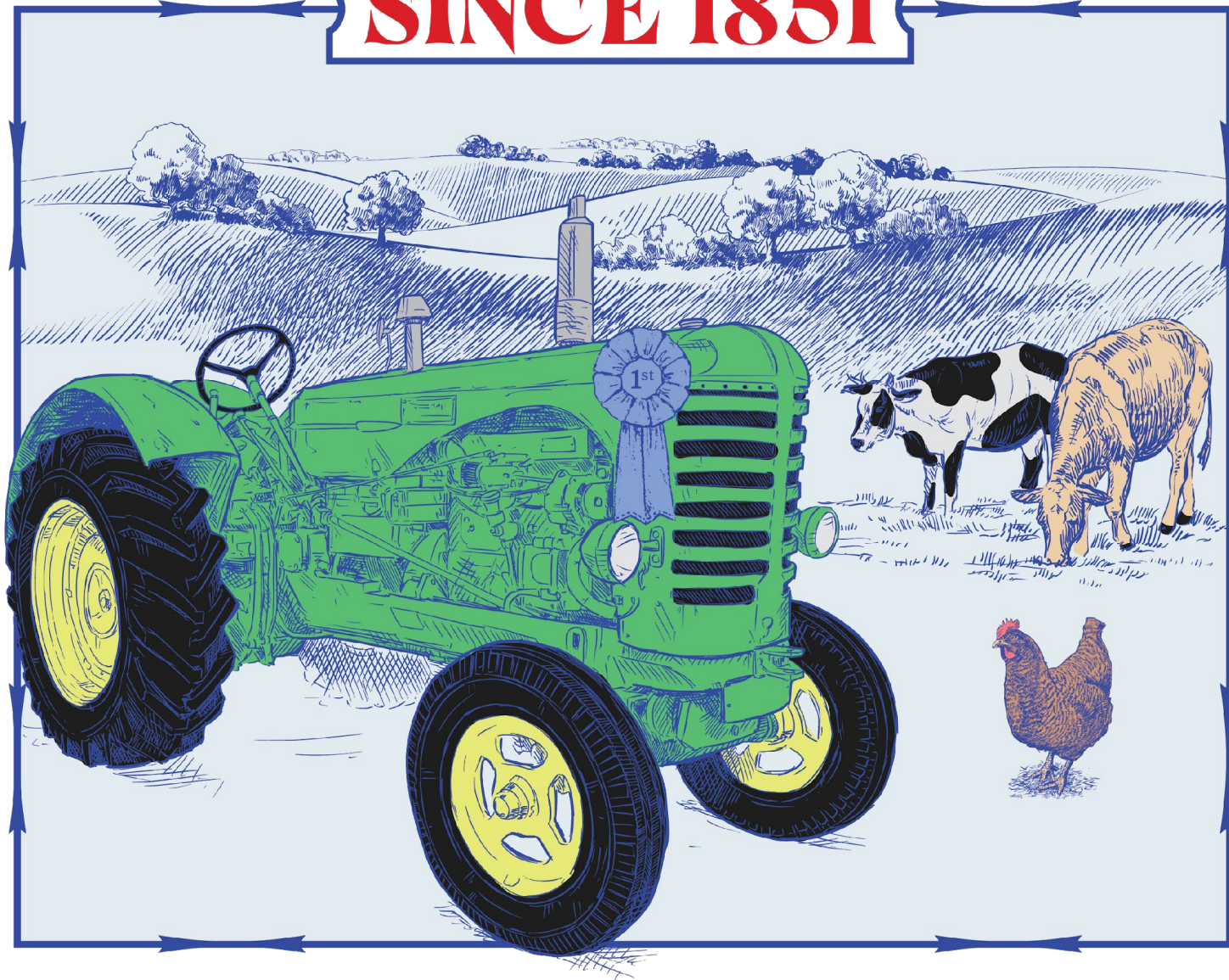


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AT THE
2025 ST. JOSEPH COUNTY GRANGE FAIR

2025 Premium Book

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General Rules for Exhibiting:

1. All entries must be made by the owner, joint owner, actual grower, or producer.
2. Application for entries in all departments must be made on the fair entry online application. There will be computers available at the Fair office for your convenience. If you wish you can provide information on paper and give it to the Fair office.
3. Every article or animal at the Fairgrounds will be under the control of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association.
4. All exhibits shall be judged in competition to receive premium money.
5. Premium checks will be available on the last Saturday of the fair or Sunday during the release of exhibits.
6. Premium checks will be cashed within 90 days of the fair or will be forfeited back to the Fair to replenish the premium fund for future fairs.
7. The Fair Association reserves the right to withhold premiums in a case in which regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted.
8. Any Exhibitor has the right to protest or appeal a decision, or complaint which must be put in writing and provided to the fair manager or Board President. The Executive Committee will then hear the protest and or appeal, and a decision will be provided within 24 hours of receiving a complaint.

General Rules for Still Exhibits

Still Exhibits will be accepted on Friday from noon to 8 PM and Saturday from 9 am to 2 PM. Judging will take place after 2 PM on Saturday.

