essential community infrastructure. These roles highlight the enduring partnership between our fairgrounds and the exhibitors, volunteers, and communities that keep them thriving.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the effort, care, and time you invest in preparing for the fair. Your commitment ensures that these traditions continue to thrive and that agriculture remains at the heart of California's identity.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to another successful fair season and to celebrating the incredible spirit of California's agricultural community together.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Ross  
Secretary

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Monterey County Fair Entry Guidebook. This publication will provide all the information needed to enter your home goods, paintings, livestock, etc. into Monterey County Fair for judging and display. Our exhibit program is an excellent way to show off your talents, earn bragging rights, and have fun! Need help?

**Call the Entry Office 831-372-5865 We are happy to answer your questions!**

## HOW TO USE OUR GUIDEBOOK AND SUBMIT ENTRIES

- Enter all exhibits online at: [www.montereycountyfair.com](http://www.montereycountyfair.com)
- Review the "Table of Contents" to discover the areas that interest you, then check due dates and deadlines.
- Each department specifies rules, regulations, entry due dates, exhibit receiving dates, and other important information.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL LOCAL and STATE RULES APPLY** to all Departments and Divisions.  
**Local Rules** - Included in this guidebook.  
**State Rules for California Fairs** - Available on the California Department of Food & Agriculture website, the Monterey County Fair Website and a copy is on file at the Monterey County Fair Livestock Office. Visit: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/>
- Complete the online entry form and submit it with entry fees, if applicable, before the due date. Mail paper entry forms to the address listed on each, or bring them to the Fair Office, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
- Fill the forms out **COMPLETELY**, provide Division and Class numbers with descriptions or titles.
- Junior exhibitors must indicate age and have parent and/or youth organization leader's signature.
- Divisions and Classes will be judged under the American system and/or the Danish system.  
**American** - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.  
**Danish** - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.
- All entries **MUST BE ORIGINAL** and must have been completed by the entrant within the past year and not entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
- All entries must be **IDENTIFIED**, preferably on back upper left corner or under base with the entrant's name, address, phone number, Division number, Class, and title. Title must be the same as given on the online entry. All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.
- For further general information, letters from the Governor and CDFA Secretary as well as more Monterey County Fair information, please check website. [www.montereycountyfair.com](http://www.montereycountyfair.com)

### ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IDENTIFIED

Title **MUST** be the same as given on the online entry.

All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.

Entrant's Name  
Address  
Phone Number  
Division Number      Class  
Title

*Samples*

Howdy Do  
240 Green Pasture, Monterey, CA 93940  
831-555-0040  
Division 506    Class 2  
My Little Buckaroo

Buck A Roo  
2022 Pasture Pl, Monterey, CA 93940  
831-555-0124      Class 1  
Division 500  
out on the Range

# PREPARE FOR FUN AT THE FAIR

## Tips to Make Your Visit Hassle-free & Memorable

We believe Monterey County Fair plays a very important role in our community. We appreciate that you and others chose to join us to celebrate time-honored traditions that reflect the diversity of our area.

MCF Staff and Volunteers do their best to put on a great Fair and take pride in showcasing our community through performances, events, and exhibits.

MCF Livestock Show and Still exhibits showcase the link between agriculture, the public, and local farmers and ranchers. When visiting the Fair, you will see displays of local crops, crafts, and livestock – all intended to help educate you and our community about our state’s agricultural sector.



**MONTEREY 2026 COUNTY FAIR**

**COWBOY BOOTS AND COASTAL ROOTS**

**SEPTEMBER 3-7**

**Presale Price**  
Presale prices are valid until September 2, 2026

MCF ADMISSION	FAIR HOURS
Adults (13-61)..... \$15.00	September 3-6 12 pm - 11 pm
Seniors (62+) ..... \$12.00	September 7 12 pm - 10 pm
Children (6 - 12)..... \$8.00	
Children (5 & under) ... FREE	

September 3rd is FREE for Seniors and Veterans  
September 4th is FREE for Military  
September 7th is Kids Day. FREE for children 6-12

**AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!**

Scan for Admission Tickets



Scan for Ride Tickets



[WWW.MONTEREYCOUNTYFAIR.COM](http://WWW.MONTEREYCOUNTYFAIR.COM)

### CLEAR BAG POLICY

- Bags must be clear plastic or vinyl or PVC and not exceed 12" by 6" by 12".
- without a handle or strap are permitted.
- *Exceptions may be made for medically necessary items after inspection.*
- Animals are not allowed on the Fairgrounds
- Exception may be made for approved service animals

### SCREENING POLICY

To ensure a safe, pleasant, family-oriented setting, the Fair will conduct bag searches and security screening utilizing metal detectors at entrance gates.

Prohibited items on the Fairgrounds include

- Bottles, cans, glass containers, or hard sided sealed plastic bottles
- Weapons: guns, knives, mace/pepper spray/stream (or any other items that could be considered or used as weapons)
- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates/rollerblades, and Segways
- Toy guns, water pistols, or imitation weapons
- Gang colors or paraphernalia
- Alcohol, cannabis products in any form, illegal substances, narcotics, any related paraphernalia
- Unauthorized flyers and leaflets
- Outside food and beverages (unless for medical reasons)
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Chairs, tents, tables, and large shade umbrellas
- Fireworks, firecrackers
- Any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate by Fair staff

### ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITS

Fair admission includes all exhibits and entertainment. Take time to visit the exhibit halls and see agricultural products, floriculture, arts and crafts, and wool.

### COLORING CONTEST

- Four Grand Prize Winners: Winners in specific age groups will receive a Family Fun Pack of 4 tickets by email.
- Coloring Page and Rules at [www.montereycountyfair.com](http://www.montereycountyfair.com)

# RECEIVING & RELEASE SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	ENTRY DUE	ENTRY RECEIVED		ENTRY RELEASED
<b>AGRICULTURE – Salinas Room</b> Feature Exhibits Produce	8/1	Mon., Aug. 31 Tue., Sept. 1	10 AM – 4 PM 10 AM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
<b>FLORICULTURE – Salinas Room</b> Arrangements and Cut Flowers Potted Plants Displays, Table Settings, & Mantels	8/1	Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1	1 PM – 4 PM 1 PM – 4 PM 1 PM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
<b>ADULT HOME ARTS – Monterey Room</b> Baked Goods Preserved Foods and Home Brews Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, and Toys Home Furnishings & Decorations Hook & Needle Crafts Weaving and Spinning Quilting and Sewing Scrapbooking and Card Making Special Friends	8/1	Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM	Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 10 AM–4 PM
<b>THANK A VETERAN – Monterey Room</b>	8/1	Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM	Gifted to Vet Group
<b>JUNIOR HOME ARTS – Monterey Room</b> Baking & Confections Preserved Foods Table Setting Arts; Crafts; Clothing; Photography Miscellaneous	8/1	Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
<b>VISUAL ARTS – Monterey Room</b> Three-Dimensional Arts Two-Dimensional Arts Photography Fine Arts	8/1	Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
<b>Wool (Fleeces &amp; Handcrafted)</b>	8/1	Wednesday, August 19		10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8
<b>4-H &amp; FFA – Monterey Room</b> 4-H Baked Goods 4-H & FFA Feature Spaces All 4-H Still Entries All FFA Still Entries	8/1	Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30	8 AM – 2 PM 8 AM – 2 PM 8 AM – 2 PM 8 AM – 2 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
<b>LIVESTOCK</b> 4-H & FFA Beef 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle 4-H & FFA Dairy Goats 4-H & FFA Swine 4-H & FFA Sheep 4-H & FFA Meat Goats 4-H & FFA Poultry 4-H & FFA Meat Rabbits	8/1	Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Sun, Aug. 30 Sun, Aug. 30	6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 8AM – 9AM 8AM – 9AM	Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Sunday, August 30 Sunday, August 30

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entries should be completed **ONLINE** using ShoWorks. Those without access to computers or internet may complete and submit paper entry forms (Wool Department Only). Entries must be submitted with any necessary payment by **August 1** at 11:59 PM – all exhibitors must adhere to the Receiving & Release Schedule on page 3. Entries are not considered complete until they are delivered on the posted **Entry Received** date.

