

**170th ANNUAL
NEW YORK STATE FAIR
581 STATE FAIR BOULEVARD
SYRACUSE, NY 13209
(315) 487-7711**

August 25 through September 5, 2016

General Rules & Information

**STATE OF NEW YORK
ANDREW M. CUOMO, GOVERNOR**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
RICHARD A. BALL, COMMISSIONER**

**NEW YORK STATE FAIR
TROY W. WAFFNER, ACTING DIRECTOR**

Information for other competitions are available on request and on-line at www.nysfair.org/competitions

Youth Department Premium Lists are distributed through 4-H and FFA County Agents.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR MISSION STATEMENT

New York State is agriculture, youth, education, industry, diverse cultural traditions and more – our treasured past and brilliant future.

The primary purpose of the New York State Fair is to conduct an annual celebration of the economic, cultural and institutional strengths indigenous to New York with a special emphasis on agriculture as one of the State's largest and most important industries. Along with twelve-days of expositions, the Fair will offer various forms of affordable entertainment and amusement for families and friends, and showcase the talents, skills and aspiration of our youth. The Fair will also promote agricultural growth and awareness through educational programs, Statewide competitions in breeding and showing of livestock, and by promoting and supporting the sale of the State's agricultural and food products.

The Fair administration will proficiently and effectively promote the ongoing use of the Fairgrounds to realize the full potential of the Fair as a leading center for exhibitions, trade shows, agricultural events, and cultural and entertainment productions. At the same time, the Fair administration will foster State pride and maximize revenue while preserving the character and tradition of the Fair.

With a full embrace of the State's insignia, "Excelsior," the Fair will be operated according to the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct.

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**2016 NEW YORK STATE FAIR
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS
(Prices subject to change)**

ADMISSION

General Admission, adults..... \$10.00

Children, 12 years and under, admitted free daily; 16 years and under admitted free Friday, September 2. Seniors 60 and over free August 29 & August 30.

Advance Sale Tickets – Good for admission of 1 person 1 day of the Fair \$6.00

Advance Sale Tickets may be purchased on line at www.etix.com.

EXHIBITORS

1. The rules printed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of entry.
2. As a condition of exhibiting at the New York State Fair, the exhibitor authorizes the State Fair to use any photographs from the event for future publication.
3. See individual departments for specific fees and deadlines. (Canadian checks are not presentable in the Federal Reserve District for collection. Canadian exhibitors must pay in US Funds.)

Entries may be made in person, on-line at www.nysfair.org/competitions or by mail. Official entry blank for specific Department must be used, except for on-line entries, and are to be mailed or dropped off to the Entry Department, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. Make check or money order payable to New York State Fair. (Currency sent at your own risk.)

Failure to exhibit entry for any reason not satisfactory to the Superintendent of that Department shall forfeit all fees paid by them, except where cancellation of classes, lack of housing or similar reasons prevent exhibition of entry.

4. The greatest possible care will be taken of all exhibits, but the Management is not responsible for any accident, mistake, loss or damage that occurs, the specimens being entered at the sole risk of owner. Competent personnel will be in charge of the exhibition night and day, and the Management will do all in its power for the safety and protection of all exhibits.
5. Exhibitors are requested to acquaint themselves with the premium book and regulations so as to make certain in which Divisions and departments their entries belong as well as period of exhibits.
6. The New York State Fair assumes no responsibility for payment of special awards offered by others.
7. While the Management will do everything in its power for the safety and protection of all exhibits, it does not assume responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits from any cause. Exhibitor assumes risk associated with, resulting from or arising in connection with exhibitor's participation or presence at the New York State Fair, including, risks of theft, loss, harm or injury to the person, property, whether caused by negligence, intentional act, accident, Act of God or otherwise. Exhibitor has sole responsibility for its property or any theft, damage or other loss to such property, whether or not stored in any courtesy storage areas. The New York State Fair, nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives or assigns, shall be liable for, and exhibitor hereby releases all of them from, and covenants not to sue any of them with respect to, risks, damages and liability described in this paragraph.
8. The removal of exhibits shall be governed by the rules of the respective department

9. Goods and stock must be delivered upon the grounds and put in place by the exhibitors and removed by them at the close of the Fair.
10. Exhibitors must show their exhibits whenever and in such manner as required by the Superintendent in charge of the Department.
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12. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases the Superintendent or such referee as he may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the Agriculture Manager, whose decisions shall be final. All protests must be in writing and filed with the Agriculture Manager before 10:00 a.m. of the last day of the Fair.
13. All entries in the following departments must be made in the name of their owners – Poultry, Culinary, Horse, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Goats. In Departments – Dairy Products, Fruit and Farm, Flowers and Youth entries must be made in the name of the actual growers, producers, inventors or manufacturers.
14. The right is reserved to withhold the prizes awarded in every case in which it shall appear to the Management that the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been attempted, or where the article or animal is not worthy and its decision shall be final and binding on all parts.
15. No person having entered anything for competition or exhibition may afterwards withdraw it; prize cards and ribbons must be displayed during the Fair. Any infraction of these rules will incur the forfeiture of all prizes awarded to the exhibitor, and such further penalty as the Management may impose.
16. The rules printed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair.

PREMIUM CHECKS AWARDED

1. Premiums are paid solely from the records of the judge’s books. Ribbons or cards have no value as to the payment of premiums.
2. The New York State Comptroller’s Office requires that the social security number/federal id number of the exhibitor be on file with the New York State Fair for the payment of premiums/prize money. Failure to provide this information by October 1st will result in forfeiture of premiums.
3. Premium checks will be mailed between 10/15/16 – 11/15/16.
4. All premium checks not cashed within 60 days of the check’s date are void.

TEMPORARY RV PARKING, INDIVIDUAL DAILY PARKING FEES

Full-Fair Temporary RV Parking permit with services (Belle Isle Lot-Ag Rate).....	\$300.00
Full-Fair Temporary RV Parking permit (Green – includes 50 amps, water, sewer, 2 (12) day admission & 1 vehicle pkg.....	\$600.00
Daily auto parking on grounds	\$5.00

Paid Full-Fair Temporary RV parking permits will allow you to enter the Fairgrounds anytime after 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 21, 2016. You must vacate the premises by Wednesday, September 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

“The New York State Fair CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY COVERAGE excludes PROPERTY DAMAGES as respect animals.”

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2. Exhibitors failing or refusing to exhibit entry for any reason not satisfactory to the Director of the Fair shall forfeit all fees and rents paid by them, except where cancellation of classes, lack of housing or similar reasons may prevent exhibition of entry.
3. Exhibitors are requested to acquaint themselves with the premium book and regulations so as to make certain in which Divisions and department their entries belong as well as period of exhibits.
4. Goods and stock must be delivered upon the grounds and put in place by the exhibitors and removed by them at the close of the Fair, except in the following Departments: Poultry, Fruit and Farm, Flowers and Youth. See rules under these departments.
5. Exhibitors must show their exhibits whenever and in such a manner as required by the Superintendent in charge of the Department.
6. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such case, the Superintendent or such referee as he may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the manager, whose decision shall be final.
7. Under no circumstances will any freight or express charges be paid by the Management, for exhibit or parts thereof.
8. The right is reserved to withhold the prizes awarded in every case in which it shall appear to the Management that the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been attempted, or where the article or animal is not worthy and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
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11. Premium ribbons or cards have no value as to payment of premiums, since the premiums are paid only from the records of the Judges' Books.
12. New York State Fair assumes no responsibility for the guarantee of payment of special awards offered by others.