

Admissions

Daily Gate Admission, age 12 and over	\$12.00
Daily Gate Admission, Seniors, age 62 and over	\$10.00
Daily Gate Admission, age 6-11	\$9.00
Daily Gate Admission, under 6	FREE
General Parking.....	FREE

Advance Admission Prices May1 – August 20


Age 12 and over	\$10.00
Seniors.....	\$9.00
Age 6-11.....	\$8.00

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2	3	4	6	6	7 ENTRY DEADLINE	8
9 Reg. Light Horse Online Deadline	10 ONLINE DEADLINE	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Arrival: Angus, Hereford, Murray Grey	20 Arrival: Angus, Hereford, Murray Grey, Mules & Donkeys, Pygmy Goats, Llamas & Alpacas	21 Judging: Mules & Donkeys, Llamas & Alpacas	22 Judging: Angus, Hereford, Murray Grey, Mules & Donkeys, Llamas & Alpacas
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30 Judging: Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Light Horses, Draft Horses, Sheep Dogs, Rabbits Release: All breeds	31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4 Premium Office Closed	Sept 5 

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL WESTERN IDAHO FAIR CROP OF THE YEAR: SEED CROPS

2010 – Sugar Beets	2014 – Apples	2018 – Wheat	2022 - Honey	2026 – Seed Crops
2011 – Cheese	2015 – Grapes	2019 – Mint	2023 - Peaches	
2012 – Milk	2016 – Potatoes	2020 – Cancelled	2024 - Barley	
2013 – Corn	2017 – Hops	2021 – Onions	2025 - Huckleberries	

General Rules And Information

1. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules or special rules in any department will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Management may order.
2. Entry form completely and properly filled in must be submitted in all departments on or before the closing date specified. Auxiliary aides or services for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please call the Fair Office at 208-287-5650 by 5:00 p.m. three days prior to needing a service.
3. All exhibits when assigned space become subject to the control of the Department Superintendent.
4. The Management reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space, if it conflicts with department requirements, or if the capacity of the department has been reached.
5. The Department Superintendent has the right to refuse an entry from anyone showing disrespect or causing disruption in the Department. Disrespect shown to any Judge or to any award, by an exhibitor, may forfeit all awards made to the offending exhibitor.
6. All exhibits must be in place as specified in the special rules of each department. **No exhibits will be released before specified time.** Competitive exhibits which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned by the exhibitor and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.
7. Exhibitors must attend to the delivery in person or by agent of articles or animals for exhibition to the Department Superintendent and must claim their exhibits at the close of the Fair. **Do not send exhibits by freight or express to the Fair or to any of its officers.**
8. All exhibits must bear the entry tag given by the clerk at the time of entry. In paying premiums no evidence of awards will be recognized except the judging sheets properly signed by the Judge and Superintendent, as ribbons frequently become misplaced. Premium ribbons or cards have no value as to payment of premiums, since premiums are paid only from the records of the Judge's book.
9. Where there is but one exhibit in a class the award shall be made on merit alone and any premium or no premium may be awarded. The merit of the article, in the opinion of the Judge, shall be final.
10. Exhibitors must present their claim checks to the departments before removing exhibits.
11. No person entering an exhibit for competition will be allowed to withdraw or change the entry after the opening of the show.
12. In all cases, articles or animals must be entered in the name of the bona fide owners, except where otherwise specified. A transfer of ownership for the purpose of exhibiting will debar any animal or article and operate against the payment of premiums offered by the Western Idaho Fair.
13. **COMPETITION: Competition is defined as a contest for supremacy between two or more animals or articles or products owned by separate exhibitors. Two or more exhibits entered by the same person or household do not constitute competition, which includes animals registered to two separate individuals belonging to the same family or farm.**
14. Exhibitors may make as many entries in each class as desired, except as specified in the special rules of each department, **but no exhibitor will be allowed more than two premiums in any one class, unless specified in the department.**
15. No animal or article may compete in more than one class, nor receive more than one premium except in performance classes or as one of a pair, group, or championships.
16. Premium will be designated by ribbons as follows:

