

2025 Hamilton County Fair
Agriculture and Livestock Information and Registration
November 7 – 9, 2025 (see official schedule for times)
McDonald Farm, Sale Creek, Tennessee

Register by mail using this application OR register online at hamiltontnfair.com

Agriculture and Livestock Rules and Regulations

PLEASE NOTE CHECK-IN DATES AND TIMES!!!

1. Registration deadline for mailed application is to be postmarked by October 22, 2025. Online registration deadline is October 29, 2025. Entry form must be received by deadline.
2. All vegetable and field crop items must be checked in at the Farm on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Entries received after 7:00 p.m. will not be eligible for judging.
3. All items are to be picked up on Sunday, November 9, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or Monday, November 10, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Vehicles will not be allowed into the Fair area on November 9th (must enter by foot).
4. Any items not claimed by 12:00 noon on November 10th will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Committee.
5. You must have a claim ticket to claim items.
6. Most classes are open to youth (6-18 years old) and adults, with the exception of Poultry (youth only, 9 to 18 years of age). Youth and adults will be judged separately in all agriculture classes.
7. Winners will receive ribbons and premiums as follows:
 - a. 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3 Best in Show - \$5 (Each Class in Departments I and II)
8. All items must have been produced and/or grown by the entrant within the last 12 months.
9. Participants may enter only one time per lot, but as many lots as desired.
10. The County Fair is not responsible for broken, stolen, or spoiled items.

Poultry Rules and Regulations

PLEASE NOTE CHECK-IN DATES AND TIMES!!!

1. Poultry Show entries must be received by the entry deadline (postmarked by October 22, 2025, or online by October 29, 2025). Space is limited and The Hamilton County Fair reserves the right to close registration.
2. Participants who enter in this poultry show must be a Hamilton County resident.
3. All entries must be checked in upon arrival at Poultry check-in area at the Farm and then taken to the Poultry Tent, Wednesday, November 5, 2025, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. a negative blood agglutination test must be conducted (TDA employee will be present during this time), or health papers presented showing negative test. 4-H Poultry Project birds will be entered at this time as well. No exceptions will be made regarding this rule.
4. All entries may be picked up on Sunday, November 9, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. They may also be taken after the Poultry Sale.
5. Open Youth Class includes ages 9 to 18 years of age. No adult class.
6. Only those poultry breeds listed on the official entry form will be eligible for judging. The Hamilton County Fair reserves the right to reject any entry.
7. Any specimen showing symptoms of disease when received or during the exhibit will be immediately removed from the exhibition tent and returned to the owner.
8. The judge will be empowered to withdraw prizes when in his/her opinion specimens are not of sufficient merit. Judge will not award premiums to any birds because of its presence. The entry must be individually worthy.
9. No birds may be removed from exhibit building without the consent of the Agriculture Committee Chair and Poultry Area facilitator.
10. The Fair Association will give the birds proper attention but will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur.
11. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture can issue an alert regarding poultry that can prevent the show from occurring.

See the complete list of entries for all breeds and varieties.

Winners will be awarded premiums as follows:

1st - \$5 and ribbon 2nd - \$4 and ribbon 3rd - \$3 and ribbon

Best of Show - \$5 and ribbon (open show only)

Best of Show - \$5 and ribbon (4-H Chick Chain Show – Rhode Island Reds)

4-H Chick Chain Sale will be held Sunday, 2:30pm buyer registration, 3:00 p.m. Poultry Sale

Poultry Sale (birds raised by 4-H youth) – birds sold in group of three birds

Department 1 – Vegetables, Fruits & Eggs

Class I – Fresh Vegetables and Fruits and Eggs

Lot No.	Product	Quantity
1	Apples (combination)	3
2	Apples (green)	3
3	Apples (red)	3
4	Apples (yellow)	3
5	Beans, Bush	handful
6	Beans, Lima	handful
7	Beans, Pole	handful
8	Cabbage	1 head
9	Collards	1 bunch
10	Cucumbers	3
11	Eggs, Blue	1 dozen
12	Eggs, Brown	1 dozen
13	Eggs, Other	1 dozen
14	Eggs, White	1 dozen
15	Field Peas	handful
16	Peanuts	bunch of 3
17	Pears	3
18	Potatoes	3
19	Radish	3
20	Sweet Potatoes	3
21	Tomatoes	3
22	Turnips	3
23	Vegetable or Fruit Tray	Group of 3+
24	Yellow Squash	3
25	Eggs, other	1 dozen
26	Most Unique entry	1
27	Other – any not listed	1

