

# 2026 Premium Book

## Mahnomen County Fair

# July 1-4, 2026

*“Home is Where the Fair Is”*

*The Mahnomen County Fair Directors invite you to the Mahnomen County Fair, “Home is Where the Fair Is”. We hope that you visit the fair this year and bring your friends to what promises to be another great fair. There are many reasons to have a fair, from the great food to grandstand shows to the special entertainment.*

*Another great reason is the opportunity for you to exhibit in one or more of the classes listed in this book. You will have a chance to earn a premium along with a ribbon on your entry. Advance entry allows us to have the exhibit tags and forms ready for you when you get to the fair. Advance entry forms can be emailed to [mahnomenagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mahnomenagsociety@gmail.com), or mailed to Mahnomen County Agricultural Society, PO Box 183, Mahnomen, MN 56557. **Please pay close attention to the entry times.***

*The Mahnomen County Fair continues to be a gathering place for county residents to visit and have fun. With your help and support we will continue this fine tradition.*

*As always, we welcome your suggestions and concerns regarding your fairgrounds and your county fair.*

*Stop by and visit with the directors during the fair, call one of us, or send a note to:*

*Mahnomen County Agricultural Society  
PO Box 183, Mahnomen, MN 56557.*

### **Mahnomen County Agricultural Society**

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#### **Commissioners**

Robert Durant.....District 1  
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#### **Membership in Agricultural Association**

The annual dues of this Society are \$10 for the year or \$50 for 10 years. The Annual Meeting is held on or before the third Tuesday of November and to vote at the annual meeting, memberships must be purchased prior to the annual meeting of the current year.

## MAHNOMEN COUNTY FAIR OPEN CLASS INFORMATION

**Non-Livestock:** Entry days are Tuesday, June 30th from 4:00-7:00 PM AND Wednesday, July 1st from 9:00-11:00 AM. Judging will take place on Wednesday after 11:00 AM. Exhibits can be picked up Saturday, July 4th from 7:00-8:00 PM

**Livestock:** Entry is Wednesday, July 1st from 9:00-10:00 AM. Bring animals to the barn for registration. Check the fair schedule for livestock judging times. Animals can be removed Saturday, July 4th from 3:00-4:00 PM or Sunday, July 5th before 11:00 AM.

### Entry Day Instructions Non-Livestock-

1. Enter through the front gate, you may park in front of the Open Class Building while unloading but you will need to move the vehicle afterwards.
2. Go to the Open Class building and fill out paperwork and wait for tags to be made and placed on items.
3. Registration closes at 11:00 AM Wednesday, July 1st, NO EXCEPTIONS.

### REGULATIONS

1. Entries, except 4-H and FFA, will be open to any resident of Mahnomen County, all bordering counties, and all counties in the State of Minnesota that reciprocate in keeping their fairs open to Mahnomen County exhibitors.
2. The Society will not assume any responsibility for (disease, sickness, injury) loss or damage to exhibits incurred during the fair.
3. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on the grounds except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, or distribution of bills, cards, flyers, etc. except within the area occupied by the exhibitor is prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to fine and expulsion from the grounds as the Board of the Directors may elect.
4. If for any reason whatsoever the general receipts of the Society are reduced or diminished, then the Society does not guarantee full payment of premiums listed in this book.

5. The management will not be responsible for typographical errors in this book, but should any occur, they will be interpreted by the Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations.
7. Any person knowingly violating any rules of this Society will thereby forfeit all rights to any premiums that may be awarded to them.
8. Non-livestock items judged in 4-H cannot be also judged in Open Class. If multiple items are made, such as cookies, they may be exhibited in both 4-H and Open Class. Must be able to be displayed in both exhibits.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO REFUSE ENTRIES, OR PROHIBIT THE EXHIBITION OF ANIMALS OR ARTICLES ENTERED.**

### ENTRY PROCEDURES & EXHIBITS

#### NON-LIVESTOCK

**Tuesday, June 30th 4:00-7:00 PM  
& Wednesday, July 1st 9:00-11:00 AM**

1. All entries must be made on or before the first day of the fair. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE AND EXHIBITS IN PLACE BY 11:00 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st AND MAY NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL SATURDAY, JULY 4th between 7:00-8:00 PM. DO NOT REMOVE ANY EXHIBIT UNLESS YOU HAVE CHECKED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THAT DEPARTMENT. If an exhibitor needs additional time, call 218-902-0445 to set up an appointment for collection. No article will be released without proper entry form.
2. The Fair Board reserves the right to limit the number of entries if space is unavailable. The management will endeavor to arrange for space for all qualified exhibitors. However, if present accommodations are exhausted, the management reserves the right to close entries at any time.
3. All entries must be entered in the names of the bona fide owners.
4. No person shall enter an article that has heretofore been exhibited and a premium paid thereon in the same lot except in certain designated classes.

