

68th ANNUAL
Marshall County Fair



September 2026

Presented by:
Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Boaz Fairgrounds
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Gates Open

Tuesday-Saturday: September 08-12, 2026 at 6pm - Until

Fair Admission = \$5.00 Children 5 years and Under - Free Admission

First Responders, Active-Duty Military and Military Veterans with credentials will receive up to 4 complimentary admission tickets per family!

Armbands: Tuesday – Saturday: \$25.00
Armband Prices Subject to Change

**The Marshall County Fair Board
Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837
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Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837 owns and operates the Marshall County Fair Board. Post 6837 is located in Boaz, Alabama and continues to be one of the most active VFW Posts in the State of Alabama. Post 6837 was named the number one post in the State of Alabama for 2014. It attained the Department of Alabama All-State Award and National VFW All-American Award for 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2019-2020, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

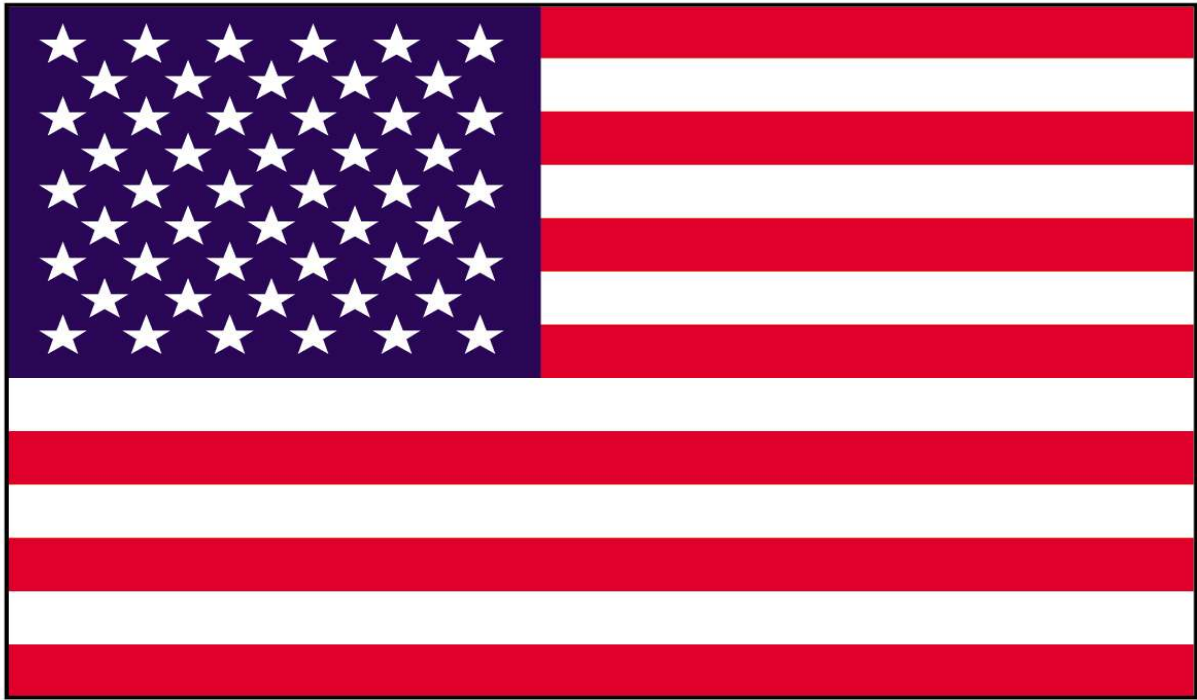
This is the 68th year of the Marshall County Fair. Community involvement and support is essential for the Fair to continue operating from year to year.

The Fairgrounds are located at 1441 U.S. Highway 431 South and contains 10 acres of fenced area with an exhibit building and a large livestock barn. The grounds are also available to rent for commercial and community activities throughout the year. We continue to improve and modernize the grounds since they are in constant high demand.

The Fair is co-sponsored by the Alabama Agriculture Center Board of Fairs, Rich Pate, Chairmen and Commissioner of Agriculture State of Alabama.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT!

**James Blake
Fair Manager
Marshall County Fair Board
256-593-9470**



INFORMATION AND GENERAL RULES

1. The Fair will open at 6:00pm, Tuesday, September 08, 2026 and will close at 11:59pm, Saturday, September 12, 2026. All times and dates are subject to change.

2. Where any conflict appears between these general rules and the special rules governing the different departments, our special rule will take precedence. The Marshall County Fair Board reserves the right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine all matters and differences in regard thereto including amendments.

3. The Marshall County Fair Board ensures the buildings are secure each night. While every reasonable precaution will be taken for safe-guarding exhibits, it should be understood that the exhibits are entered into competition for prizes, and the owner assumes all responsibility for any accident, loss or damage that may occur. Neither the Marshall County Fair Board, its officers nor agents will be responsible for any such accident or damage.