***New and updated rules and regulations are noted with a ***

## **ONLINE ENTRY REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES!**

### **ADULT & JUNIOR EXHIBITS**

1. Online Entry Required Due August 1<sup>st</sup>!
2. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule on page 2.

### **WOOL EXHIBITS**

1. **ONLINE ENTRY** Due August 1 Online by 11:59 PM or **PAPER ENTRY POSTMARKED** by August 1  
No late entries accepted.
2. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

### **MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITS**

- ★ **1. All market animals must be pre-entered by indicated ownership deadline. ALL Market Animals must be tagged with their official Monterey County Fair assigned Ear Tag prior to arrival on grounds. Ear Tags will be provided to all exhibitors prior to fair.**
  1. **Due by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM:** E-mail to [entry@montereycountyfair.com](mailto:entry@montereycountyfair.com);
    - a. **YQCA Certification:** YQCA certificate (entire certificate) e-mailed.
    - b. **Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct:** Read, review, sign and e-mailed.
    - c. **PROP 12 Certification (Hogs Only):** E-mail certificate from breeder.
  2. **Due by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM: Storm Water Survey:** Completed online <https://forms.gle/6nf6SsuUrp4Hr2Jj8>
  3. **Due by August 15<sup>th</sup>:** Email a picture of exhibitor and animal for display at the Jr. Livestock Auction to [entry@montereycountyfair.com](mailto:entry@montereycountyfair.com).
  4. **Declaration of Animal Medication Form:** Submit at Scales
  5. ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still exhibit project in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates.
  6. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule


### **BREEDING & DAIRY ANIMAL EXHIBITS**

1. **Due by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM:** E-mail to [entry@montereycountyfair.com](mailto:entry@montereycountyfair.com);
  - a. **YQCA Certification:** YQCA certificate (entire certificate) e-mailed.
  - b. **Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct:** Read, review, sign and e-mailed.
2. **Due by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM: Storm Water Survey:** Completed online <https://forms.gle/6nf6SsuUrp4Hr2Jj8>
3. Registration Papers and Bill of Sale: Present on Livestock Receiving date.
4. ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still exhibit project in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates.
5. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

### **RABBIT & POULTRY EXHIBITS**

1. **Due by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM:** E-mail to [entry@montereycountyfair.com](mailto:entry@montereycountyfair.com);
  - a. **YQCA Certification:** YQCA certificate (entire certificate) e-mailed.
  - b. **Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct:** Read, review, sign and e-mailed.
2. **Due by August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM: Storm Water Survey:** Completed online <https://forms.gle/6nf6SsuUrp4Hr2Jj8>
3. ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still exhibit project in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates.
4. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