5. All entries must be the property of the exhibitor and except in designated classes must be raised, grown, or made by the exhibitors within the last year.
  6. No article shall compete in more than one lot number unless otherwise stated.
  7. Every article or animal must correspond in number and description with the premium list, and be in its proper lot classification to qualify for premiums. Articles not listed may be displayed upon approval of the division superintendent. A request can be made to the Board of Directors to make provisions for additional classes or lots in succeeding years.
  9. No article or animal will be assigned a place on the grounds until entry has been made.
  10. No collections shall be allowed space which is not neatly arranged and fully labeled. A duplication of varieties in any collection shall debar the collection from prize money.
  11. The Board reserves the right to group like lots/classes to create competition. The decision of the Mahnomen County Agricultural Society is final.
  12. The Mahnomen County Agricultural Society reserves the right at any time to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition or animals or articles entered.
- NOTE - The Mahnomen County Agricultural Society will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of articles and stock on exhibition, but cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition, or removal thereof.
5. Should any article be entered in the wrong lot and the error be discovered before the judging, the superintendent may make proper correction in the entry.
  6. Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate decisions of the judge(s) will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition, and should be reported to the secretary by the superintendent of the division.
  7. All awards shall be made by comparison of the individual merits of the entries.
  8. The superintendent of a division may request the judge to state the reason for awards if such a request is made by an exhibitor or spectator.
  9. The decision of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases except when mistakes, fraud or misrepresentation not discovered at the time the award is made, is apparent. In such cases the Board of Directors decision is final.
  10. An exhibitor may make a written protest of a decision of a judge to the superintendent of the division within three hours after the time the award was made.
  11. All protests shall be settled by the Board of Directors at a meeting when all parties concerned will be notified to appear.
  12. No former prize winners are to be displayed before judging in the class is completed.
  13. It is the policy of the Mahnomen County Fair to award ribbons to only the first, second and third places in each class.

## **PREMIUMS**

### **JUDGING (Non-livestock)**

1. Open class judging will begin WEDNESDAY, July 1st after 11:00 AM.
  2. The awards on entries shall be designated by ribbons or cards, as follows: Championship – purple; first - blue; second - red; third - white; unless otherwise stated.
  3. The superintendent of the division or some other person appointed shall assist as clerk and shall keep a record of the awards made. This record when completed shall be signed by the clerk and returned to the secretary.
  4. The superintendent shall check to see that each article entered in the record book is present and properly arranged before the judge(s) proceeds to place the entries. If an article cannot be found, the judge shall be so informed.
1. If possible, premiums will be paid when entries are picked up on the last day of the fair or at the discretion of the Board. Otherwise, premiums will be mailed as soon as possible after the last day of the fair. Wrong or incomplete addresses will delay processing. Any claims of premium error must be made to the Treasurer within 10 days after the mailing of premiums.
  2. Premiums will not be paid on articles (or animals) removed from exhibition before designated time on the last day of the Fair unless otherwise noted.
- Where there is no competition, first premium may be awarded but money paid will be based on recommendations of the judge relative to the merit of the exhibit. No award will be made if the exhibit does not merit an award.
3. Premiums will not be paid on articles (or animals) of inferior merit, regardless of the number in competition for a premium or no competition.

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[Livestock Exhibition Handbook](https://www.bah.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/LivestockExhibitionHandbook_2025.pdf)

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK ORIGINATING FROM MINNESOTA:**

Livestock known by the exhibitor to have an infection, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease or to be from a quarantined herd may not be entered for exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will make general health examinations of all livestock the day of entry. Brucellosis and pseudorabies tests must be conducted prior to exhibition and a record of the test results on a test chart or intrastate Health Certificate must accompany the tested animal.

**WARTS OR RINGWORM:** The Official Veterinarian will inspect all livestock on the opening date of the exhibition & daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. This includes livestock with warts or ringworms.

**CATTLE:** Examined on day of entry by the Official Veterinarian. No health certificate required.

**SWINE:** Exhibiting swine at a Minnesota county fair in 2026 requires official identification (ear tags/tattoos), a health inspection by an official veterinarian upon arrival, and compliance with vaccination guidelines. Swine must be free of diseases like ringworm and warts. Out-of-state pigs need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

**GOATS:** Examined on day of entry by the Official Veterinarian. No health certificate required.

**SHEEP:** Examined on day of entry by the Official Veterinarian. No health certificate required.

**HORSES:** No health certificate required. Coggins test on file in the Extension Office. Horse Helmet Policy: All 4-Her's

participating in any 4-H sponsored mounted activity are required to wear properly fastened ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear. Helmet use is required when mounted. This policy also extends to 4-H volunteers when they are working with youth in a 4-H volunteer role during mounted activities.

