

DEPT. B- DRAFT HORSE, PONIES AND MULES-2026



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**Quick Reference-Draft Horse,
Ponies and Mules
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **PARKING**-You may enter the fairgrounds with your trucks and trailers beginning at 8:00 AM on Friday, August 21, 2026. Please enter on the north side of the horse arena from Austin Road and park your rigs off to the sides to unload. We cannot congest the middle of the road as other exhibitors use this space as well. Once you have unloaded and are ready to park, you will be directed to drive west behind the barns to Elm Street, turn right onto Park Street and another right back onto Austin Road. From there you will be parked accordingly based on space provided.
- **ENTRIES**-Must be submitted by Friday, July 31, 2026. Please submit your entries to the Fair Office or Megan Hedberg-Polzin by mail. Classes may be added once the show has started for \$5.00 per entry. Classes WILL NOT be refunded for dropped or scratched classes, unless a veterinary certificate is submitted. Ribbons will be given in all classes, up to 6th place. If you would like to donate your ribbons back to the fair, please do so after the show has completed.
- **HORSE HEALTH/SAFETY**-ALL horses/mules must be vet checked and have a current NEGATIVE Coggins test to enter the fairgrounds. (Health Certificates are not required for out of state animals.) Please have your Coggins papers ready to submit by 9:00 PM Friday, August 21, 2026 for the fair veterinarian to check Saturday morning. Please do not exercise your horses/mules on the south side of the Radel Pavilion. All animals must stay on the north side of the barn.
- **STALLING**-Stalls will be assigned based on a first come, first serve basis. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please specify if you would like tie stalls or box, how many tack stalls you would like, and how many stalls you require for your horses/mules. Each hitch will receive 1 free tack stall with a \$5.00 charge for each additional.
- **PREMIUMS**-Checks will be awarded after the completion of the show on Sunday or mailed to the address provided. We must have a W-9 for premiums totaling \$600.00 or more before checks will be mailed. ALL checks MUST BE cashed by October 1, 2026.
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE BARN.**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN THE BARN.**
- **ENTRY DEADLINE-FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026.**
- **EACH EXHIBITOR STALLING AND HITCHING WILL RECEIVE A ONE TIME HITCHING BONUS OF \$20.00.**
- **NO WAGONS OR CARTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE BARN.**

PREMIUMS for Draft/Pony/Mule Classes

Class 20	Lots 1-24	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
	Lots 25 and 26	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	Participant-\$5	
Grand Champion	\$10	Award Reserve Champion	\$8				
Class 21	Lots 1-2-3-4	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15
	Lots 5-6-7-8-9	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$40
	Lots 10-11-12	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$50
	Lots 13-14	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100
Class 22	Lots 1-2-3-4-5-17-18	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15
	Lots 6-7-8-9-10-11-13	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$40
	Lot 12	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100
	Lots 14 and 16	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$50
	Lot 15	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75

STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW

DRAFT HALTER- Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00 AM

CLASS 20-Draft Halter

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| 1. Reg. Draft Mare, yearlings and fillies | 12. Pony Mare, yearlings and fillies |
| 2. Reg. Draft Mares, 2 yrs. & 3 yrs. | 13. Pony Mares, 2 yrs. - 4 yrs. |
| 3. Reg. Draft Mares, 4 yrs. & up | 14. Pony Mares, 5 yrs & up |
| *Grand and Reserve Champion Reg. Draft Mare | *Grand and Reserve Champion Pony Mare |
| 4. Draft Stallions, 2 yrs. & under | 15. Grade Draft Geldings, 3 yrs. & under |
| 5. Draft Stallions, 3 yrs. & up | 16. Grade Draft Geldings, 4 yrs. & up |
| *Grand and Reserve Champion Draft Stallion | 17. Grade Draft Mares, all ages |
| 6. John Mules, 4 yrs. & under | *Grand and Reserve Champion Grade Draft |
| 7. John Mules 5 yrs. & up | 18. Pony Geldings, 4 yrs. & under |
| *Grand and Reserve Champion John Mule | 19. Pony Geldings, 5 yrs. & up |
| 8. Jenny Mules, 4 yrs. & under | *Grand and Reserve Champion Pony Gelding |
| 9. Jenny Mules, 5 yrs. & up | 20. Youth Junior Showmanship-14 yrs. & under |
| *Grand and Reserve Champion Jenny Mule | 21. Youth Senior Showmanship-15-17yrs. |
| 10. Reg. Draft Geldings, 3 yrs. & under | 22. Get of Sire |
| 11. Reg. Draft Geldings, 4 yrs. & up | 23. Produce of Dam |
| *Grand and Reserve Champion Reg. Draft Gelding | 24. Four Abreast |
| | 25. Youth Decoration Class-Junior 14 yrs & under |
| | 26. Youth Decoration Class-Senior 15-17 years |

STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW

DRAFT HALTER-Saturday, August 22nd at 5:00 PM

CLASS 21-Draft Performance

***Grand Entry**

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| 1. Pony Pleasure Cart | 6. Pony Tandem | 11. Draft Four |
| 2. Ladies Draft Cart | 7. Mule Team | 12. Pony Four |
| 3. Ladies Pony Cart | 8. Men's Draft Team | 13. Draft Six |
| 4. Mule Cart | 9. Men's Pony Team | 14. Pony Six |
| 5. Draft Tandem | 10. Mule Four | |

STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW
DRAFT HALTER-Sunday, August 23rd at 8:00 AM
CLASS 22-Draft Performance

***Grand Entry**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draft Pleasure Cart2. Men's Draft Cart3. Men's Pony Cart4. Youth Senior Drive Cart (15-17 yrs.)
Draft Heat 1, Pony Heat 2, Mule Heat 35. Youth Junior Driver Cart (14 yr. & under)
Draft Heat 1, Pony Heat 2, Mule Heat 36. Ladies Draft Team7. Ladies Pony Team8. Youth Senior Driver Team (15-17 yrs.)
Draft Heat 1, Pony Heat 2, Mule Heat 39. Youth Junior Driver Team (14 yrs. & under)
Draft Heat 1, Pony Heat 2, Mule Heat 3 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Pony Unicorn11. Draft Unicorn12. Competition Six-Freestyle, 3 min. timed-
all breeds <p>Lunch Break</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">13. Costume Class-single or team, all breeds14. Pony Farm Team, exhibitors of all ages15. Farm Team-Draft/Mule16. Junior Farm Team (14 yrs. & under)
Draft/Mule17. Egg & Spoon (Riding Game, No Saddles),
all breeds18. Bareback Obstacle Course |
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Pleasure and Draft Horse Show Awards sponsored by the following:



A plaque will be awarded to the winner of the Farmer's Hitch.
This is presented by the Prestegard Family in
memory of Olin and Millie Prestegard.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION - 2026

EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN MINNESOTA SUMMARY OF STATE RULE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The exhibition management may adopt more but not less restrictive health requirements than required by state rule.

Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, contagious or communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, contagious or communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious communicable diseases.** Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is **not** acceptable.

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. Prior to entering a public exhibition, animals must meet the requirements for exhibition, importation, and intrastate movement as defined by the Board of Animal Health. No animal may enter or be at a public exhibition that shows clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises.

Livestock and poultry entered in any public or petting exhibit are required to follow exhibition requirements.

CATTLE-Cattle must be individually & officially identified using AIN system after 11-5-24 or NUES system or breed registry tattoos and tags prior to 11-5-24.

SHEEP AND GOATS-Sheep and goats must be officially identified using flock ID tags, sheep/goat serial tags, AIN system tags or legible tattoos.

LLAMAS & ALPACAS-No requirements.

POULTRY-Chickens, turkeys, and game birds must be individually identified with numbered leg/wing bands. Hatching eggs and young poultry too small for bands can be exhibited as a group but must be accompanied by Hatchery Permit number or NPIP number written on cage. 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 U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean under NPIP or are negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

WATERFOWL & PIGEON- Waterfowl and pigeon will follow the same identification requirements as poultry.

SWINE-Swine must be individually & officially identified using HUES system, AIN system, or ear notching.

HORSES-Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (e.g. Coggins test) conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of an exhibition.

DOGS-Dogs four months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian.