First	Blue Ribbon
Second.....	Red Ribbon
Third.....	White Ribbon
Fourth.....	Pink Ribbon
Fifth.....	Yellow Ribbon
Sixth	Green Ribbon
Seventh.....	Nile Green Ribbon
Eighth.....	Tan Ribbon
Champion	Purple Ribbon
Reserve Champion	Lavender Ribbon
17. Prior to judging, each Superintendent will inspect all exhibits to determine if they are entered in the class in which they should compete. In cases where it is obvious that entries are not correctly posted due to a clerical error, the Superintendent will contact the Premium Office for a change to be made.
18. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted in writing, setting forth grounds of protest. Protests against the exhibition of any article or animal must be filed with the manager of the Fair at least twenty-four hours before the awards are made. In every case of protest the party protesting must deposit with the manager the sum of \$50.00, which sum shall in the event of the protest being sustained, be returned to the complainant, and if the protest be not sustained, the said sum shall be forfeited to the Western Idaho Fair. Protests will be considered by the Board at its first meeting after filing of the protest.
19. Management has carefully selected the Judges, and each is recognized for his/her capability of making expert decisions in the respective division for which chosen. **All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these Judges and agree to abide by their decisions.** The judging time schedule is printed at the beginning of each department. The decision of the Judge will be final in all cases. If any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the Judge in any manner during the time he is judging or publicly expresses disapproval of the decisions made by the Judge, he will be excluded from further competition and any premium previously won will be forfeited. The public will not be allowed in the exhibit areas while judging is being done. We thank these judges for their service to the community. In recognition of their service to the Western Idaho Fair, the judges are extended an Honorarium.
20. Awards will be made according to the merits of the exhibit. Placings will be awarded only as listed. Judges are encouraged to award all possible placings but may disqualify an entry at their discretion. Special awards will be made only after the Judges have agreed with the Department Superintendent that such award should be made.
21. **The Owner or Custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds, either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes, as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk of responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.** The Fair employs guards, traffic directors and other personnel to protect property on the grounds and insure the safety of persons. The Fair and its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements,

accidents, or other conditions or causes, whether to exhibits or vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

Exhibitors having property on the grounds should make their own arrangements for guarding and protecting same.

Presentation of entry shall be deemed acceptance of the rules.

Exhibitors exempt the Western Idaho Fair, its officers, directors, and employees from liability for any loss, damage or injury to himself or his property, or injury to any person or the property of any person by any animal owned or exhibited by him and shall indemnify the said Western Idaho Fair against all claims and any injuries or damages arising from actions or negligence of the exhibitor.

22. Attendants at exhibits must be neatly attired and will be required to conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
23. **PET POLICY.** Dogs or other pets will not be permitted on the grounds during the Fair, except for disability-related guide dogs and dogs entered in the 4-H dog show. Dogs that are permitted must be on a leash.
24. Ample light is furnished in all buildings. If additional light or power is required, all wiring and power must be furnished by the consumer and wired under the supervision of the Fair's electrician.
25. No premium shall be awarded, nor will any premium be paid, on any article or animal not mentioned or classified in this premium list.
26. Premium checks not cashed within 60 days after issue will be void.
27. Any Exhibitor awarded \$600 or more in premiums is required to complete a W-9 Form.
28. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until 30 days after close of the fair after which time the books will be closed and incorrect premiums forfeited.
29. The Western Idaho Fair will not be responsible for any individual's or merchant's default on Special Awards.
30. The Western Idaho Fair will not be held liable for printing errors in this publication.