**DOGS:** Dogs over 6 months of age must have a certificate of "valid DHL-Rabies-Parvo Vaccination" issued by a licensed Veterinarian. Modified live virus vaccine and trimune accepted for 36 months, killed vaccine accepted for 12 months.

**RABBITS & WATERFOWL:** No health certificate required.

**BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH RULES:**

**Cattle & Bison:** breeding cattle, rodeo cattle and all cattle for exhibition must be officially identified upon movement from the herd to another location with certain exceptions. Records of cattle movements into and out of herds must be kept on the farm for five years.

**Swine:** Swine moving within the state must be officially identified with certain exceptions.

**DEPARTMENT 1 – BEEF CATTLE**

**Premiums:** Blue \$20 Red \$16 White \$12

**CLASS A – All Breeds (Hereford, Angus, Simmental, Shorthorns and other breeds)**

1. Prospect calf under 9 months
2. Spring Heifer Calf Jan. 1 - April 30
3. Fall Calf Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
4. Jr. Yearling March 1 - August 31
5. Sr. Yearling Sept. 1 - Feb. 28
6. Market Steer over 9 months
7. Dairy Steer over 9 months
8. Cow/Calf exhibit born after Jan. 1 (1 Exhibit)

**DEPARTMENT 2 – DAIRY CATTLE**

**Premiums:** Blue \$20 Red \$16 White \$12

**CLASS A – All Breeds (Holstein, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Jersey, Crossbreed and other breeds)**

1. Spring Heifer March 1 and after
2. Winter Heifer Calf: Dec. 1 - Feb. 29
3. Fall Calf: Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
4. Jr. Yearling: March 1 –August 31
5. Sr. Yearling: Sept. 1 - Feb. 29
6. 2 Year Old
7. 3 and 4 Year Old
8. 5 Year Old & Older
9. Dry Cow

## DEPARTMENT 3 – SHEEP

**Premiums:** Blue \$12 Red \$10 White \$6

### CLASS A – All Breeds (Suffolk, Dorsets and other breeds)

1. Ram, one year and under two years
2. Fall Ram Lamb, born Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
3. Spring Ram Lamb, after Jan. 1
4. Ewe, 1 year and under 2 years
5. Senior Ewe Lamb, Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
6. Winter Ewe Lamb Jan. 1 - Feb. 15
7. Spring Ewe Lamb Feb. 16 and after
8. Market Lamb Jan. 1 - February 29
9. Market Lamb March 1 and after
10. Young Flock, two ewe lambs and one ram lamb
11. Wether, one year and under two years
12. Wether, 2 Year Old
13. Wether, 3 and 4 Year Old

## DEPARTMENT 4 – POULTRY

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

### MAXIMUM – 2 CAGES PER CLASS

#### CHICKENS

- Lot 1. Cock, Male over 1 year old
- Lot 2. Hen, Female over 1 year old
- Lot 3. Cockerel, Male under 1 year
- Lot 4. Pullet, Female under 1 year

#### **Select Breed from Class List below:**

- Class A: Plymouth Rock
- Class B: Rhode Island Red
- Class C: Wyandotte
- Class D: Cornish
- Class E: Australorp
- Class F: Orpingtons
- Class G: Brahma
- Class H: New Hampshire
- Class I: Sussex
- Class J: Leghorn
- Class K: Any Other Large/Medium Breed
- Class L: Bantam Ornament Silkies
- Class M: Bantam Old English Game
- Class N: Bantam Cochin
- Class O: Bantam Wyandotte
- Class P: Bantam Sultan
- Class Q: Bantam Brahma
- Class R: Bantam Any Other

#### DUCKS

- Lot 1. Mature Drake
- Lot 2. Mature Duck
- Lot 3. Young Drake
- Lot 4. Young Duck

#### **Select Breed from Class List below:**

- Class A: Peking
- Class B: Mallard

- Class C: Muscovy
- Class D: Rouen
- Class E: Cambell
- Class F: Any Other Breed

#### GEESE

- Lot 1. Mature Gander
- Lot 2. Mature Goose
- Lot 3. Young Gander
- Lot 4. Young Goose

#### **Select Breed from Class List below:**

- Class A: Canada
- Class B: Crested
- Class C: African
- Class D: Toulouse
- Class E: Any Other

#### CLASS D – TURKEYS

- Lot 1. Mature Tom
- Lot 2. Mature Hen
- Lot 3. Young Tom
- Lot 4. Young Hen

#### **Select Breed from Class List below:**

- Class A: Blue Slate Turkey
- Class B: Bronze Turkey
- Class C: White Turkey
- Class D: Wild Turkey
- Class E: Any Other

#### CLASS E – PIGEONS

- Lot 1. Adult Cock
- Lot 2. Adult Hen
- Lot 3. Young Cock
- Lot 4. Young Hen

#### Select Breed from Class List below:

- Class A: Utility Pigeon, Any Variety
- Class B: Fancy Pigeon, Any Variety
- Class C: Flying Pigeon, Any Variety