# LOCAL RULES

1. Monterey County Fair will be open to the public from September 3-7, 2026.
2. Please carefully read all the rules and regulations that pertain to your entry department.
3.  The Monterey County Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this exhibitor handbook, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable, at any time.
4. Due to the limited space in the livestock area, there will be no bogus entries to subsequently use the space for storage, picnics, rest areas, etc. Storage in areas will be designated, but is limited. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Fair Management. After weigh-in, the Fair Management has the authority to change stall space as necessary. Your cooperation is expected.
5. State Rules, Health Rules and Score Cards for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to all entries of this Fair. A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the local Fair Office, on our website or from the Division of Fairs and Expositions website. Questions can be answered by contacting MCF Administration Office at 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940, or call 831/372-5863. Submit entry forms as early as possible to ensure space for your exhibit. Official entry forms are available online: [www.montereycountyfair.com](http://www.montereycountyfair.com). Office hours are 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. No refunds will be given to exhibitors or organizations.
6. **PAYMENT OF FEES:** Online Entry Fees shall be paid by credit card only. Paper Entry Forms (still/non-livestock only) fees may be paid with cash or personal or business check. Monterey County Fair policy for bounced checks: \$25.00 service fee per check plus all bank fees will be added to the amount of the bounced check. Entries will not be accepted until ALL fees are paid. MCF reserves the right to refuse payment from accounts with bad credit history.
7. **ALL ONLINE ENTRY FORMS** must contain correct names, mailing address (with proper zip code), telephone number, and, for Junior entries, the age of the exhibitor. Paper Entry Forms (still/non-livestock only) must be postmarked on or before midnight for designated dates and times.
8. All drapes, hangings, curtains, drops and all other decorative materials that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazards shall be made from non-flammable material or shall be treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame-retardant solution or process approved by the State Fire Marshal, as set forth in Sub Chapter 8, Chapter 1, Title 19, CAC. Exit doors, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, wet standpipe hose cabinets, and fire extinguishers shall not be concealed or obstructed by any decorative material.
9. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits that might cause accidents, injury, or damage to people coming in contact with them shall guard their exhibits and protect the public. Every such exhibitor shall indemnify the 7th District Agriculture Association from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges, and expenses which it may incur, suffer, or be put to, by reason of any accident or of any person being injured or suffering damages.
10. As a consideration of their exhibits or participation in events on Monterey County Fairgrounds the exhibitor holds harmless the U.S. Government or other parties from which the Fair leases ground from any and all claims or demands of any kind or nature which may be incurred directly by reason of such exhibits or participation including any and all claims or demands of their agents, servants and employees, or spectators of such exhibits or events.
11. Neither the Fair Management nor Departments will they be responsible for unclaimed articles. All precautions will be taken during the Fair to protect the entries, but no liability for loss or damage from any cause can be assumed by the Department or the Fair Management. If entries are not picked up/claimed prior to one month after the last day of fair, these exhibits will be donated are discarded.
12. No signs may be placed on or at any exhibit, nor shall any advertising be posted at exhibits or animal pens without permission of Fair Management.
13. Local divisions are open only to legal residents or producers from Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo counties unless otherwise indicated.
14. Extended divisions include entries from California and the eleven Western States.
15. Judge(s) shall award placing according to merit; and/or without merit, judge(s) shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class. See State Rule II Judging (1-7).
16. Entries cannot be entered in "Any Other" classification if there is a Division and Class for the specific item.
17. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled unless otherwise instructed by the rules of the Department, Division, or Class.
18. Items which have been shown/displayed at a previous Monterey County Fair are not eligible for competition.

**19. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, NO EXHIBIT SHALL BE RELEASED UNTIL THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED IN EACH SECTION OF THE ENTRY GUIDEBOOK.** All entries are to be picked up at the building or area where it was displayed, and the owner must present the claim check to the Building Clerk. No exception to this rule will be allowed without written permission from the Management of Monterey County Fair prior to the starting Fair date. Any exhibitor who removes his/her exhibit before the release date will have his/her premium monies withheld by Management.

**20. PROTESTS:** Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of the State or Local Rules that have not been enforced. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, Livestock Superintendents, breed callers, tail dock officials and timers cannot be protested and are final. All Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 (cash only) NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.

Given the short duration of the fair:

- The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging. All protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest and before the conclusion of fair.
- The fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors by entering an exhibit and all people by filing a protest agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner.
- Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management and/or members of Board of Directors.

Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.

Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.

- In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1st and 2nd runners-up in case of disqualification.
- In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.

At the discretion of the CEO, judging can be delayed allowing time for the Fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the operations of the Fair judging and auction events.

All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to fair management or their designee, whose decision shall be final.

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No protest will be accepted unless it:

- Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy.
- Clearly states which rule has been violated.
- States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation.

- States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest.
- States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by fair management
- Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers, and contact information and
- Describes or attaches any document relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.