ANIMAL CARE AND WELLNESS

When entering your animals in the Western Idaho Fair Owners/Exhibitors agree to adhere to the following rules:

The Western Idaho Fair is a learning environment for the citizens of Idaho and her fellow states to seek out and appreciate the great wellness and care given to the animals of our world. The standards of animal wellness and care set by the Western Idaho Fair Board are first and foremost present to ensure the utmost in humane care, stress-free exhibition, and preventive wellness care. The exhibitors of these animals are bound to meet these obligations of wellness and care for both competitive and non-competitive exhibition. In doing so the exhibitors will ensure that their animals will be provided with proper nutrition including clean, fresh water at all times, ensure their animals' bedding is appropriate and clean, and practice the highest standards of competition ethics while exhibiting at the Western Idaho Fair. Management reserves the right to refuse entry of livestock and/or horses of owners/exhibitors due to misconduct.

Special Rules Governing Livestock Departments

1. The Show is open to the world, but when all stalls or pens have been filled, no more entries will be accepted.
2. Livestock will be stalled/penned at the discretion of the Open Class Livestock Department Superintendent. 4-H & FFA Division Class Supervisors must coordinate with Open Class Superintendents. In the event of conflict, the decision of the Western Idaho Fair Livestock Director will prevail.
3. No entry will be accepted, nor will stalls be reserved, unless fees accompany the entry. NO refunds on entry fees will be made.
4. Entries in livestock departments close Aug. 7, 2026. Entries must be postmarked by this date. Any late entries are subject to double entry fees and prior approval of the Superintendent. Online entries close Aug. 10, 2026. (Please refer to individual departments for amount of entry fee.) Substitutions will be accepted at the time the animals are to be on the grounds. Report all substitutions to the Premium Office.
5. Arrival time and judging times of livestock are specified in each livestock department.
6. All entries must be made on forms supplied by the Western Idaho Fair and each entry must give class, number, age, record number or the necessary information. In all cases the right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application.
7. A **"Release"** slip for transportation of livestock will be required for release from gate. Release slip to be obtained from Department Superintendent.
8. No barn space will be allotted by any Superintendent unless the exhibitor desiring such space has in his possession an official receipt showing entry made and all fees paid.
9. Should a temporary sale or transfer of a show animal be discovered, the exhibitor and proper owner may be barred from competition.
10. No animal or article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium. No premiums shall be withheld merely because there is no competition. Decision of the Judge will be final. No awards will be made for champions where there is no competition.
11. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one farm and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for Premium Exhibitor, Dairy Herd and Best Three Female classes.
12. To be eligible for competition whether singly or in groups, animals must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner and registry certificate of ownership must be recorded in current owner's name prior to Fair date. The breed representative or his agent will check all registration papers. In classes of "get-of-sire" and "produce-of-dam" it is not necessary that the exhibitor own either the "sire" or "dam", but the sire and dam must be named at the time of making entry.
13. Entry must be made by exhibitor in "get-of-sire" and "produce-of-dam" classes.
14. Entries should not be made for Championships.
15. Firms and co-partnerships entering animals for competition must be in existence at the time of making entry and in all classes must be bona fide. The Management may require affidavits of the age of firms.
16. Entry must be made for a group class. Individual animals to compose a competitive group need not be named in the application for entry but must be selected by the exhibitor.

