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COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS

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History: Chapter Ag 5 as it existed on April 30, 1976 was repealed and a new chapter Ag 5 was created effective May 1, 1976.

Ag 5.01 Premiums and exhibits. (1) **PREMIUM LISTS.** (a) Premiums for which state aid is requested by county and district fairs shall conform with uniform premium lists and other requirements set forth in these rules. Fairs requesting state aid for net premiums shall submit to the department a printed copy of the premium list used at the fair, as required under s. Ag. 5.08 (3) (d).

(b) The officers of each fair shall mail a copy of the premium list to other associations, societies, or boards conducting a fair in Wisconsin when a copy is requested by them.

(c) Sections Ag 5.01, 5.02 and 5.07 shall be published in premium books to be used at a fair for which state aid is requested.

(2) **ENTRY FEES.** (a) Entry fees not in excess of 10% of the purse offered on any specific article may be charged. When no entry fee is charged, stall rents may be charged in the horse, cattle, sheep, goat and swine departments. In the horse department the rental shall not exceed \$1.50 per single stall or animal, or \$3 for box stalls; in the cattle department \$1 per single stall or animal, or \$2 per box stall; in swine, goat and sheep departments \$2 per pen or 50 cents per animal. A standard pen is approximately 64 square feet. In the poultry, rabbit and pet stock department the charge shall not exceed 50 cents per head.

(b) Exhibitors in educational and school departments shall not be required to purchase exhibitors' tickets. Other exhibitors may be required, when no entry fee is charged, to purchase an exhibitors' season ticket at a price not to exceed that charged for non-exhibitors' season tickets.

(c) Exhibitors shall not be required to become members of the fair society, or be required to make any donations or refunds to the society.

(3) **EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS.** (a) State aid may not be approved for out-of-state exhibits or for separate classes of local and non-local exhibitors. Aids may not be approved for payment of premiums to Wisconsin residents with out-of-state addresses unless the fair secretary provides the department with an affidavit that such exhibitors reside in Wisconsin.

(b) State aid may be paid only on articles or animals actually on display in exhibit buildings or actually shown in the show ring during the regular fair dates except as split dates are provided for under sub. (6). State aid will not be paid on D.H.I.A. records, transportation aids, pro-

duction contests, or the like, unless special approval is granted under s. Ag 5.02 (8).

(c) State aid may not be paid on exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before 4 p.m. of the last day of the fair, or such other later time as may be specified by the fair, without prior approval of the department. Authority for earlier removal may be granted by the department in the case of meat animal sales or other special classes, if requested before the beginning of the fair. In other hardship cases, approval may be granted by the local fair. Exhibits in dog obedience and small animal pet classes shall be judged during the regular fair but are not required to remain present during the entire fair. The local fair may prescribe the length of time horses shall remain on the grounds for junior exhibitors.

(4) JUNIOR FAIRS. (a) In the junior fair division, state aid will be paid on prizes offered to exhibitors who are 8 through 19 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year, except for exhibitors under s. Ag 5.06 (35), who may be pupils of school age as defined in s. 118.14, Stats. State aid will not be paid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contests, or any project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.

(b) All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of 4-H, FFA, FHA, or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership and with an education program approved by the local fair.

(c) Exhibits in the junior fair shall be a result of the exhibitor's own labor in the project or projects in which he or she is regularly enrolled.

(d) Premiums in the educational department shall be paid directly to the exhibitor making the exhibit and not to the school or teacher, except for group premiums offered to interschool competitive classes. No aid may be paid on education department premiums unless a complete list of exhibitors and a complete set of judges' sheets for the education department, similar to those required in other departments, is filed with the department. All educational exhibits shall be on display at the fair even though they are judged prior to the fair.

(5) PREMIUMS. (a) The state aid authorized by s. 93.23 (1), Stats., may be paid only on net premiums, which consist of total premiums paid less total entry fees received. The department may withhold state premium aids from any fair which does not enforce the animal health provisions required under s. Ag 10.54, for all classes of livestock exhibited at the fair. State aid will be paid only on premiums actually paid by bank check or draft.

(b) No deductions may be made from premium money won by an exhibitor. Premiums may, however, be withheld where exhibition rules established by the fair association are violated. A written statement of violation shall be submitted to the department to justify action taken by the local fair.