**21. AWARDS:** Ribbons and premium checks will be available at the time of release of the exhibit or will be mailed to the exhibitor according to the address printed on the online entry. \$50.00 will be charged for all replacement checks. All checks must be cashed in within 90 days. NO checks will be issued after 90 days. Livestock premium checks will be presented to exhibitors on the date assigned by Fair annually. Premium Awards and Auction payments will be paid only as recorded on the signed judging sheet and/or Junior Livestock Auction sales records and only to the exhibitor. Checks may be picked up on the designated day as listed in the Entry Guidebook by the exhibitor only. If an exhibitor is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian may be designated to pick up check payment. Verification of parent or guardian will be requested at pick up.

**22. Sweepstakes and Divisions Scoring will be as follows:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 5 points,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 3 points,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.

**23. Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when at least three (3) separate exhibitors have achieved at least a combined point total of 30 points. To receive sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points. (Please see Section VI-Awards and Scoring located under State Rules.)**

**24. Upon signature and submittal of entry form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that:**

- a. They understand the State Rules and local fair rules.
- b. They agree to abide by these rules.
- c. They certify that all information on the form is true & accurate.
- d. They agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any violation of the state or local rules.
- e. If it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor's names will be forwarded to F & E as well as given to the Network of California fairs and to appropriate government agencies.

**25. All state rules are applicable for all competitions.**

# WOOL DEPARTMENT

## ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026 – Postmarked and Online  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## ENTRY FEES

All Wool Show Entries – \$2.00 per Item

## EXHIBITS RECEIVED

### WOOL ENTRIES

Must be received by Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Monterey County Fair – Wool Show, Entry Office  
2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940

### HANDCRAFTED WOOL ENTRIES

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, or Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wool Building (enter through Gate 4)

## JUDGING DATES

**FLEECES:** Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM ~ Wool Building

## WOOL AUCTION

Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, ~ 11:30 AM  
Community Stage

## EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

# FLEECES

## DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This department is open to California exhibitors only
2. **FEATURED CLASS 2026:** Division 600, Class 11, Shetland Ram or Ewe
3. Only fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition. Manufacturers and dealers are excluded. Judging begins at 9:00 AM Saturday, August 22, 2026. This is prior to the Fair.
4. Fleeces shall not be more than 12-months growth. The definition of “12-months” shall be the definition most commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is actually slightly more than 12-months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed “12-months” wool.
5. Because this Wool Show terminates in an auction of hand spinning quality fleeces, all fleeces shall have bellies and tags removed. Fleeces not in compliance shall be disqualified. Fleeces entered in breed classes shall not be penalized for their light weight.
6. No Wether fleeces may be included.
7. Ewe and White fleeces only in Market, Division 601.
8. Double coated fleeces such as Purebred Navajo-Churro and Karakul fleeces are to be shown only in the Breed Classes as their double coats make them very difficult to class commercially.
9. Each exhibitor will be limited to two fleece entries per class.
10. All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitors.
11. **★ ANYTIME THERE IS MORE THAN 3 OF A BREED IN THE PUREBRED CLASSES AN INDIVIDUAL CLASS CAN BE MADE.**
12. The judge has power to re-classify fleeces and move fleeces to the correct Division or Class before making awards. If moving fleeces results in an exhibitor having more than two fleeces in the Division/Class, the extras will be disqualified.
13. Fleeces will be shown in clear plastic bags, rolled with flesh side out in a manner to allow their being handled without falling apart.
14. Any fleeces entered for competition in the Monterey County Fair Wool Show shall be discriminated against if:
  - Showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permitted).
  - Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
  - Containing any excess burrs or other vegetative matter.
15. **JUDGING OF FLEECES SHALL CONSIDER:**
  - Fitness
  - Evenness of quality or fitness among the various parts of the fleece