#### CLASS F – GAME BIRDS

- Lot 1. Adult Male
- Lot 2. Adult Female
- Lot 3. Young Male
- Lot 4. Young Female

#### Select Breed from Class List below:

- Class A: Guineas, Any Variety
- Class B: Quail
- Class C: Chuckers
- Class D: Pheasant
- Class E: Any Other

## DEPARTMENT 5 – DAIRY GOATS

**Premiums:** Blue \$12 Red \$10 White \$6

### CLASS A – All Breeds

1. Junior Doe Kid, up to six months of age
2. Senior Doe Kid, seven to twelve month of age
3. Does never in milk, 12-23 months of age
4. Milking Does, any age that have freshened

## DEPARTMENT 6 – MARKET GOATS

**Premiums:** Blue \$12 Red \$10 White \$6

### CLASS A – All Breeds

1. Junior meet breeding doe born April-May
2. Senior meet breeding doe born January-March
3. Dry breeding yearling born prior year (never kidding)
4. Dry breeding 2 years and older
5. Market wethers
6. Female non breeding market
7. Male Market

## DEPARTMENT 7 – RABBITS

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

### CLASS A – Small Breeds

1. Sr. Buck over 6 months
2. Sr. Doe over 6 months
3. Jr. Buck under 6 months
4. Jr. Doe under 6 months
5. Mini Rex under 6 months
6. Mini Rex over 6 months

### CLASS B – Large Breeds

1. Sr. Buck over 8 months
2. Sr. Doe over 8 months
3. Intermediate Buck 6-8 months
4. Intermediate Doe 6-8 months
5. Jr. Buck under 6 months
6. Jr. Doe under 6 months

### CLASS C – Market Rabbits

1. Market class, pen of 3, <69 days old, 3-5#



## DEPARTMENT 8 – SWINE

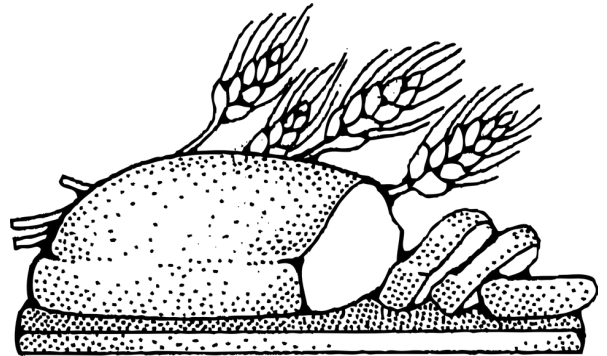
**Premiums:** Blue \$12 Red \$10 White \$6

### CLASS A – All Registered Breeds (Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, any other recorded breed, registered)

1. Senior Yearling Boar, born July-December 2023
2. Junior Yearling Boar, born January-June 2024
3. Fall Boar, born July-December 2024
4. Spring Boar, born January to March 2025
5. Senior Yearling Gilt, born July-December 2023
6. Junior Yearling Gilt, born January-June 2024
7. Fall Gilt, born July-December 2024
8. Spring Gilt, born January to March current year

### CLASS B – Market Hogs (regular or grade, all breeds competing)

1. Lightweight commercial or crossbred barrow or gilt, farrowed from March 1 to May 1, 2025 less than 190 pounds
2. Heavyweight commercial or crossbred barrow or gilt, farrowed January 1 to March 1, 2025, 190 pounds or over



## AGRICULTURE

**Entries: 4:00-7:00 PM Tuesday, June 30th AND**

**9:00-11:00 AM Wednesday, July 1st**

**Exhibits taken in the OPEN CLASS BUILDING**

**Exhibits released Saturday, July 4th 7:00-8:00PM**

## DEPARTMENT 9 – GRAIN & CORN

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**FORAGE BUNDLES** - All bundles must be two (2) inches in diameter. Bundle ends should be evenly trimmed. Forage should have good color, maturity, and leafiness.

**GRAIN BUNDLES** - All bundles must be two (2) inches in diameter. Bundle ends should be evenly trimmed. Heads should be even. Leaves should be completely removed. Mature grain will exhibit best.

**SEEDS IN JARS** - Jars must be clear, quart glass jars. Seeds must be cleaned and all other material, weed or other crop seeds and broken seeds removed. Samples must be from the current or previous crop year. Fill jars. Jars will not be returned.

