

Draft Horse Department



Registration: May 15th to Saturday, July 8th, 2026 at 4pm.

Arrival Time: Saturday, July 11th from 8:00am to 10:00am. A vet will be present to check your animals.

Release Time: Saturday, July 18, 2026, at noon or determined by the superintendent.

Entry Fee: \$40.00 for each Exhibitor. \$5.00 for each entry in each class. This includes 1 weekly pass (\$50 Value). Additional passes can be purchased at the fair office. (A Copy of Insurance must be on File to exhibit)

Entries: Drivers must be 18 years or older and not enrolled in 4-H. Drivers in events with 3 or more horses hitched must be accompanied by a qualified driver (Qualified Driver = driven horses in multiple hitches (3+ horses), 18 years old or older, and not enrolled in 4-H). Halter class exhibitors must be in 3rd grade or 9 years or older and accompanied by a qualified driver. Exhibitors must be affiliated with the LaPorte County Draft Horse Association or the 4-H Wagon Masters club (except for friends of the breed). Exhibitors must own all animals shown.

It is at the judge's discretion to make changes to the course for participants' safety and enhancement of the course. The Judge's decision is final and will be upheld. No high-wheeled hitch wagons will be allowed.

Any exceptions must be cleared up through the superintendent.

Show Attire: Exhibitors and qualified drivers must wear a collared shirt and work shoes/

boots when showing in events. Work shoes/boots also must be worn while working with the animals.

Care of the Animal: Exhibitor must properly care for animal including, but not limited to, stall work, grooming, care of tack, and feeding on average of twice each day. All hoof trimming and shoeing of equine should be done before admittance of fair. Any animal to be found in poor health or condition (such as underweight) will not be admitted to the fair. All Animals must be faced inwards in their assigned stalls.

All Animals must conform to Health Regulations and Vaccinations:

- Required Vaccinations: Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis, Influenza, West Nile Virus, Strangles, Rabies Immunization.
- Any animal to be shown in 4-H or Open Class must show Health Papers from their personal veterinarian per Indiana State Animal requirements.

Premiums: Will be paid time of showing. Please contact your Superintendent or the Fair Office if you have any questions.

Number of Entries:	1 st Place:	2 nd Place:	3 rd Place:
3-10	\$18.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
11-15	\$22.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
16+	\$27.00	\$22.00	\$18.00

No Premium will be paid if:

- The exhibitor does not wear the correct exhibitor number for the entry.
- The animal is not entered into the correct division.
- Exhibitors will get entry fee back for division with less than three entries.

Mandatory Drivers' Meeting

at 1:00pm on July 11th!

Saturday, July 11th, 2026 at 4:00 pm

CLASS 45 – TIMED EVENTS

30 Seconds to pass first cone; otherwise disqualified.

1. Team Log Skidding
2. Stone Boat Competition

CLASS 46 – FRIEND OF THE BREED

non horse owners accompanied by owner/qualified driver or Alumni from Wagon Masters that are no longer showing Horses.

Sunday, July 12th, 2026, at 10:00 am

CLASS 47 – LINE DRIVING

You may only attempt to back out of the cones two times. If this is not accomplished, you will be disqualified.

1. Single Horse Loose Line Driving – Women's
2. Single Horse Loose Line Driving – Men's
3. Team Loose Line Driving – Women's
4. Team Loose Line Driving – Men's

Sunday, July 12th, 2026, at 3:00 pm

CLASS 48 – OBSTACLE DRIVING

1. Cart Obstacle
3. Team Wagon Obstacle (In Memory of Lewis Eggert)

Monday, July 13th, 2026 at 12:00 pm

CLASS 49 – WAGON DRIVING A

1. Farm Wagon Driving – Men's
2. Farm Wagon Driving – Women's
3. Team Challenge (Top 3 of Women's and Men's)

Monday, July 13th, 2026, at 5:00 pm

CLASS 50 – WAGON DRIVING B

1. Four Horse Hitch – Farm
2. Unicorn - Farm

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at 9:00am

CLASS 51 BELGIANS AT HALTER

CLASS 52 CLYDESDALE AT HALTER

CLASS 53 PERCHERONS AT HALTER

DIVISION:

1. Mares, 4 years and older
2. Fillies, 3 years
3. Fillies, 2 years
4. Fillies, 1 year
5. Mares and Foals at Side
6. MARES, CHAMPION AND RESERVE – ROSETTE
7. Gelding, 4 years and older
8. Gelding, 3 years and younger
9. GELDING, CHAMPION AND RESERVE – ROSETTE

CLASS 54 - ALL BREED FOAL CLASS

DIVISION

Best of Breed Foal – 1st place ribbon
OVERALL CHAMPION AND RESERVE – ROSETTE

Tuesday, July 14th, 2025 at 4:00pm

CLASS 55 – CART CLASS

The same horse may not be used in both classes.

1. Farm Cart Class – Men's
2. Farm Cart Class – Women's
3. Cart Challenge – Top 5 Men and Women from Cart Classes – No Pay Out