- Length and strength of staple
  - Estimated clean weight
  - Condition
  - Character, including crimp and color
16. Fleeces may be shipped to the Wool Show at the address listed on the first page of the Department. A paper carton is excellent for shipping.
  17. SALE OF WOOL: Fleeces deemed spinning quality by the judge will be sold in a special fleece auction unless disqualified. ALL FLEECES WILL BE OFFERED AT AUCTION. Please state on Entry form, the MINIMUM PRICE per Pound desired for each fleece, and disposition of fleece if not sold at auction. A 6% selling charge will be collected on all fleeces sold. If no minimum price is set, it will be determined to be \$2.00/lb. You will NOT be allowed to change the sale price after entry is received.
  18. Exhibitors not wishing to incur the cost of return shipment for fleeces which do not sell may donate said fleeces to the Wool Show. The fleeces will be used for educational purposes. Please arrange for the retrieval of any unsold fleeces.
  19. Disqualified fleeces will be released immediately after judging, Saturday, August 22, 2026. All unsold fleeces will be released following the auction. Please pick up by 2:00 PM on September 7 at the Wool Show Building. Please send a letter of authorization if you wish to have someone else pick up your unsold fleeces.
  20. Only the Champion and Reserve Champion of Breed Classes, Market Classes, and Natural Colored Wool Classes are eligible for Grand Champion Wool.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE							
# OF FLEECES	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
8 or more	\$15	\$9	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$2
5 to 7	\$8	\$5	\$3	\$2	\$2		
Up to 4	\$5	\$3	\$2				

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS DIV 600: CLASS 11: SHETLAND RAM OR EWE							
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5

## ***Special Awards***

### **GRAND CHAMPION WOOL**

Grand Champion Fleece – \$50.00,  
Name on Perpetual Plaque & Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Fleece –  
\$25.00 & Rosette

### **CHAMPION BREED**

Champion Breed Fleece – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Breed Fleece –  
\$10.00 & Rosette

### **CHAMPION MARKET**

Champion Market – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Market – \$10.00 & Rosette

### **CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED WOOL**

Champion Natural Colored Fleece –  
\$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece –  
\$10.00 & Rosette

### **CHAMPION MOHAIR**

Champion Mohair Fleece – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Mohair Fleece –  
\$10.00 & Rosette

## BREED – PUREBED ONLY

2026 FEATURE CLASS:  
DIV 600: CLASS 11 – SHETLAND RAM OR EWE

### **DIVISION 600 BREED (PUREBRED SHEEP ONLY)**

**CLASS:**

- 1) Cormo Ram or Ewe
- 2) Corriedale Ram or Ewe
- 3) Merino Ram or Ewe
- 4) Navajo – Churro Ram or Ewe
- 5) Oxford Ram or Ewe
- 6) Rambouillet Ram or Ewe
- 7) Romney Ram or Ewe
- 8) Targhee Ram or Ewe
- 9) Romeldale/CVM Ram or Ewe
- 10) Jacob Ram or Ewe
- 11) **Shetland Ram or Ewe**
- 12) Other Wool Breeds, Ram, or Ewe (Breed must be named on Entry Form)

## MARKET – CROSSBREED

### **DIVISION 601 MARKET (CROSSBREED SHEEP)** **(WHITE EWES ONLY)**

**CLASS:**

- 1) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 2) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 3) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 4) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 5) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or coarser

## NATURAL COLORED WOOL

### **DIVISION 602 NATURAL COLORED WOOL** **(ANY COLOR OTHER THAN WHITE EWES OR RAMS)**

**CLASS:**

**SOLID COLOR INCLUDING BLACK**

- 1) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 2) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 3) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 4) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 5) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or Coarser

**VARIEGATED**

- 6) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 7) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 8) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 9) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 10) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or Coarser

## MOHAIR

### **DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Enter Mohair based on grade of fleece not the age of goat.
2. Mohair fleece to be entered and shown in clear plastic bag.
3. It is the accepted practice to only enter unwashed fleeces.
4. Colored fleeces must be distinctly colored.
5. Pays to 4<sup>th</sup> Place of Premium Schedule 5 to 7.