1. All exhibitors will enter through the Fair Entry Application. Computers will be available at the Fair Office in August for your convenience.
2. Still Exhibits will be released at 10 PM on Saturday of the fair or Sunday from 9 am till noon. Free admission to grounds Saturday night after 930 pm to obtain your Exhibits.
3. Premium checks will be available during pick up of projects. If you cannot come during these times to obtain your projects, please contact the Fair Office.
4. No exhibits are released early unless special consideration from the Executive Committee. We understand that emergencies may arise and we will work with you for a resolution.
5. Any projects not picked up from the Fair will be destroyed after October 31.
6. Upon these conditions, only entries will be accepted.

Testing Rules for Livestock

The Fair has the legal authority to require drug testing under the Animal Industry Act. Act 466 of 1988, as amended, in section 40(3). "A Fair, exhibition, exposition or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair."

1. St. Joseph County Grange Fair follows MDARD rules, testing, and guidelines.

Livestock General Rules

1. Livestock exhibitors must follow the most current year of Animal Health Requirements for Livestock exhibited in Michigan. www.michigan.gov/mdard

2. Livestock entries will be accepted utilizing the Fair Entry online application. Please note, that 4-H is not integrated with the Fair application. FFA and other youth may enter utilizing the Fair Entry On-Line Application.
3. Livestock pens and classes will be paid in advance of the start of the Fair, either via Fair Entry or at the Fair office.
4. Stalls will be filled at the discretion of management according to barn availability.
5. Exhibitors need to verify all entries 24 hours before the start of the open livestock show.
6. Animals must be on the grounds before 3 PM Sunday of the fair unless other arrangements have been made with the Open Class Livestock Director.
7. Open Livestock released after 10 PM on Saturday of the fair. Trailers and semis must not be parked by the barns until midnight for loading. Reminder for last Sunday, all livestock and campers must exit before 10 am.
8. All walkways in the barn must be clean from 10 am to 10 pm for public visitation.
9. No livestock in the camping area.
10. Exhibitors/family members must be present with livestock when not in the barn. This means no tying to the trailer and walking away.
11. If Livestock needs to leave early, please see the division superintendent for discussion.
12. Animals entered into the fair open classes must be shown and judged, and then will be awarded premium money if placed.
13. All animals will be expected to have documentation of proof of pedigree, breeding, age, or ownership. This must be provided upon entry to the fair and be available for State Vet.
14. It is the expectation that all animals will be exercised daily. Stalls cleaned daily. Manure bins are available for your convenience.
15. The Fair reserves the right to refuse any animal to the fairgrounds for any reason.
16. Parking of trailers, semis, and trucks for all animals will be in designated areas.
17. No smoking in barns.
18. No dogs in barns.
19. Upon these conditions, will entries be accepted.

Thank you

Meet your Superintendents:

Open Still/Livestock Director – Kristine Kirsch

Beef Superintendent – Steve Trattles and Kelsey Kulpinski

Dairy Superintendent – Steve Trattles and Kelsey Kulpinski

Chicken Superintendent – Norma Switalski and Regina Schinker

Goat Superintendent – David Troyer

Draft Horse/Pony – Diane Zinsmaster

Still Projects at the Grange Building – John Tate and Darlene Tate.

Their cell numbers will be available for Fair Week.

Draft Horse and Pony

Entry Fees: Stall/tack rental: \$25.00

Class Fee: \$3.00 per youth and pee wee

\$5.00 per halter class

\$8.00 per Driving Class

Judging Times: Thursday, September 18, 2025 - 9 am Pony Halter, followed by Draft Halter

Friday, September 19, 2025 - 9 am Pony Driving followed by Draft Driving

Rules:

1. Please be advised that the order of classes in the Premium book may be different on show day due to the numbers entered. An order of classes will be available at the start of the Fair
2. All exhibits in this division shall occupy box stalls
3. Please note: **This year will be no light horse class**
4. Fair understands there will be tack changes and horse changes; our goal is safety for all.
5. The age of the horse/pony is computed on January 1
6. Ponies/Horses shown may have one handler and one tailer. The Tailer retired to the rail when duties are finished
7. Champion Classes Rosette only
8. Halter Class Premium: 1st. \$15 – 2nd. \$13 – 3rd. \$12 – 4th. \$10 – 5th. \$10 – 6th. \$9
9. Driving Class Premium: 1st. \$35 – 2nd. \$30 – 3rd. \$25 – 4th. \$20 – 5th. \$15 – 6th. \$10
10. 6 Horse Hitch Premium: 1st. \$500 – 2nd. \$400 – 3rd. \$300 – 4th. \$200 – 5th. \$100 – 6th. \$90
11. 4 Horse – 3 Horse – 2 Horse Hitch: 1st. \$100 – 2nd. \$80 – 3rd. \$60 – 4th. \$40 – 5th. \$30 – 6th. \$20

Ponies Under 38 inches:

1. Stallions
2. Mares 2 and under
3. Mares over 3
4. Geldings

Over 38 inches

- Stallions
Mares 2 and under
Mares over 3
Geldings

For each of the following classes, 1st and 2nd place of the classes listed above will be eligible to participate in the champion class.

5. Grand and Reserve Champion Stallion overall
6. Grand and Reserve Champion Mare overall
7. Grand and Reserve Champion Gelding overall

All Ponies:

1. Pony Color
2. Donkeys/ Mules
3. Pony Showmanship under 18 years of age
4. Pony showmanship over 18 years of age

Draft Horse Halter:

Breeds: Belgians, Percherons, Other Drafts, and Draft Pony

The order of breeds will be determined at the start of the Fair.

