

DEPARTMENT T – CROPS ~ 2019

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ENTRY: **Online entry at:** www.montanafair.com
Contact the Entry Office at (406)256-2400 for entry questions or
Email: entryoffice@metrapark.com.

EXHIBITOR FEE: \$5.00 per exhibitor
ENTRY FEES: -0-

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received by the MontanaFair Entry Office by 5:00 pm, **Wednesday, August 7, 2019.**

CHECK-IN: All exhibits must be delivered to the fairgrounds, Expo Center by **5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 7, 2019.**

GATE ADMISSION: MontanaFair will provide one free day gate admission pass to exhibitors who enter five or more entries in any one department. Exhibitors may purchase a MontanaFair season gate pass for \$30.00 or one day gate passes for \$5.00, if purchased at time of entry. Discount tickets for crop exhibitors will not be available after August 9, 2019 @ 5:00 pm.

JUDGING: Saturday, August 10th

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00, 4th - \$5.00 (Lots with limited entries must meet top quality to receive high placing.) Ribbons awarded in each class to 1st – 6th place.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: \$100.00 will be given in the Open Crops Division for a qualifying show of more than ten exhibits. The winner of the Sweepstakes Award will be determined by the total amount of all money he/she wins for entries in all classes.

EXHIBIT CHECK-OUT: Saturday, August 17th, 2019, after 4:00 pm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Exhibitors must read and observe the General Information on the last pages of this handbook. Proper entry and identification is essential. In addition, the following rules apply:

1. Open to all Montana and Wyoming residents.
2. No individual shall enter more than one (1) entry in any lot.
3. Entry form must indicate if entries are to be returned. (This will be at exhibitor's expense.)

DIVISION 1 - Sheaf Grains

All sheaf exhibits must have a circumference at the base of the head of a minimum of 5 ½", tied with colored ribbon or cloth in three (3) places. Leaves should be removed. Sheaf exhibits will be judged on the following basis:

50% Artistic Arrangement	25% Head Size	25% Seed Quality
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Dept./Division/Class

T-1-101	Hard Red Winter Wheat
T-1-102	Hard Red Spring Wheat
T-1-103	Hard Amber Durum Wheat
T-1-104	Soft White Wheat
T-1-105	Six-Row Barley
T-1-106	Two-Row Barley
T-1-107	Malting Barley
T-1-108	Oats
T-1-109	Triticale
T-1-110	Speltz
T-1-111	Safflower
T-1-112	Flax
T-1-113	Rye

DIVISION 2 - Threshed Grains

All entries must be shown in one quart lots (contained in glass jar and be free from odor, discolored kernels and foreign matter)

T-2-114	Hard Red Winter Wheat
T-2-115	Hard Red Spring Wheat
T-2-116	Hard Amber Durum Wheat
T-2-117	Soft White Wheat
T-2-118	Six-Row Barley
T-2-119	Two-Row Barley
T-2-120	Malting Barley
T-2-121	Triticale
T-2-122	Oats
T-2-123	Flax
T-2-124	Rye
T-2-125	Corn (shelled)
T-2-126	Ear Corn-DENT (4 ears)
T-2-127	Ear Corn-FLINT (4 ears)
T-2-128	Speltz
T-2-129	Sunflower
T-2-130	Safflowe
T-2-131	Mustard
T-2-132	Rapeseed

DIVISION 3 - Beans

T-3-133	Great Northern Beans (1 qt in glass jar)
T-3-134	Pinto Beans (one quart in glass jar)
T-3-135	Sheaf of Beans (5 plants, roots attached)

DIVISION 4 - Sugar Beets

Six beets will constitute an exhibit. All beets should be topped so that no green is showing. Feeder roots that are ½" in diameter and less should be cut off. The beets should be uniform and free from dirt, well topped, flat, no stems and ½" of leaf scar.

T-4-136	Sugar Beets
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DIVISION 5 - Baled Hay

Hay shall be dry and cured with 5-8# samples. Exhibit shall be contained in a durable plastic garbage bag.

- T-5-137 Alfalfa (first cutting)
- T-5-138 Alfalfa (second cutting)
- T-5-139 Alfalfa (third cutting)
- T-5-140 Red Clover
- T-5-141 Grass Hay
- T-5-142 Grass-Legume Mix Hay
- T-5-143 Cereal Grain Hay (wheat, oats, barley)

DIVISION 6 - Sheaf Forage

All forage, except corn silage, must be cured and dry. Sheaf shall have a minimum of 5 ½" circumference and be tied in three places.

- T-6-144 Sorghum (3 stalks, FRESH, with roots)
- T-6-145 Silage Corn (3 stalks, FRESH, with roots)
- T-6-146 Alfalfa
- T-6-147 Red Clover
- T-6-148 Grass
- T-6-149 Cereal Grain Hay (wheat, oats, barley)
- T-6-150 Other Dried Forages

DIVISION 7 - Silage - Chopped

Five pounds of silage shall be contained in a double plastic "zip-lock" type bag or CLEAR plastic bag with a tie top.