Best of Show Class I - \$5.00

Class II – Pumpkins, Squash, Gourds

Lot No.	Product	Quantity
1	Field Brown Pumpkin – small*	1
2	Field Brown Pumpkin – large*	1
3	Winter Orange Pumpkin-small*	1
4	Winter Orange Pumpkin-large*	1
5	Painted Pumpkin – small*	1
6	Painted Pumpkin – large*	1
7	Carved Pumpkin – small*	1
8	Carved Pumpkin – large*	1
9	Any other Pumpkin – small*	1
10	Any other Pumpkin – large*	1
11	Most unique Pumpkin – small*	1
12	Most unique Pumpkin – large *	1
13	Largest Pumpkin	1
14	Smallest Pumpkin	1
15	Acorn-Type Squash	1
16	Butternut Squash	1
17	Cushaw Squash	1
18	Any other squash	1
19	Dipper Gourd	1
20	Ornamental Gourd	1
21	Ornamental Gourds (collection)	3
22	Bird House Gourd	1
23	Decorated Gourd	1
24	Most unique Gourd	1
25	Other – any not listed	1

*Small pumpkin diameter 25 inches or less

*Large pumpkin diameter over 25 inches

Best of Show Class II \$5.00

Department 2 – Field Crops

Class I – Forages

Lot No.	Product
1	Bale of Grass Hay
2	Bale of Mixed Legume and Grass
3	Bale of Alfalfa
4	Bale of Orchardgrass Hay
5	Bale of Fescue Hay
6	Bale of Lespedeza Hay
7	Large Round Bale – Any Type
8	Gallon of Corn Silage
9	Gallon of Silage – Any Type
10	Sunflower – small, 10 inches or less*
11	Sunflower – large, over 10 inches*
12	Other crop – any not listed

*diameter of the Sunflower

Best of Show Class I - \$5.00

Class II – Field Crops & Honey

Lot No.	Product
1	Quart Jar of Soybeans
2	Quart Jar of White Corn
3	Quart Jar of Yellow Corn
4	Quart Jar of Wheat Grain
5	Quart Jar of Grain Sorghum
6	Quart Jar of Barley Grain
7	Jar of Honey – dark
8	Jar of Honey – light
9	Jar of Honey - Clover
10	Jar of Honey – any other type
11	Honeycomb (in container)
12	Other – any not listed

Best of Show Class II - \$5.00

Items cannot be added to “other” category if entered in another lot. Note the quantity needed for judging.

Items should be prepared and in good quality for show. We reserve the right to refuse any entry.

Department 3 – Livestock

Contact Extension Hamilton County @ 209-8560
Breed Exhibits and Demonstrations Only

Department 4 – Horses

Contact Extension Hamilton County @ 209-8560
4-H Youth Equine Breed Exhibits only

Department 5 – Poultry

Contact Extension Hamilton County @ 209-8560
4-H Youth and Open Youth Show
See Poultry entry form for registration

Department 5

Open Poultry Show – youth only (ages 9 to 18)

Lot Number and Breed noted below

American

1. Plymouth Rock (white, Barred, Partridge, other Rock)
2. Rhode Island Red
3. Rhode Island White
4. Delaware

Asiatic

5. Brahma
6. Langshan

English

7. Orpington
8. Australorp

Mediterranean

9. Leghorn
10. Minorca

Continental

11. Polish
12. Hamburg

All Other Standard Breeds

13. American Game
14. Ameraucana

Game Bantams

15. American Game
16. Old English Game

Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam

17. Dutch
18. Frizzle

Feather Legged Bantam

19. Langshan
20. Frizzle
21. Silkies

Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam

22. Bearded D'Anver
23. Dominique

All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantam

24. Sussex

Sex Link

25. Black
26. Red
27. Gold

Other

28. Guineas
29. Any other bird not listed above
30. 4-H Chick Chain Record Book

Best of Show will be awarded for Open Show

4-H Chick Chain (Best of Show Award)

31. Set of 3 birds – Rhode Island Reds