**BALED HAY** – 1-foot slice of regular bale

### CLASS A – SMALL GRAINS (1 qt. sample)

#### Lot

1. Oats
2. Barley
3. Spring Wheat
4. Sunflowers, oil type
5. Sunflower, confection type
6. Any Other

**CLASS B - SEEDS (1 qt. sample)****Lot**

1. Soybeans
2. Dry Beans
3. Corn
4. Any Other

**Class C - CORN****Lot**

1. 5 Ears of Corn - Yellow
2. 5 Ears of Corn - White
3. 5 Ears of Corn - Red
4. 5 Ears of Corn - Flint

**Class D - GRAIN SHEAVES**

**\*Strip off leaves on wheat, barley, and oats. Trim butts evenly, cutting off the roots. Sheaf bundles should measure 2 inches in diameter at the center. Each exhibitor has one entry per variety. (LABEL VARIETY)**

**Lot**

1. Oats
2. Barley
3. Spring Wheat
4. Field Corn - 6 Stalks
5. Soybeans
6. Sunflower - Oil - 6 Stalks
7. Sunflower - Confectionary - 6 Stalks
8. Any Other Bundle

**Class E - FORAGE CROPS****Lot**

1. Alfalfa
2. Red Clover
3. Any Other

**Class F - Baled Hay**

**\*A one foot slice of regular bale as sample. Cured and ready for storage.**

**Lot**

1. Alfalfa
2. Legumes
3. Any Other

**DEPARTMENT 10 –****Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits**

**\$10 BEST VEGETABLE**  
**By Mahnomen County Garden Club**

**BEANS:** Harvest before constrictions appear between seeds, when seeds are about half grown. Ends of pods should not be broken off in picking. Pods should be uniform. Pods may be wiped clean, but not washed. Leave stems attached.

**BEETS, CARROTS:** Root crops should be mature but not overgrown, pithy or coarse in texture. Tops trimmed off 1-1/2

inches above the crown. Side roots trimmed off but not the tap root. Roots carefully washed but not scrubbed. Do not clean by brushing as done in the past.

**BROCCOLI:** Heads should be dark or purplish green and compact. Avoid yellow flowers in the head. Stems cut about 5 inches from top of head.

**CABBAGE:** Stems cut about 1/2 inch below the head. Remove blemished or broken leaves but care should be taken not to peel the heads too much. A few outside wrapper leaves are desirable. Specimens may be washed.

**CAULIFLOWER:** Heads should be white, compact, and free of small leaves and ricy texture. Stems cut so as to leave 4 to 6 leaves. Outer leaves trimmed to 1- 2 inches above the white head. Use a soft bristled brush to remove dirt from heads.

**CUCUMBERS:** Pickling: select fruits 3-5 inches long. Specimens should be the same stage of maturity and uniform in size, shape and color. Slicers: select fruits that are straight, dark green, and 6-10 inches long. They should be uniform in size, shape and color. Leave stems attached.

**KOHLRABI:** Remove roots just below the ball. Remove all but the upper 4-6 leaves. Select specimens that are uniform, medium size, and not hard or woody. Skin should be easily punctured by a thumbnail. They should be cleaned, but not washed.

**STORAGE ONIONS:** Have specimens mature and thoroughly cured. The neck should be small. Do not peel to give a slick appearance, Only such outer scales that are broken or discolored should be removed. Small basal roots should be left intact but trimmed to a uniform length of 1/2 inch. Wipe or brush but do not wash. Cut tops 1 inch to 1-1/2 inches long.

**BUNCHING ONIONS:** Specimens should be peeled, 6-8 inches, tops trimmed, roots trimmed to 1/4 inch.

**POTATOES:** Tubers should be uniform in size, color & shape. Washing is permitted but do not blemish the skin by scrubbing. Avoid specimens with defects or disease. Clean, but not skinned.

**RHUBARB:** Select specimens that are straight, uniform and unblemished. Stalks should be pulled from the plant, not cut. Trim the leaf blade to about one inch above the stalk.

**TOMATOES:** Select fruits that are uniform in size, shape and color. Fruits should be perfectly shaped and free of cracks or blemishes.

**CLASS A - VEGETABLES (All Ages)**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Table Beets, 3 specimens
2. Onions, yellow, 3 Specimens
3. Onions, white, 3 specimens
4. Onion, red, 3 specimens
5. Carrots, 3 specimens
6. Sweet Corn, 1 stalk
7. Green Beans, 6 pods

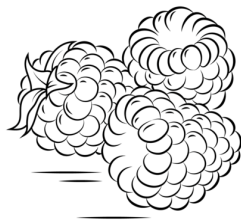
8. Yellow Beans, 6 pods
9. Peas, 6 Pods
10. Summer Squash, Zucchini, (green or yellow) 1 specimen
11. Radish, 3 Specimens
12. Rhubarb, 3 Stems
13. Cabbage, 1 Specimen
14. Cauliflower, 1 specimen
15. Pickling Cucumbers, 3 specimens
16. Slicing Cucumbers, 3 specimens
17. Dill, 3 specimens
18. Kohlrabi, 3 specimens (large variety, 1 specimen)
19. Lettuce, Leaf, 1 plant root
20. Kale, 1 plant
21. Swiss Chard, 1 specimen
22. Lettuce, Head, 1 specimen
23. Lettuce, Leaf, 1 plant
24. Spinach, 3 plants
25. Broccoli, 1 center head
26. Peppers, Sweet, 2 Specimens
27. Peppers, Hot, 3 Specimens
28. Spinach, Regular, 2 Specimens
29. Tomato, Large, 3 Specimens
30. Tomato, Cherry, Pear or Roma, 3 Specimens
31. Red Potatoes, 3 Tubers
32. White Potatoes, 3 Tubers
33. Russet Potatoes, 3 Tubers
34. Purple Potatoes, 3 Tubers