- T-7-151 Corn Silage
- T-7-152 Sudan Grass Silage, first cut
- T-7-153 Sudan Grass Silage, second cut
- T-7-154 Silage Alfalfa, first cut
- T-7-155 Silage Alfalfa, second cut

2019 MONTANAFAIR GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES & REGULATIONS

THE PRESS: Please contact our Marketing Department at 256-2400 for information and credentials.

MAIL FACILITIES: Exhibitors and others may have their mail addressed in care of MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103 or MontanaFair, 308 6th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101. Postage due or COD deliveries will not be accepted.

EMERGENCY MESSAGES: Emergency messages for exhibitors should be directed to the MontanaFair Entry Office at (406)256-2400 or the Yellowstone County Sheriff at (406)256-2441.

ADVERTISING: Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, fences, trees or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.

INTERPRETATIONS & LIABILITY: MontanaFair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them. Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair [website www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com) will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of written or online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement.

In the event of General and Department Special Rules, the Department Special Rules will govern. MontanaFair, MetraPark and Yellowstone County, MT, their employees, agents or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, death or theft, sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitor, exhibitor's family or employees, concessionaire or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of MontanaFair management. Management will put forth every effort to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival, but in no case will it be responsible for loss, theft, damages, livestock injury or death which may occur while in transit or during the time of exhibition.

DOGS: No dogs, except certified service dogs and dogs entered into competition will be allowed in any exhibit building, arenas or on the carnival midway. All dogs on the grounds must have proof of current vaccinations and health requirements as per Yellowstone County. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Dogs, small and large animals shall not be left in vehicles or trailers or be unattended in the any parking lot or other area of the MontanaFair grounds. Unleashed dogs or dogs left unattended will be reported to the Yellowstone County Animal Control Department.

SERVICE VEHICLES: The use of private motorized service vehicles (golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, etc.), **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at the 2019 MontanaFair.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: Each Superintendent will have charge of the department assigned and listed on the departmental information materials. The Superintendent will have charge of the building display spaces, stalls and equipment within the department.

ENTRY INFORMATION

ALL DEPARTMENTS & EXHIBITORS

1. Online entry at www.montanafair.com
2. Entries are not considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid.
3. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name of another than that of the bonafide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid and premiums or awards must be forfeited.
4. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
5. Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible fair.
6. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated** and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all premiums due and exhibit may be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
7. MontanaFair is not responsible for errors in website information.

CHECKS RETURNED/DENIED CREDIT CARDS: Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment of entries, stalling or gate admissions which does not clear their account for any reason, will have five days to make payment to keep entries eligible to participate in competition. This applies to credit card transactions that are denied. A \$30.00 fee will be assessed to the exhibitor. This fee must be paid in cash, money order or cashier's check prior to competition. If MontanaFair has not been notified of transaction denial or returned check prior to judging, any premiums earned will be withheld.

REFUNDS: MontanaFair has a firm no refund policy. While recognizing that illness or injury of an exhibitor or livestock occurs, and other events or reasons can come up between entry online and exhibits are received, no refunds of any fees are permitted. Submission of online entry acknowledges the **NO REFUND POLICY**.

CODE OF ETHICS: MontanaFair is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) and will abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics when conducting MontanaFair 2018 as printed at www.fairsandexpos.com/pdf/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf

EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

JUDGES: Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties. Exhibitors, owners, agents or representatives should not converse with judge until all judging of applicable exhibits has been completed. Under no circumstances should anyone converse during class judging.

DELAY OF JUDGING: Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibit not presented promptly when called may be disqualified. Call for "closing of the gate" is at the Department Superintendent's discretion.

UNWORTHY EXHIBITS: Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premiums will be awarded to undeserving exhibits where there is competition or not. Judges are allowed to award premiums as they feel worthy. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest. As ribbons and awards can be given in error at time of exhibit pickup or dismissal from a class after judging, please be aware that premiums are not paid by ribbons received. The judge's placing in the official judge's book designates the premium paid.

PROTESTS:

1. Protests (whether formal or informal) must be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by \$50.00 cash or certified check (refundable if the protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Department Superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging.
2. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
3. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made.
4. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered.
5. Consult 4-H Livestock (A) & Non-Livestock (N) departments for 4-H grievance policy.

PREMIUMS:

- Exhibitors are limited to two premiums per class.
- Exhibitors receiving premiums in excess of \$600.00 must provide a completed, signed and dated W-9 with the personal social security number or federal taxpayer identification number. Name on W-9 must match the exhibitor as stated on the official entry form or online entry submission.
- Provided there are judged exhibit(s) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded except as otherwise provided in rules in any department.
- **Premiums will not be paid according to tags or ribbons, but by the awards as recorded in the judge's book. The judge's record is final.**
- Fair Management does not guarantee the payment of special premiums offered by merchants or private parties. These special premiums are accepted in good faith by MontanaFair.
- Combined or cancelled classes are at the discretion of the Department Superintendent. Combined classes will receive only one premium for placings.
- Ties for placing will result in split premium.
- **Premium checks not cashed within 90 days from date of issue will become stale-dated & void.**