### **DIVISION 603 MOHAIR (PUREBRED GOATS ONLY)**

**CLASS:**

- 1) White Mohair, Kid 24-30 microns
- 2) Colored Mohair, Kid 24-30 microns
- 3) White Yearling to Adult (fine) 31-35 microns
- 4) Colored Yearling to Adult (fine) 31-35 microns

# HANDSPUN & HANDCRAFTED WOOL

## DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Exhibitors limited to Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo counties. EXCEPTION: Anyone buying fleece at Monterey County Fair Wool Show Auction may enter yarn or an item made from that fleece regardless of their place of residence.
- Entries in this Department must have been produced by the exhibitor and completed within one year of the entry date for the Fair to be eligible for premium awards.
- ENTRY LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.**
- Include entry label below with each handspun yarn entry along with a minimum 3"x3" swatch and fiber sample.
- SOCK YARN:** Must be predominantly mammal; one ply may be synthetic commercially spun fiber (i.e., to give durability).
- NOVELTY YARN:** Yarn from Handspun Classes 1-11 is the effect or main yarn and not the binder yarn. Binder or core yarn may be any fiber, including commercially spun yarn or thread. Plying should be of a non-standard technique, or yarn should incorporate unusual techniques - such as wrapping of cores, boucle, brushed boucle or adding beads.
- SHEEP TO YARN:** Exhibitor must have completed the whole process of washing, processing, spinning, and dyeing of yarn.
- BASKETS OF YARN:** Basket doesn't have to be handmade. Yarns must meet the criteria of Division 604, including samples of end use.
- Yarns used in Crafted Handspun must meet the criteria of Division 604 Handspun Yarns.
- Spinner-Maker:** Open to teams of two. Person A spun the yarn, and Person B made the finished item. List both team members on entry form.
- Team Effort:** Open to any group of spinners, weavers, knitters, etc. Ideal category for guild efforts.
- Any woven item that is less than 50% wool or other mammalian fiber, even if handspun, must be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving Division. Handwoven items made from any commercial yarns must be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving Division. The judge may transfer items not entered correctly into the proper department.

## Special Awards

Donated by: Anne's Web Spinning Guild

### ANNE BLINKS PERPETUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HAND SPINNING

Champion Yarn - \$25.00  
& Name on Perpetual Plaque

### JOANNE NISSEN PERPETUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CRAFTED HANDSPUN

Best of Show - \$50.00  
& Name on Perpetual Plaque

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASSES

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

## MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR HANDSPUN & CRAFTED WOOL ENTRY FORM

Submit this form with Wool entry. Attach Wool samples as necessary.

Divisions (circle one) 604      605      Class: \_\_\_\_\_      Exhibitor Age (if Minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Fiber(s)/Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Manner of Fiber Preparation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Dye/Mordant (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Spinning; Number of Plies: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use for Yarn: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Wool Purchased at Monterey County Fair? YES      NO      Fiber Sample      Yarn Sample/Swatch

Processed by Exhibitor?      YES      NO

## HANDSPUN YARN

### DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **FEATURED ITEM 2026: Division 604, Class 1** - Premiums will be paid to 6 places.
2. **Classes 1-3 and 9-11:** Fibers used must be spun solely from wool.
3. **Classes 4- 7:** Yarn may be up to 49% non-mammal fibers and make up 51% or more of mammal fiber.
4. Fibers may be dyed with natural or chemical dyes.
5. Yarn skeins must be a minimum of 50 yards or 50 grams. Tie loosely with at least three skein ties, using figure 8 ties.
6. Handspun entries will be judged for the quality of the spinning. For example, strength, consistency, appropriateness for the end product, etc. Any number plies.

### **2026 FEATURED ITEM:**

#### **CLASS 1: WOOL YARN, 18 WRAPS PER INCH OR MORE**

#### **DIVISION 604 HANDSPUN YARNS**

##### **CLASS:**

- 1) **Wool Yarn, 18 wraps per inch or more**
- 2) Wool Yarn, 13-17 wraps per inch
- 3) Wool Yarn, 12 wraps per inch or fewer
- 4) Mohair Yarn, may be a blend where Mohair is the predominant fiber
- 5) Camelid (llama, alpaca, camel)
- 6) Other Mammal
- 7) Blend
- 8) Sock Yarn
- 9) Spindle Spun Wool Yarn
- 10) Spindle Spun Other Mammal Yarn
- 11) Novice (exhibitor may not have won a Blue Ribbon)
- 12) Commercially Prepared Wool
- 13) Novelty Yarn
- 14) Sheep to Yarn