**CLASS B- FRUITS (All Ages)**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Apple, Any Variety, 4 Specimens
2. Crabapple, Any Variety, 4 Specimens
3. Blueberry, 1 Cup
4. Currants, 1 Cup
5. Grapes, Cluster
6. Plums, 6 Specimens
7. Raspberries, 1 Cup
8. Strawberries, 1 Cup
9. Juneberries, 1 Cup
10. Any other fruit, 1 Cup or Cluster



**Class C - HIGH TUNNEL PRODUCE**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Tomatoes - 3 specimens
2. Grapes - 1 Cluster
3. Apples - 4 Specimens
4. Raspberries - 1 Cup
5. Strawberries - 1 Cup
6. Potatoes - 3 Tubers
7. Any Other High Tunnel Produce 1 Cup/Cluster/4

**Class D - EGGS**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. ½ Dozen White Shell
2. ½ Dozen Dark Shell
3. ½ Dozen Colored Shell

**DEPARTMENT 11 –  
Cut Flowers & Potted Plants**

**\$10 BEST FLOWER  
By Mahanomen County Garden Club**

\*The correct name of FLOWERS & VARIETY should be shown on each entry tag. The superintendent will offer assistance in naming varieties when possible.

\*REMOVE foliage that is under the water line unless specified.

\*Insect-infested or diseased plants will be rejected.

\*"Mechanical aid" such as waxed paper or paper toweling at the neck of the vase/bottle is allowed to help hold the specimen at its most attractive angle.

\*Two or more specimens of one kind or variety in an entry should be the same color, size, form and stage of maturity as much as possible.

\*Floral specimens shown at their peak of perfection are preferred.

\*Discard spent blooms and seed pods prior to judging.

**CLASS A – CUT FLOWERS**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Bachelor's Button, three Blooms
2. Bells of Ireland - 1 Stalk
3. Calendula, three Blooms/Stems
4. Coleus, one stem
5. Calendula - 3 Blooms
6. Carnation - 3 Blooms
7. Cosmos - 3 Blooms All One Color
8. Dahlia - Pom-Pom under 2 " - 3 Blooms with Leaves Around Flower
9. Dahlia - Decorative 4-6" - 1 Bloom with Leaves around Flower
10. Gladiola Large - 1 Spike
11. Gladiola Miniature - 1 Spike
12. French Marigold, one spray
13. Marigold, three blooms one color (medium – 1.5-3")
14. Marigold, three blooms mixed color (medium – 1.5-3")
15. Marigold, Giant Over 3" - 1 Bloom
16. Pansies, All One Color - 3 Blooms
17. Pansies, Mixed Colors - 3 Blooms
18. Petunia, one spray

19. Phlox - Annual - 3 Trusses
20. Pinks 3 trusses
21. Poppies, 3 Blooms
22. Salvia, Red - 3 Stems
23. Salvia, any other color, 3 stems
24. Scopias - 3 Blooms
25. Snapdragons, 3 spikes
26. Sweet Peas, 3 stems
27. Verbena - 3 Stems
28. Violas - 3 Stems
29. Zinnia, 2-4 inch, three blooms
30. Any other annual, 3 Stems

**CLASS B – PERENNIALS & BIENNIALS**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Astilbe, one spray
2. Begonia, Tuberous - 1 Bloom
3. Begonia, Fibrous - 1 Stem
4. Coral Bells (Heuchera), one leaf
5. Coral Bells (Heuchera) bloom, one stem
6. Daisy, three blooms
7. Delphinium, one spike
8. Hosta, small, one leaf (3-5" wide)
9. Hosta, medium, one leaf (5-8" wide)
10. Hosta, giant, one leaf (over 8" wide)
11. Hydrangea – 1 stem
12. Sedum, one stem
13. Veronica, one stems
14. Gypsophila (White Baby's Breath), 1 spray
15. Any other perennial/biennial

**CLASS C – LILIES**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Lily, Asiatic, one stem
2. Lily, Oriental, one stem
3. Lily, Day (Hemerocallis), orange, one stem or scape
4. Lily, Day (Hemerocallis), white, one stem or scape
5. Lily, Day (Hemerocallis), wine, one stem or scape
6. Lily, Day (Hemerocallis), yellow, one stem or scape
7. Lily, Day (Hemerocallis), any other color, one stem or scape
8. Lily, Any other variety