1. Stallions
2. Filly Foal
3. Yearling
4. Mares 2 to 4 years of age
5. Mares 5 and over
6. Geldings
7. Matched Pair
8. Showmanship – all Breeds – 18 years and under
9. Showmanship – all Breeds – over 18 years of age
10. Grand and Reserve Champion for each division of breeds: Stallions, Mares, and Geldings.

Pony Cart

Single 2 wheel Cart Pony under 56 inches

1. Drivers under 18 years of age to over 8 years of age
2. Pee Wee driver under 8 years of age
3. Master Class – driver under 50 years of age
4. Elite Driving Class – driver over 50 years of age

4-wheel cart under 56 inches

1. Driver under 18 years of age
2. Driver over 18 years of age

Draft Horse/Draft Pony Hitch and Cart

1. 6-Horse Hitch
2. 4-Horse Hitch
3. 3-Horse Hitch
4. 2-Horse Hitch
5. Ladies Cart all Breeds
6. Men's Cart all Breeds
7. Junior Driving Cart under 18 years of age
8. Junior Team Driving
9. Farm Wagon
10. Draft Horse/Pony Pleasure

Dairy Cattle

Superintendent: Steve Trattles **Assistant:** Kelsey Kulpinski

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per head

Judging Time: Wednesday, 10 am

Rules: All entries made through the Fair Entry Application

1. The age of the cow will be computed as of September 1st. before Fair
2. The exhibitor must be prepared to present a certificate of registry for all cattle to the superintendent 48 hours before show time. No animal will be exhibited without approval from the superintendent.
3. Horns-cattle shall be polled or dehorned properly, except for calves. Horns are acceptable as required by a specific breed.
4. Animals that are shown in group classes must be shown in individual classes.
5. No milk will be accepted for Grade A milk unless it has been milked in a Fair milking parlor.
6. All bulls must be safely secured by a nose ring over one year of age.
7. The fair expects stalls to be clean and maintained during the Fair.
8. Walkways are cleaned before public viewing each day from 10 am to 10 pm.
9. Premiums: 1st - \$25. 2nd - \$24 3rd - \$23 4th - \$20 5th - \$19 6th - \$18

Breed Sections: Holstein – Guernsey - Jersey - Ayrshire - Milking Shorthorn - Brown Swiss - Dutch Belt – Any Other Breed.

Classes:

1. Junior Heifer March 1 thru July 21
2. Winter Heifer calf Dec 1 through Feb 29
3. Fall Heifer Calf Sept 1 thru Nov 30
4. Summer Yearling June 1 thru August 31
5. Spring Yearling March 1 thru May 31
6. Winter Yearling Heifer Dec 1 thru Feb 29
7. Fall Yearling Sept 1 thru Nov 30
8. Junior Champion Female and Junior Reserve Champion Female
9. Yearling Heifer in Production September 1 thru February 28
10. 2-year-old March 1 through August 31
11. Senior 2-year-old September 1 through February 28
12. Cow 3 years and under 4
13. Cow 4 years and under 5
14. Cow 5 and over
15. Grand Senior Champion and Reserve Senior
16. Grand and Reserve Champion
17. Produce of Dam
18. Dam and Daughter
19. Three Best Females

Beef Cattle

Superintendent: Steve Trattles **Assistant:** Kelsey Kulpinski

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per head

Judging Time: Tuesday following the 4H Beef Show

Rules for Beef Cattle:

1. The age of the cow will be computed on September 1 preceding the Fair.
2. The exhibitor must be prepared to present a certificate of registry for all cattle 48 hours before the start of the show. The superintendent may check all certificates and the identity of all animals.
3. Horns- cattle shall be dehorned properly, except for calves. Horns are acceptable as required by specific breed.
4. No Bull over one year of age shall be allowed at the Fair unless a substantial nose ring and a handler can manage the Bull.
5. Premiums: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$24 3rd - \$23 4th - \$20 5th - \$19 6th - \$18

Breed Sections:

Aberdeen Angus – Hereford – Maine Anjou – Shorthorn – Dexter – Chianina – Limousin – Simmental – Scottish Highland - other registered Breeds – Commercial

Classes for each Breed:

1. Junior Bull Calf – born after May 1 or after of current year
2. Intermediate Bull Calf – born January 1 through April 30
3. Senior Bull Calf – Born September 1 through December 31 previous year
4. Summer Yearling Bull Born May 1 through August 31 previous year
5. Junior Yearling Bull born January 1 through April 30 previous Year
6. Junior Champion Bull
7. Reserve Champion Bull
8. Senior Yearling Bull born September 1 through December 31
9. Bull 2 years and under 3
10. Champion Senior Bull
11. Reserve Champion Senior Bull
12. Grand Champion Bull
13. Reserve Grand Champion Bull
14. Junior Heifer Calf born May 1 and after the current year
15. Intermediate Heifer Calf born January 1 through April 30 current year
16. Senior Heifer Calf born September 1 through December 31 previous year
17. Junior Yearling Heifer Calf born January 1 through April 30 previous year
18. Summer Yearling Heifer Calf born May 1 through August 31 previous year
19. Junior Champion Female
20. Junior Reserve Champion Female
21. Senior Yearling Heifer born September 1 through December 31
22. Cows 2 years old with calf born current year - by side
23. Cows 3 years old with calf born current year - by side
24. Senior Champion Female