(c) Premiums offered shall be definite in amount. No decrease or increase in published premiums may be made because of the financial condition of the organization or for any other reason.

(d) State aid may be paid on no more than 2 premiums awarded an exhibitor under one premium or lot number in open division individual livestock classes, except poultry and rabbits, and no more than one premium in all other classes, including poultry and rabbits.

(e) To be eligible for state aid, no animal or article shall be entered in competition for more than one premium, except as part of a herd group, carcass class, or a performance class.

(f) No state aid will be paid on the cost of ribbons, cups, trophy prizes or entertainment contests.

(6) **DATES.** No state aid may be paid to fairs having split dates, unless prior written approval is granted by the department. Extreme hardship must be established by the fair organization before approval can be granted. A split date is one where exhibits or contests are judged, and premiums paid at more than one time or at more than one location during the current year. When split dates are approved, all blue ribbon winners shall be required to repeat their demonstration or exhibit at the regular fair dates, unless exempted by the department in hardship cases. Split date approval shall not be required for dress revue, demonstration, or favorite foods revue.

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Ag 5.02 Classes; general. (1) In all prescribed departments in the junior fair division, special classes may be established where none are specified for any item, article, or recognized breed, including special classes for grade and crossbred females in beef, swine, and sheep. State aid, in amounts prescribed, may be paid for such special classes.

(2) Classes may be combined, but state aid shall be limited to maximum premiums listed for a single class of such animals, items, or articles.

(3) No state aid may be paid on premiums awarded for any sexually intact male dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine or horses exhibited in any class unless the animal is a registered purebred as verified by a certificate of registry from the appropriate breed association or society, or a copy of the application for registration.

(4) Animals entered in group classes may also be exhibited in a class for individual animals.

(5) State aid for premiums awarded for horses in open division classes shall be limited to horses which are owned by the exhibitor.

(6) The total maximum premiums prescribed for all places in any open division livestock class, excluding poultry and rabbits, may be divided into premiums for a greater number of places, but the maximum premium for any additional place shall not be higher than the maximum prescribed for last place in the class.

(7) If 16 or more animals, items or articles are entered in any junior fair class, at the discretion of the fair, the class may be divided into 2 or more approximately equal groups according to weight, age or other identification and each group judged as a class.

(8) Special educational exhibits may be instituted if presented to the Wisconsin association of fairs prior to October 1 of the year preceding the fair year, and such exhibits are approved by the department.

(9) In the swine department, mature boars may not be entered unless their tusks have been removed.

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(10) All animals in any open division class shall be owned by the exhibitor, except as provided in s. Ag 5.03 (2).

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Ag 5.03 Class definitions. (1) **INDIVIDUAL CLASSES.** (a) *Dairy cattle.* 1. A junior calf is one born on or after March 1 of the exhibit year. The calf shall be at least 4 months old at the time of exhibit.

2. A senior intermediate calf is one born during the period December 1 of the year preceding the exhibit year to February 28 or 29 of the exhibit year.

3. A senior calf is one born during the period September 1 to November 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

4. A junior yearling is one born during the period March 1 to August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

5. A senior yearling is one born during the period September 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year to February 28 or 29 of the year preceding the exhibit year. If a senior yearling has calved, it shall be shown in the 2-year-old class.

6. A 2-year-old is one born during the period September 1 of the third year preceding the exhibit year to August 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year, and shall include senior yearlings which have freshened.

7. A 3-year-old is one born during the period September 1 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year to August 31 of the third year preceding the exhibit year.

8. A 4-year-old is one born during the period September 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year to August 31 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year.

9. A 5-year-old is one born before September 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year.

(b) *Beef cattle.* 1. A junior calf is one born on or after January 1 of exhibit year. The calf shall be at least 4 months old at the time of exhibit.

2. A senior calf is one born during the period September 1 to December 31 of year preceding exhibit year.

3. A summer yearling is one born during the period May 1 to August 31 of year preceding exhibit year.

4. A junior yearling is one born during the period January 1 to April 30 of year preceding exhibit year.

5. A senior yearling is one born during the period September 1 to December 31 of second year preceding exhibit year.

6. A 2-year-old or older cow is one born before September 1 of second year preceding exhibit year and which has calved during the past year.

(c) *Steers.* 1. A senior calf is one born during the period September 1 to December 31 of the year preceding exhibit year.