17. Exhibitors will not be limited as to the number of entries, except where so specified, but no exhibitor will be allowed more than two monies in any one class with some exceptions listed in the department.
18. The primary object of this Fair is to encourage the breeding of improved breeds of livestock for well-defined, practical purposes. Regard will be had to symmetry, size, structure, action, constitution, vigor, and general characteristics of the various breeds, with reasonable allowance for age and general refinement that denotes breed character-points which, while not weighing on the "scale", add value to animals when being sold for breeding purposes. In groups, encouragement will be given to uniformity as well as breed type.
19. The Fair reserves the right to discriminate against excessive obesity, which cannot be a profitable condition for breeding animals, and excessive leanness, in which condition animals are unfit for exhibition.
20. The Fair debars and will, to the utmost of its power, discourage and prohibit the exhibition of barren animals in breeding classes.
21. No animal is eligible for entry in both fat and breeding stock classes.
22. Only awards won at the current Western Idaho Fair may be displayed unless preapproved by the Department Superintendent.
23. The single judge system is the policy of this Fair, and in every case the Judge will be selected with the utmost care.
24. **NO person other than those holding animals exhibited will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging, except the Superintendent, Judge, Clerks, and officially accredited reporters.**
25. Exhibitors refusing for any cause to lead their animals out for parade or for competition in the show ring when called by the Superintendent will forfeit all premiums won.
26. All animals except in fat classes, 4-H and FFA Departments must be recorded in the recognized book of record for their respective breeds.
27. The Management requires that all exhibitors of livestock comply with the health regulations set forth in the special rules for each department. No diseased or inferior stock will be assigned space on the Fairgrounds for exhibition purposes. The Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession or show that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable or to remove any sign, banner or advertising matter which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them without assigning a reason and will not return any money already paid for space or stalls.
28. **Stalls and pens shall be bedded when assigned. Exhibitors must furnish bedding for further needs. The Western Idaho Fair has a no straw policy.**
29. Every exhibitor of livestock is expected to keep his pens, stalls, and tie outs clean and sanitary. Cleaning must be completed by 10:00 a.m. each day and refuse disposed of as directed by the Superintendent. With the increased concerns of the general public about animal wellness, it is imperative that exhibitors abide by this policy. If the Superintendent decides the exhibitor is not in compliance and Fairground personnel has to step in, a fee of \$50 per occurrence will be charged. This fee needs to be settled before premiums will be released.
30. **Parking and Feed Regulations:** No parking will be allowed in the roadway area of livestock building.

Trucks and trailers cannot be parked in the immediate vicinity of the livestock buildings but must be parked on space designated by the Management.

Feed and bedding may be unloaded from 6 to 10 a.m. All feed and bedding must be stored inside the livestock building to facilitate cleanup of debris from the area.

31. Premium checks will be made out to "Owner's Name" as listed on the Livestock Entry Form. **Checks will be void 60 days after issue date. Those not cashed will not be replaced. The funds will be considered a donation and revert back to the Western Idaho Fair general fund.**
32. **CAMPING:** Overnight camping for livestock exhibitors is **ONLY** available on the fairgrounds at **Boise Riverside RV Park**. To take advantage of special Fair rates, you must contact Boise Riverside RV Park, 6000 N. Glenwood, Boise, 83714. Phone: (208)375-7432, as soon as possible. Website: www.BoiseRiversideRVPark.com. Make your reservations and forward full payment no later than Aug. 1.
2026 Rates: \$25/night for limited available spots with power and water only. After those spots are filled 15% discount on all other regular RV spots.
All other camping on fairgrounds property is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Western Idaho Fair, Security Office, and Livestock Superintendent. License plate numbers of exhibitors who are authorized by Superintendent to watch animals at night will be registered with Security.
33. **PARKING:** Livestock exhibitors will be issued two vehicle parking permits (Small Animal exhibitors will be issued one parking permit). Exhibitor with pass must display parking permit in vehicle window for admittance at the **Livestock Entrance** off Backstretch Blvd. at **Glenwood Street**. Designated parking areas for Livestock Exhibitors must be used. **NO vehicular movement** will be allowed inside the paid admission area during the hours the Fair is open to the public. Exception to this rule will be **Open Class Livestock Release** times on **Sunday and Monday, Aug. 23 & 24**, and on **Sunday, Aug. 30**.
Vehicles will not be allowed to enter this area after 10 a.m. Vehicles bringing in livestock, feed, equipment etc. **MUST be removed to the parking area before 11:00 a.m.** If needed, **Fair personnel will deliver items from the vehicle parking area to the barn area during the hours the Fair is open.**
 See the map, with Livestock Exhibitor Parking areas marked, below:



1. Livestock Entrance off Glenwood
2. Livestock Parking
3. RV Park
4. Baseball Stadium

ANIMALS FOR “EXHIBIT ONLY”

Exhibitors wanting to enter ANIMALS for “EXHIBIT ONLY” (breeds or species not presently included in the Exhibitor’s Handbook) must contact the Superintendent of the department involved.