25. Senior Reserve Champion Female
26. Grand Champion Female
27. Reserve Champion Female
28. 2 Females owned by the Same Exhibitor
29. 2 Bulls owned by the Same Exhibitor
30. Pair of Calves – 1 Bull and 1 Heifer
31. Pair of Yearling – 1 Bull and 1 Heifer
32. Breeder Herd – 1 Bull and 3 Females
33. Overall Supreme Female
34. Overall Supreme Bull

Goats

Superintendent: David Troyer

Entry Fee: \$3 per head

Judging Time: Monday at 10

Rules:

1. Goat age will be computed as September 1 before the Fair
2. All Dairy goats must be dehorned or naturally polled. All non-dairy goats may be exhibited with horns.
3. Exhibitors must be prepared to show certificates or registry/identification for the Goats that will show.
4. No Bucks of any age will not be allowed to show
5. Milking on show day at the discretion of the Exhibitor
6. Premiums: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$24 3rd - \$23 4th - \$20 5th - \$19 6th - \$18

Dairy Goats:

1. Junior Doe Kid born after April 1 of the current year
2. Intermediate Doe Kid born March 1 through 31
3. Senior Doe Kid born January 1 through February 28
4. Junior Yearling Doe born May 1 through December 31 or the previous year
5. Senior Yearling Doe born January 1 through April 30 of the previous year
6. Junior Champion Doe
7. Junior Reserve Champion Doe
8. Yearling Milker under 2 years of age
9. Junior Milker 2 years and older but under 3 years of age
10. Intermediate Milker 3 years of age and under 5 years of age
11. Senior Milker 5 years and older
12. Senior Champion Doe
13. Senior Reserve Champion Doe
14. Overall Grand Champion Doe
15. Overall Reserve Champion Doe
16. Best Udder
17. Dam and Daughter

Non-Dairy Goats

1. Doe Kid under 1 year of age
2. Yearling Doe 1 year and under 2 years of age

3. Junior Doe – 2 years and under 4 years of age
4. Senior Doe – 4 Years and older
5. Champion Doe
6. Reserve Champion Doe
7. Dam and Daughter
8. Pee Wee Showmanship – under 8 years of age – Ribbons only

Chickens

Superintendent: Regina Schinker

Assistant: Norma Switalski

Entry Fees: \$3 per chicken

No entry fee for Eggs or egg carton entry

Judging Time: Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 1 PM

Chickens judged in their cages – the exhibitor does not need to be present

Rules:

1. 4 Chicken, unless a pair, then up to five
2. All Chickens need to be Pullorum tested with proof of paperwork and be free of parasites (lice, mites, etc). Testing and examination will be done at check-in.
3. An individual chicken may only be entered in one class
4. Check-in for Chickens starts Friday, September 12, 2025, from 1 PM until 6 PM
5. Feeding, watering, and cage cleaning are required daily by owners.
6. Bedding and feed provided
7. Chickens will be released last Saturday of the Fair at 10 PM
8. Premiums: 1st - \$10 2nd - \$8 3rd - 7 4th - \$6 5th - \$5 6th - 4

Breeding Stock

- 101 Large Fowl Cock One Year and Older
- 102 Large Fowl Hen One Year and Older
- 103 Large Fowl Cockerel Under One Year
- 104 Large Fowl Pullet Under One Year
- 105 Bantam Cock One Year and Older
- 106 Bantam Hen One Year and Older
- 107 Bantam Cockerel Under One Year
- 108 Bantam Pullet Under One Year
- 109 Best Pair one Male/one Female
- 110 Most Colorful Individual
- 111 Youth 8 and under (anyone chicken)
- 112 Grand Champion Breeding Stock
- 113 Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Stock

- 301 Individual Decorated Egg
- 302 Individual Decorated Egg Carton
- 303 Large Fowl One Dozen Eggs White
- 304 Large Fowl One Dozen Eggs brown

Backyard Beauty Mixed or Uncertain Breed

- 201 Large Fowl Cock One Year and Older
- 202 Large Fowl Hen One Year and Older
- 203 Large Fowl Cockerel Under One Year
- 204 Large Fowl Pullet Under One Year
- 205 Bantam Cock One Year and Older
- 206 Bantam Hen One Year and Older
- 207 Bantam Cockerel Under One Year
- 208 Bantam Pullet Under One Year
- 209 Best Pair one Male / one Female
- 210 Most Colorful Individual
- 211 Egg Layer
- 212 Grand Champion Backyard Beauty
- 213 Reserve Champion Backyard Beauty

305 Large Fowl One Dozen Eggs multicolor
 306 Bantam One Dozen Eggs white
 307 Bantam One Dozen Eggs brown
 308 Bantam One Dozen Eggs multicolor
 309 Grand Champion Eggs
 310 Reserve Grand Champion Eggs

Antiques

1. Exhibitors acknowledge that the article is more than 50 years old
2. Exhibitors acknowledge that the Fair will take all precautions to keep your antiques safe and secure, however, the Fair will not be liable for items that may become damaged, broken, or stolen.