**CLASS D – ROSES**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Pink, one stem
2. Red, one stem
3. Yellow, one stem
4. Any other color, one stem
5. Shrub

**CLASS E – POTTED PLANTS**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. African Violet, Blooming
2. Begonia, Fibrous
3. Begonia, Tuberous
4. Cactus
5. Succulents
6. Cactus Dish – 5 or more plants
7. Coleus
8. Fuchsia
9. Geranium
10. Peperomia
11. Philodendron
12. Terrarium
13. Impatiens
14. Any Other Flowering Plant
15. Outdoor Planter (Single Plant)
16. Outdoor Planter(3 or More Plants)

**CLASS F – OUTDOOR PLANTS (Container and Hanging)**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Flowering Plants
2. Combination, flowering and foliage
3. Herbs
4. Mini or Fairy Garden
5. Hanging Flowering Planter
6. Hanging Foliage Planter
7. Hanging Combination Planter
8. Any Other Outdoor Container Plant

**CLASS G – VINES – Branches or Shrubs (Up to 2 feet specimen)**

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Flowering
2. Fruiting
3. Foliage
4. Any other vine

**Class H - FAIRY GARDENS**

Fairy gardening is gardening in miniature, with whimsical dwellings designed to scale. Plants should be in proportion with garden art. Gardeners may strategically prune shrubs to resemble mature trees, surround the area with flowering perennials. and use low growing plants for ground cover. Exhibit not to exceed 15 inches in height and width.

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**Lot**

1. Any Fairy Garden

**CLASS I – ARTISTIC FLORAL DESIGN/ARRANGEMENTS**

Premiums: Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

**\$10 BEST ARRANGEMENT****By Mahnomen County Ag Society****1. Stars, Stripes & 250 Years**

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic floral design using red, white, and blue themes.

\*(The use of the American flag in competitive designs is PROHIBITED)

\*Flag Etiquette: The [VFW](#) and the U.S. Flag Code state that the flag should not be used as a decoration.

**2. Recycled & Reimagined**

Design created using repurposed or recycled materials paired with florals.

**3. Fair Fun & Festivities**

Bright, playful arrangements inspired by rides, games, and classic fair foods.

**4. Four Seasons of Minnesota**

Showcase one of Minnesota's seasons (winter, spring, summer, fall) through flowers and design.

**5. Mini but Mighty**

Small-scale arrangements (e.g., teacups, jars) with big creativity.

**6. Rustic Barn Charm**

Country-style arrangements using wood, burlap, metal, or vintage farm items.

**7. Storybook Garden**

Designs inspired by favorite children's books or fairy tales.

**8. Wildflower Wonders**

Arrangements highlighting native Minnesota wildflowers in natural or artistic styles.

NO Noxious Weeds, Please

**HOME ACTIVITIES**

\* Register your entries in correct class & lot numbers.

\* Enter only one entry in each lot number.

\* Any item entered in a previous Mahnomen County Fair is not eligible for competition.

**DEPARTMENT 12 –****Food Preparation****CLASS A – BARS/COOKIES (3) EACH**

Premiums: Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Brownies

2. Fruit Bars
3. Any other Bars –
4. Chocolate Chip Cookies
5. Ginger Cookies
6. Oatmeal Cookies
7. Peanut Butter Cookies
8. Sugar Cookies
9. Any other Cookies - Not listed

**CLASS B – BISCUITS/MUFFINS/BREADS/DOUGHNUTS/CAKE**

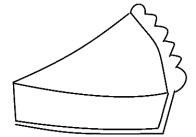
Premiums: Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Biscuits (3)
2. Muffins (3)
3. Quick Bread
4. Yeast Bread
5. Cake
6. Decorated Cake
7. Special Occasion Cupcakes (3) (i.e. birthday, etc.)
8. Doughnuts, Cake or Raised
9. Rolls, Caramel or Cinnamon (3)

**CLASS C – PIES - small or individual pies are satisfactory**

Premiums: Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Fruit, Any Variety
2. Pumpkin
3. Pecan
4. Rhubarb
5. Other Pie (no custard)

**DEPARTMENT 13 –****Food Preservation**

May enter multiple but must be in different classes. No frozen products accepted

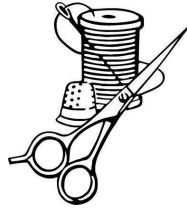
**CLASS A – CANNING**

Premiums: Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Beans
2. Beets
3. Salsa
4. Corn
5. Mixed vegetable
6. Other Vegetable
7. Fruit
8. Pickles, any kind
9. Relish, any kind
10. Jelly
11. Jam
12. Syrup
13. Honey
14. Sauerkraut
15. Soup mix
16. Any other – Not listed