##### **BASKETS OF YARN**

- 15) One Each of the Following Five Yarns:  
18 or more wraps per inch (lace),  
15-16 wraps per inch (fingering),  
12-14 wraps per inch spun (worsted),  
12-14 wraps per inch spun woolen,  
10 wraps per inch or fewer
- 16) Five (5) skeins of novelty yarn using 5 different techniques
- 17) As many skeins of yarn as needed for one project, minimum 12 oz. or 1,000 yards

## CRAFTED HANDSPUN

### DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **FEATURED ITEM 2026: Division 605, Class 1** - Premiums will be paid to 6 places.
2. In hand-woven entries, yarn other than handspun wool yarns may be used as non-visible wrap only. Visible wrap/weft must be 100% handspun.
3. For rugs, commercial wrap threads may be used, providing they are only visible as fringe or bound wrap finish.

4. To be eligible for Best of Show, the entry must be accompanied by a sample of the yarn and the unspun fiber.
5. **Classes 16-18:** Teams eligible to enter include those in which both members live in the geographical area currently eligible to enter Monterey County Fair, using whatever eligible fiber they want. Teams living anywhere that use a fleece bought at the Monterey County Fair Wool Auction may enter.

### **2026 FEATURED ITEM:**

#### **CLASS 1: SCARF, COWL OR NECKWEAR**

#### **DIVISION 605 CRAFTED**

##### **CLASS:**

- 1) **Scarf, Cowl, or Neckwear**
- 2) Hat - with Pom Poms in Honor of Geri Wade
- 3) Mittens, Gloves, Hand Coverings
- 4) Socks, Slippers
- 5) Layette Item, please specify (booties, cap, hat, etc.)
- 6) Bag or Purse
- 7) Sweater - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 8) Vest - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 9) Article of Clothing - Woven, please specify
- 10) Shawl, Ruana, Poncho
- 11) Afghan, Throw, Lap Rug - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 12) Afghan, Throw, Lap Rug - Woven, please specify
- 13) Rug, Saddle Blanket, or Tapestry Blanket
- 14) Cushion or Pillow
- 15) Any Other, please specify
- 16) Clothing: Spinner-Maker
- 17) All Other: Spinner-Maker
- 18) Team Effort - Any Item, please specify
- 19) Felted Item, indicate the felting method used



# WOOL SHOW ENTRY FORM

**WOOL SHOW: USE FOR DIVISIONS 600-605**  
Forms Due to MCF or Postmarked No Later Than August 1

*Please Print Exhibitor (Legal Owner) Information*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delivery Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Monterey County Fair  
2004 Fairground Road  
Monterey, CA 93940

Leave Blank	Division Number	Class Number	Min. Sale Price	Sheep ID or Name	Type of Wool	Entry Fee

This form may be reproduced for  
2026 Monterey County Fair Entries.

Total Entry Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Hold Harmless/Read and Sign**

Upon signature and submittal of Entry Form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that: a. they understand the State Rules for California Fairs and the local rules as printed in the Fair Entry Guidebook; b. They agree to abide by them, c. They certify that all information on the form is true and correct; d. They agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any violation of the rules.

Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that occur to any of the Exhibitors or Exhibits at the Fair. The Exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the Exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

I certify that this entry is the project of the Exhibitor, and these entries comply with the rules and regulations published in the official Entry Guidebook. I understand that all fleece entries shall be entered in the auction.

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT - Indicate disposition of fleeces if not sold. Fleeces will NOT be returned without prepaid shipping label.**

\_\_\_\_\_ If Fleece does not sell, donate to MCF Wool Show.      \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up on (date/time) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ship to me at my expense; prepaid label is enclosed.      \_\_\_\_\_ Release my unsold fleece(s) to \_\_\_\_\_