China Glass		Pottery/Ceramics	Depression/Cut Clear/Colored Art Glass
1. Bisque	17. Cream and Sugar	1. Ironstone	1. Cake Stand
2. Bone	18. Cup and Saucer	2. Majolica	2. Cream and Sugar
3. Delft	19. Dresser/Vanity Set	3. Mocha Ware	3. Cup and Saucer
4. Hall/Homer	20. Hand Painted	4. Salt Gaze	4. Dinner Pate
5. Nippon	21. Mustache Cup	5. Sponge Ware	5. Goblet/Glass
6. Germany	22. Pitcher	6. Unitarian	6. Salt and Pepper Set
7. Prussia	23. Salt and Pepper Set	7. Bowl	7. Pitcher
8. Staffordshire	24. Salt Dish	8. Cream/Sugar	8. Tooth Pick Holder
9. Wedgewood	25. Soup Tureen	9. Figurine	9. Vase
10. Willowware	26. Tooth Pick Holder	10. Pitcher	10. Any Other
11. Bowl	27. Vase	11. Plate	

12. Bread Plate with Motto	28. Wash Set	12. Salt and Pepper	
13. Butter Dish	29. Any Other	13. Tooth Pick Holder	
14. Cake Stand		14. Vase	
15. Celery Dish		15. Stoneware	
16. Cookie Jar		16. Any Other	

Historical Events/Cultural/Political Classes

St. Joseph County Grange Fair Item	Vietnam War
American Revolutionary War Item	Desert Storm
Civil War	All Other War Items
World War I	Commemorative Dishes
World War II	Native American Items
Korean War	All Other Items

Silver Shop Classes

Butter Dish	Vanity Set
Cream and Sugar	Tea or Coffee
Salt and Pepper	Serving Tray
Serving Dish	Jewelry Box
Dinner Ware	Any Other
Silver Utensils	

Dry Goods Classes

Camera/Celluloid Item	Pipes/Tobacco
Adult Clothing/footwear/outdoor wear	Purse/Handbag
Child/Infant Clothing/footwear/outdoor wear	Blankets/Linens/Quilts
Hat/Hat Pin/Hat Item/Hair Accessory	Eyewear/spectacles
Book/Magazine/Catalog	Medical Equipment
Magnifying glass/Binoculars	Tapestry/ Wall Hanging
Make-up/beauty products	Telegraph

Music Box/Instrument/Phonograph	Tintype Photos
Painting/Photo/Print	Vinyl Records
Picture Frame	Any Other

Kid's Corner

Bank	Metal or Tin Toys
Cast Iron Toy	Outdoor Toys
Doll any material	Rocking Horse or any Rocking Toy
Doll House and or accessories	School Supplies
Child Dishes	Tea Sets
Child Book or School Book	Teddy Bear or any Stuffed animal/toy
Farm toys	Wooden Toy
Games or Puzzles	Any Other Toy
Lunch Box	

Grandma's Home

Advertisement – any	Kitchen Gadget/utensils/cans/jars/containers/crocks
Baking Items/Containers/Spices	Laundry Item
Bed Items/pillows/Linens/Blankets/Quilts	Meat Grinder/accessory
Book/Catalog/Magazine	Salesman Sample
Bottles of any kind	Sewing Items
Cast Iron Item	Shaving Mug Kit
Coffee/Tea Item	Spinning Wheel
Copper Item	Trivets
Churns/any	Wooden Kitchen Item
Kerosene/oil lamp	Any Other Item
Kitchen Apron/Table Cloth/Towel	

Grandpa's Workshop

Corn Husker/Peg/Planting/any	Tool of any kind
Fishing Item	Weather Vane/Rod/Item
Golfing Item	Door Knob/latches/keys
Hunting Item	Potato planter/item
Lantern/Flashlight/Lamp	Any Other Item found in Grandpa's workshop
Stone Emory/Grindstone	Any timepiece/clock/watch

Electrical Shop

Fan	Radio/Record Player
Heater	Telephone
Kitchen Appliance	Vacuum/Sweeper
Light Fixture/appliance	Any Other Item

Early Transportation

Automotive any	Motorcycle any Item
Bicycle/tricycle/unicycle	Oil/fuel can
Blacksmith Item	Railroad Item any
Foot Warmer Any	Transportation Item
Horse Buggy Item	Any Other Item

Furniture

Baby Furniture	Foot Stool
Chair Rocking/any other	Any other Furniture

Antique Tractors

1. Open to the Public – Entry through Fair Entry online application – the office will be open to assist with entering.
2. Tractors must be 50 years or older – Please include the make and age of the tractor
3. Judged on uniqueness, completeness of restoration, and overall pleasing appearance.
4. All Entries must be in working order
5. Trophies are awarded to each class.
6. The exhibit will be located by the Garden at the West end of the Fairgrounds property by the Nottawa walk-in gate.

Classes are as follows:

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| 1. Allis Chalmers | 7. Massey |
| 2. Case | 8. Minneapolis Moline |
| 3. Ford | 9. Oliver |
| 4. John Deere | 10. Implement |
| 5. IHC Farm All | 11. All Others |
| 6. Lawn and Garden | |

Grange Building – Open Still Exhibits

Adult Division

Superintendent: John Tate Assistant: Darlene Tate

1. All projects will be located in the Grange Building
2. All projects will be entered through the Fair Entry Online application. See Link. The office will be available during August to assist you with the application process. When using the application, remember to go through each page, past the payment page, and complete each page until the end. There is **no fee to enter projects**.
3. Judging will be on cleanliness, uniformity, and market size.
4. Items will be disposed of during the fair if spoiled.
5. Youth age is computed on the Birthday date. There is a separate youth division, however, Youth may enter into the Adult Division for Farm–Garden and Orchard Products.
6. All still projects premiums as follows: 1st place - \$3. 2nd place - \$2. 3rd place - \$1.
7. The judge's specialty award is \$10. Second place is \$5.