## CREATIVE ARTS AND HOBBIES

### DEPARTMENT 14 – ADULT Needlework & Sewing



#### CLASS A – NEEDLEWORK

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Crocheted Article
2. Knitted Article
3. Cross Stitched Article
4. Embroidery Article

#### CLASS B – SEWING

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Quilt
2. Clothing Article
3. Wearable Art
4. Non-clothing Item (Pillow, Purse, etc)

### DEPARTMENT 15 – Crafts & Fine Arts (Open to ALL)

#### CLASS A – CREATIVE ARTICLES & CRAFTS

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4  
Lot

1. Bead work
2. Birch Bark Article
3. Leather Article
4. Metal Work
5. Clay Item
6. Bird Feeder/House
7. Sketch/Drawing
8. Painting - any medium
9. Jewelry
10. Trash to Treasure
11. Lego Creation
12. Craft – Any other – not listed

#### CLASS B – WOODWORKING

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4  
Lot

1. Large constructed article
2. Small constructed article
3. Birdhouse
4. Wood Carving
5. Furniture Refinishing & Upholstering
6. Any other item not listed

### DEPARTMENT 16 - (See page 11) YOUTH Crafts & Fine Arts - Age 17 & Under

### DEPARTMENT 17 – Photography (Open to ALL)

- Photographs can be 5x7 or 8x10
- Must be matted
- No glass or frames

Clear plastic or shrink wrap is suggested to prevent scratching during exhibition. Works must not have been shown at previous Mahanomen County Fairs. Only one entry per lot. Names must be written on back of work for identification

#### CLASS A – BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Landscape/Nature
2. People
3. Pets/Animals
4. Flowers
5. Buildings
6. Food
7. Any other not listed

#### CLASS B – COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Landscape/Nature
2. People
3. Pets/Animals
4. Flowers
5. Buildings
6. Food
7. Any other not listed

#### CLASS C – DIGITALLY MODIFIED PHOTOGRAPHY – B&W OR COLOR

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Landscape/Nature
2. People
3. Pets/Animals
4. Flowers
5. Buildings
6. Food
7. Any other not listed

## DEPARTMENT 16 and DEPARTMENT 18 are only for YOUTH 17 & under.



### DEPARTMENT 16- Crafts & Fine Arts (17 & Under)

#### CLASS A – CREATIVE ARTICLES & CRAFTS

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4  
Lot

1. Bead work
2. Birch Bark Article
3. Metal Work
4. Clay Item
5. Bird Feeder/House
6. Sketch/Drawing Pencil
7. Drawing Marker/Crayon
8. Watercolor Painting
9. Tempera Painting
10. Acrylic Painting
11. Jewelry
12. Trash to Treasure
13. Sewing Project
14. Lego Creation Single Item
15. Lego Creation/Scene on Baseplate
16. Paper Mache Project
17. Home-made Pinatas
18. Popsicle Stick Craft
19. Tissue Paper Art
20. STEM Project/Robotics
21. Any other craft not listed

#### CLASS B – WOODWORKING

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Large constructed article
2. Small constructed article
3. Birdhouse
4. Wood Carving
5. Furniture Refinishing & Upholstering
6. Any other item not listed

## DEPARTMENT 18 – Photography - (17 & Under)

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- Must be MATTED
- No glass or frames

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#### CLASS A – BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Landscape/Nature
2. People
3. Pets/Animals
4. Flowers
5. Buildings
6. Food
7. Any other not listed



#### CLASS B – COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Landscape/Nature
2. People
3. Pets/Animals
4. Flowers
5. Buildings
6. Food
7. Any other not listed

#### CLASS C – DIGITALLY MODIFIED PHOTOGRAPHY – B&W OR COLOR

**Premiums:** Blue \$8 Red \$6 White \$4

1. Landscape/Nature
2. People
3. Pets/Animals
4. Flowers
5. Buildings
6. Food
7. Any other not listed

**How to enter items for the Mahanomen County Fair  
(NOT 4-H) Livestock/Animal entry is at a separate  
time - see pages 2-5**

1. Departments 16 & 18 are solely for youth ages 17 and under. ALL ages may enter items under every other Department.
2. Fill out an ENTRY FORM with your name, address, the department, class, and lot #. You may only bring one item per lot, but can enter as many lots as you like.
3. Bring your items with the filled out entry form to the Mahanomen County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 30th from 4:00-7:00 PM or Wednesday, July 1st 9:00-11:00 AM
4. Judging will take place Wednesday, July 1st after 11:00 AM.
5. ONLY 1st (blue), 2nd (red), and 3rd (white) in each Lot will earn a ribbon, and premium. NOT all projects will receive a ribbon/premium.
6. Entries can be picked up on Saturday July 4th from 7:00-8:00 PM
7. Please text Gerri 218-902-0445 with any questions.