Space for Exhibit Only animals will be assigned AFTER the regular entries in that department are in.

The Superintendent and the Livestock Director will determine whether the Exhibit Only animals will be shown in the first or second section of the Fair.

Entries (on Western Idaho Fair Livestock Entry forms) must be received in the Premium Office by the specified deadline.

All pen or head fees that apply must accompany entry.

If space is not available, all fees will be returned to the sender. If space is available, the exhibitor or the breed representative will be notified as soon as possible after the entry deadline.

Exhibitors in Exhibit Only status will abide by all rules set forth in the Western Idaho Fair Exhibitor’s Handbook, general and department rules. These would include arrival and release times, cleaning of pens, health rules, care of animals, etc.

The Open Class Superintendent and the Livestock Director determine placement of animals and tack.

CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING & MAINTAINING BREED SHOWS

Those breeds wanting to be considered for Western Idaho Fair Show status, be included in the schedule, and receive awards, must state their request in writing and submit it to the Premium Office by Nov. 1 of their qualifying year (3rd).

To establish Western Idaho Fair Show status, exhibitors must demonstrate a commitment to show on an annual basis and have at least two (2) interested exhibitors that would exhibit a total of ten (10) animals.

If space permits, after three (3) years of qualified Exhibit Only status, the qualifying breed will be included in the Western Idaho Fair Show schedule with premium monies and ribbons awarded. Amount of premiums will be determined at that time by Fair management.

Breed Shows, having been established, **then failing to maintain the minimum requirements**, will be reviewed annually by Fair Management to determine their status.

As stated in the Western Idaho Fair General Livestock Rules, all animals entered, except fat classes and 4-H/FFA departments, must be recorded in the recognized book of record for their respective breed.

Note: For 2026 the Western Idaho Fair Management has waived these criteria for Dairy and Beef Cattle Breeds.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

1. Segregation – Prevent contact of your livestock with other animals
2. Restrict use of feed, equipment, and trailers to your animals.
3. Do not remove feed/bedding from the Fair. Equipment used at the Fair should be cleaned and disinfected.
4. Notify a veterinarian immediately if an animal becomes sick.
5. Isolate animals returning home for 30 days.

BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

- ❖ Monitor visitors to your animals and farm, especially if they have traveled outside of the country.
- ❖ Make sure all veterinary health inspections and certificates of veterinary inspection are current for all animals you will take to the Fair.
- ❖ Follow the Fair vaccination guidelines and give recommended vaccination at least 10 days before the event.
- ❖ Disinfect all equipment, such as buckets, shovels, wheelbarrows, manure baskets, lead ropes, show box and so forth before entering the fairgrounds.
- ❖ Don’t share equipment with other exhibitors unless it has been cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- ❖ Eliminate traffic between exhibitors of different species (especially sheep and cattle). If it is not possible to eliminate this traffic, change clothing and disinfect hands before handling a different species.
- ❖ As much as possible, minimize feed and water changes from home to Fair.
- ❖ Keep unused equipment and feed bagged or covered to reduce the risk of contamination.
- ❖ Vehicles and trailers used to transport animals to and from the Fair should be well cleaned and disinfected, inside and out, between uses.
- ❖ Do not mix species in the same trailer. Avoid commercial haulers with multiple animals from multiple farms.
- ❖ Clean and disinfect all items at the end of the Fair before taking them home.
- ❖ Properly dispose of unused bedding, hay and feed after the Fair. Do not take it home.
- ❖ Minimize stress by keeping animals cool, well bedded and comfortable.

AFTER THE FAIR

- ❖ Keep Fair animals isolated from other animals and pets for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Check these isolated animals every day for any signs of illness. Contact a vet if you see any unusual symptoms.
- ❖ Care for isolated animals separately, change clothes and clean and disinfect your boots before going to other areas of the farm.
- ❖ The person caring for animals at the Fair should not perform animal-related chores at home. If the same person must do both, chores at home should be done first. Garments should be cleaned and disinfected between each trip to the Fair and barn/pasture.