Farm – Garden – Orchard Products

Farm

Grains – 1 quart

Cow Beans	Soy Beans	Winter Rye
Oats	Wheats	Any Other
Kidney	Beans	

Corn

Hybrid (non-Irrigated)	Sweet Corn - any variety	Indian Corn
Hybrid (irrigated)	Popcorn – any variety	

Potatoes – a plate of 4

White Variety	Red Variety
Yellow Variety	Any Other

4 Stalks

Soy Beans	Sorghum
Corn	Peanuts
Hay and Foliage – Hay - any variety	Straw

Vegetables

Display Vegetable types that are 1 to 6 items each.

Asparagus	Gourds – any Variety	Okra	Beans – Green or Yellow
Beets	Herbs	Onions – any Variety	Squash – any Variety
Brussel Sprouts	Kohlrabi	Parsnips	Tomatoes - any
Carrots	Leeks	Peas	Cucumber
Cauliflower	Lima Beans	Peppers – Bell	Any Vegetable not mentioned
Cabbage	Lettuce – any Variety	Peppers –Sweet	
Egg Plant	Melons – any Variety	Peppers – Hot	
Garlic Buds	Mushrooms	Pumpkin	

Largest, Longest, Biggest, Tiny Division – Display any Vegetable or Fruit – Adult Section

Biggest Sunflower - weight	Smallest Flower	Longest Cucumber	Smallest Pumpkin
Largest Diameter Sunflower	Longest Zucchini	Tallest Bean Stalk	Longest or Largest Fruit or Vegetable

Tallest Sunflower	Longest corn of the ear	Longest Bean Length	Tiniest Fruit or Vegetable
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Orchard Products

Apple's Plate of 4	Tree Fruit Plate of 4	Grapes 1 bunch	Berries 1 pint	Nuts (plate of 12)
Crab apples	Peaches of any variety	Any kind	Blueberries	Chestnuts
Golden Delicious	Pears of any variety		Raspberries	Hazelnuts
Honey Crisp	Plum		Strawberries	Hickory nuts
Red Delicious	Any other Tree Fruit		Any Other	Walnuts
Any Other				Any Other

Specialty Baskets and Novelties

Fruit Basket	Vegetable Basket	Gourd Basket
Pumpkin Decorating	Scarecrow Decorating	Herb Basket or Garden

Fine Arts

The exhibitor or an immediate family member must produce articles. No articles purchased or made in a factory will be accepted.

Cartooning	Ceramics	Diamond Art	Drawing	Handmade Pottery
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Painting

Oil Still Life	Acrylics Still Life	Water Color Still Life	Pen/Ink Any
Oil Landscape/Sea	Acrylics Landscape/Sea	Watercolor landscape/sea	Pencil Any
Oil Animals	Acrylics Animal	Watercolor Animal	Ink on Glass
Oil Flower	Acrylics Flower	Watercolor Flower	Stipple Any
Oil – any other	Acrylics any other	Watercolor - any other	Chalk Any

Floriculture

Flowers in Vases – Exhibitor's choice of number of stems displayed

African Large Marigold	Marigold – French Double	Salvia
Aster	Mini Sunflowers	Snap Dragons
Calendula	Nasturtium	Zinnia
Chrysanthemum	Petunia	Gaillardias
Cleomes	Pansies	Annual Any Other
Cosmos	Roses Hybrid Tea	Perennial – Any Other
Dahlias	Roses – Miniatures	
Impatient	Sedum	

Flower Arrangements

The competition is open to Amateurs. Exhibitors may refresh flowers during the week as needed.

Judging is based on: 40% Design. 30% Originality. 20% Color Harmony. 10% Condition.

Summer Basket	Snow White Basket	Autumn/Indian/Fall Basket
Momma's Kitchen Basket	Patriot Basket	Halloween Basket
Easter Basket	Christmas Basket	Fairy Garden
Miniature Basket	Welcome Home Soldier Basket	2025 Fair Theme Basket – Growing the Future since 1851

Plants

Fern	Christmas Cactus	Philodendron	Succulents	Wondering Jew
Bridal Veil	Coleus	Spider	Shamrock	Any Other
Single Violet	Herbs	Flowering Brogna	Hoya	
Geranium	Cactus	Novel Pot	Ivy	
Jade Plant	Aloe	Dish Garden	Impatient	

Folk Arts

Baskets -any weave	Crafted Gourds	Jewelry Making	Resin Art
Black Smithing	Candle Making	Latch Hook	Soap Making
Calligraphy	Dolls	Leather Craft	Stenciling
Toy Boxes	Toys	Bird Houses	Macramé

Wood Working

Wood Carving	Intarsia	Scroll
Wood Burning	Wood Toy Box	Wood Bird Nest
Any Other Wood Item		

Home Arts

Articles must be neat and clean. Articles must be completed by the Exhibitor or an immediate family member.

Judging Basis: Workmanship 40%. Harmony Color: 25%. Beauty or Design: 25%. Appearance 10%

Pillows	Dollies	Center Pieces	Bed Spreads
Pillow Cases Embroidered	Dollies Embroidered	Center Pieces - Embroidered	Bed Spreads – Embroidered

Pillow Cases Crocheted/Edge	Dollies Crocheted	Center Pieces - Crocheted	Bed Spreads - Crocheted
Pillow Cases - Any Other	Dollies - Any Other	Center Pieces – any Other	Bed Spreads – any other

Accessories	Framed Pictures	Table Toppers
Dolls – any kind	Cross Stitched	Table Cloth
Handbag or tote	Needle Mixed	Table Placemat
Pillows	Any Other Kind	Table Runner
Rugs		Table – any other
Any Other Item		

Wall Hangings

Applique	Hand Woven	Hooked	Patch Work
Cross Stitch	Quilted	Any Other Kind	

Afghans, Baby Afghans, Knitted Items, Hand Spun, and Crochet

Afghan	Baby Afghan	Knitted Items	Hand Spun	Crochet
Crocheted	Crocheted	Adult Sweater	Adult Sweater	Adult Sweater
Embroidered	Embroidered	Child Sweater	Child Sweater	Child Sweater
Any Other	Any Other	Baby Sweater	Baby Sweater	Baby Sweater
		Gloves or Mittens	Gloves or Mittens	Gloves or Mittens
		Hat or scarves	Hat or Scarves	Hat or Scarves
		Socks	Socks	Socks
		Any Other item	Any Other Items	Any Other Item

Sewing

Baby Item	Child Item	Adult Item	Formal Dress
Casual Dress/skirt/shirt	Suits (jacket, pants or skirt)	Coat, Jacket, or Vest	Any Other Item

Quilts:

Quilts will be divided into two categories: Hand Stitched and Machine Stitched.

Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched
Applique	Applique
Baby Quilt	Baby Quilt
Cotton Patchwork	Cotton Patchwork
Crazy Quilt	Crazy Quilt
Hand Embroidered	Hand Embroidered
Lap Quilt	Lap Quilt

Any Other	Any Other
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Home Economics

Baked Goods and Canned Goods

Breads	Cookies	Cakes	Pies	Muffins	Breakfast Cakes/Rolls	Candy	Ginger Bread House
White	Sugar	Frosted Any	Cherry	Fruit Muffin	Coffee Cake	Chocolate Fudge	Decorated
Wheat	Chocolate Chip	Cup Cakes – 6	Apple	Non-fruit muffin	Cinnamon Rolls	Peanut Butter Fudge	
Gluten Free	Grandma's Giant Cookie	Brownies	Any Other	Any other	Any Other	Hard Candy	
Dinner Rolls	Decorated Cookie	Any Other Decorated Cake				Filled Candy	
Any Other	Any Other					Any Other	

Canned Goods

Canned Fruits	Canned Meats	Canned Vegetables	Pickles
Applesauce	Beef	Asparagus	Beets
Blackberries	Chicken	Beans	Bread and Butter
Cherries	Pork	Beets	Cucumbers
Peaches	Any Other Meat	Carrots	Dill Pickles
Any Other Fruit		Peppers – any	Sweet Pickles
Any Fruit Juice		Tomatoes - Juice	Fruits - any
		Tomatoes - Stewed	Green Tomatoes
		Tomatoes Whole	Red Tomatoes
		Spaghetti Sauce	Any other Pickle
		Salsa	
		Any Other Vegetable	

Dried Foods – Honey – Jelly – Jams – Maple Syrup

Dried Foods	Honey	Jelly – Jams - Marmalade	Maple Syrup
Any Kind	Honey in a Jar	Jelly – any kind	Any Kind
		Jam – any kind	
		Marmalade – any kind	

		Apple Butter	
		Any Preserve	

Hay Bale Contest

1. Open to anyone – Groups, 4-H Clubs, Service Clubs, Churches, and or individuals.
2. The theme for Fair 2025 is **Growing the Future since 1851**. However, the Hay Bale contest does not need to utilize the theme.
3. **Must register via the Fair Entry Application by Saturday, September 6, 2025. However, if you are unable to enter via computer, please call us. Phone: 269 – 467- 8935.** This will give us time to plan for the display of the Hay Bales.
4. The Hay Bale Display will start Friday, September 12, 2025, and be finished by Saturday, September 13 at 5 PM. Judging will take place on Saturday evening.
5. Must be removed by Tuesday, September 23, 2025.
6. Entries will be placed throughout the fairgrounds at the Fair's discretion.
7. No lights or illumination.
8. Entry size cannot be larger than 12 feet wide and 15 feet long.
9. Prize Money 1st. \$100 2nd. \$75 3rd. \$50 4th. \$25
10. For Questions, contact Mindy Timm at 269-816-2343 or Kristine Kirsch at 269-503-1391

Horticultural Quilt

This year's theme is "Growing the Future since 1851". This is your chance to be creative with no pattern specifics. The Fair Theme dates back to 1851, and consider how the County Fair looked over 100 years ago. So, get creative and see what you all can come up with. Last year, the Quilts were amazing and very unique.

1. Open to individuals, groups, or clubs. Your choice
2. A 36 x 36 by 3 high box, inside diameter 34 x 34. The Fair has 12 Boxes currently. However, Exhibitors can bring their box if desired.
3. The exhibitor must create the Quilt utilizing produce, seeds, beans, dried flowers, etc. This year, you will be allowed to create at home and then finish assembling at the Fair. This was a request from participants. No artificial objects are allowed in the box.
4. The Grange Building will be open on Friday, September 12, 2025, from noon until 8 PM. Saturday, September 13, starting at 9 am until 3 PM.
5. Judging will begin on Saturday, September 13, 2025, in the evening.
6. 1st. \$45. 2nd. \$40 3rd. \$35 4th. \$30 5th. \$25 6th. \$25 7th. \$20
8th. \$20 9th. \$15 10th. \$15 11th. 10 12th. \$10

Photography

Color Photos

Scenic Any Season	Portrait
Night Scene	Patriot Theme
Still Life	Sports/Recreation
Animals/Wildlife	Any Other Category
Animal Domestic	Fair 2025 Theme –Growing the Future since 1851

Black and White Photos

Scenic Any Season	Portrait
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Youth Division

We hope you enjoy the Youth Division, which is new to the Open Premium book. In years past, we had Youth classes throughout the premium book. Last Year we took out the ages and had just Youth classes. After discussions with many families, we have put the ages back, and hopefully, these age groups will be welcomed and will give the Youth a variety of classes to choose from. The Fair can always add classes, and if you are willing to do so, let the Fair office know. The Fair also added many classes called “any other,” hoping to welcome any project that you have created. If your youth wishes to participate in the Hay Bale Contest or Horticultural Quilt, please see page 20

Youth Classes are divided as follows:

1. Any Youth under age 7.
2. Youth age 7 and under age 10
3. Youth age 10 and under age 13

4. Youth age 13 to 18 years of age

Specialty Baskets and Novelties

Fruit Basket	Vegetable Basket	Gourd Basket
Pumpkin Decorating	Scarecrow Decorating	Herb Basket or Garden

Largest, Longest, Biggest, Tiny Division – Display any Vegetable or Fruit – Kids Section

Biggest Sunflower - weight	Smallest Flower	Longest Cucumber	Smallest Pumpkin
Largest Diameter Sunflower	Longest Zucchini	Tallest Bean Stalk	Longest or Largest Fruit or Vegetable
Tallest Sunflower	Longest corn of ear	Longest Bean Length	Tiniest Fruit or Vegetable

Fine Arts

Articles must be made by the exhibitor or an immediate family member. No articles purchased or made in a factory will be accepted.

Cartooning	Ceramics	Diamond Art	Drawing	Handmade Pottery
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Painting

Oil Still Life	Acrylics Still Life	Water Color Still Life	Pen/Ink Any
Oil Landscape/Sea	Acrylics Landscape/Sea	Watercolor landscape/sea	Pencil Any
Oil Animals	Acrylics Animal	Watercolor Animal	Ink on Glass
Oil Flower	Acrylics Flower	Watercolor Flower	Stipple Any
Oil – any other	Acrylics any other	Watercolor any other	Paint by Number

Flower Arrangements

The competition is open to Amateurs. Exhibitors may refresh flowers during the week as needed.

Judging is based on: 40% Design. 30% Originality. 20% Color Harmony. 10% Condition.

Summer Basket	Snow White Basket	Autumn/Indian/Fall Basket
Momma's Kitchen Basket	Patriot Basket	Halloween Basket
Easter Basket	Christmas Basket	Fairy Garden
Miniature Basket	Welcome Home Soldier Basket	2025 Fair Theme Basket – Growing the Future since 1851

Folk Arts

Baskets -any weave	Crafted Gourds	Jewelry Making	Resin Art
Black Smithing	Candle Making	Latch Hook	Soap Making
Calligraphy	Dolls	Leather Craft	Stenciling
Toy Boxes	Toys	Bird Houses	Macrame
Gift Wrapping			

Wood Working

Wood Carving	Intarsia	Scroll
Wood Burning	Wood Toy Box	Wood Bird Nest
Any Other Wood Item		

Home Arts

Articles must be neat and clean. Articles must be completed by the Exhibitor or an immediate family member.

Judging Basis: Workmanship 40%. Harmony Color: 25%. Beauty or Design: 25%. Appearance 10%

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		Apple Butter	
		Conserves – any kind	

Legos and Models

Legos Utilizing 2025 Fair Theme “Growing the Future since 1851”	Models of any material to create the Theme “Growing the Future since 1851”
Any Other LEGO project	Any Other Model project

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Home Maker of the Year

This honor is open to St. Joseph County residents aged 25 and older. Per the premium book, entrants must enter 5 categories in 3 different divisions (not including livestock). All entrants will complete the application along with an essay. Interviews of applicants will take place on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 2 PM.

Essay

1. Describe your community involvement – volunteer activities.
2. Define “homemaker”.
3. What would being SJCGF Homemaker of the Year mean to you?
4. What would representing SJCGF at the State Homemaker of the Year Contest mean to you?
5. What else should our judges know about you?

Special Ceremony to crown Home Maker of the Year Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 4 PM in the Community Tent.

1st Place \$100.00 2nd Place \$75.00 3rd Place \$50.00