4. **Competition is open to the general public.**

5. Individual and Booth entries can be entered on September 04-05, 2026 from 9:00am until 5:00pm. The size of all booths will be **8'x8' and limited to 35 total**. Indoor booths are on a first come first serve basis. **The entry fee for individuals, civic groups, non-profit organizations and church exhibits with indoor booths for the 2026 Fair are free.** Commercial/businesses entities which display tractors, agricultural equipment items will not be charged a fee and can display up to 5 pieces of equipment. These agricultural displays will not be judged and are for education and business promotion only. Private business entities who want to sell items at indoor exhibits will be charged a fee established by the Directors. All entries close on Saturday, September 05, 2026, at 5:00pm, unless otherwise specified in department rules or by agreement of the Fair Manager. All entries must be made on the regular entry blank furnished by this Board. Baked goods and flowers can be brought in on Sunday morning, September 06, 2026, **with permission from the Fair Manager.**

6. All exhibits entered for competition shall be subject to the control of the Department in which they are exhibited.

7. The Marshall County Fair Board does everything it can to protect exhibits, **but in no case will it be responsible for loss or damage that may occur to them.**

8. Except as otherwise provided for by special rules governing certain Departments, all exhibits **must** be in place and fully installed by 5:00pm, Saturday, September 05, 2026. With permission from the Fair Manager, cooked food and live flowers can be brought in on Sunday, September 06, 2026.

9. All booths will be **8'x8'**. Limited outside booth space will be available. **The entry fee for educational and political candidate booths is waived for the Marshall County Fair 2026, with the exception of commercial displays outlined in Rule 5 above.** Any exhibitor having a space reserved and not occupying same or making preparation to occupy it 24 hours prior to the opening date of the Fair should be aware the reservation may be cancelled at the discretion of the Marshall County Fair Board.

10. Indoor Booths/Exhibitor Booths with electricity – Indoor Booths/Exhibitors will not share electrical hookups with other exhibitors or booths.

11. For every article entered, the exhibitor will be given a duplicate copy of the entry blank showing exhibitor's name, department, and class number of each article. This receipt must be preserved and presented at the close of the Fair when each article is called for and claimed.

12. Exhibitors will be held responsible for the cleanliness of their exhibits and space surrounding same. All exhibits must be in complete order each day at least thirty (30) minutes before the opening hour. No work on an exhibit or booth will be permitted during the hours the buildings are open to the public. In case of failure on the part of exhibitors to observe this rule, the Fair Manager may adopt such means to enforce the same as circumstances may suggest.

13. When space is allotted, a permit to occupy will be given. Such permit will not be transferred, and no other party will be allowed to share such place with the original applicant.

14. Advertising matters and sample of articles in a commercial exhibit booth or political candidate booth may only be given to the public from booth space or exhibit. The right is reserved to restrict or discontinue this privilege whenever it is carried to excess or becomes an annoyance to visitors. These booths, advertising matters or samples cannot be shared by another.

15. Advertising by means of posters, business cards, handbills, samples, etc. will not be permitted within the Fairgrounds except upon agreement with the Fair Manager.

16. All articles, after being entered and surrendered by the owner or agent will be entirely the control and jurisdiction of the Marshall County Fair Board. No exhibitor will be allowed to remove, handle, rearrange, improve or disfigure same under any circumstances.

17. Department Director or member of the Fair Board of Directors may enter exhibits for prizes in competition with the public.

18. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor, in an unprofessional manner, refuses to comply with the regulations of the Marshall County Fair Board, as indicated by the officers, and has taken exceptions to the judgment of a judge or an awarding committee, the Board of Directors shall bar the person so offending from competition for a premium or exhibiting on the grounds of the Marshall County Fair Board until they have made proper amends and have been reinstated by a vote of majority of the Board of Directors.

19. An exhibitor who tears off a premium ribbon or authorizes any person to do so in the presence of the awarding Judge, or who refuses to accept a ribbon from a Judge or otherwise insults the awarding Judge, shall forfeit the premium and/or ribbon and will be excluded from competition.

20. If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has made or caused to be made a false statement regarding any animal or article exhibited, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in their performances of their duties, they shall be excluded from competing or from exhibition on the grounds of the Marshall County Fair Board.

21. No smoking, lighted candles, lamps, matches, etc. will be allowed in any stables, stalls or exhibition booths on the grounds or buildings.

22. The Fair Manager reserves the right to decline any exhibit or exhibits.

23. **The Marshall County Fair Board Management, Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837, nor Jimmy Harris VFW Auxiliary 6837 will be responsible for accidents on the Midway.**

24. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed on premises of the Fairgrounds or the perimeter.**

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

No exhibit shall be removed in whole or in part during the period of the Fair except with the permission of the Fair Manager. The building will be open Sunday following the Fair for removal of exhibits from 1:00pm until 5:00 pm on September 13, 2026. **All premiums will be paid by cash on September 13, 2026 when the exhibits are picked up by the owners.**

ENTRIES

1. Application for booth space for Club Exhibits should be made to the Fair Manager as soon as possible to ensure a space. Applications can be picked up at Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837 or call 256-593-9470 and leave a message if no one answers. Also, applications are posted at vfw6837.org website, under "Announcement." **Fair Board email address is: Cfe@vfw6837.org**

2. The Director of each Department must check the entries shown by the Entry Books in each division with the exhibits presented and so mark the Entry Books they will show articles that were passed on by the Judges.

3. No invention or product from a convict or prisoner will be received for premium competition.

4. For information governing entries for each Department, see special rules under Department headings.

5. All entries must have been made or produced since September 2025. Commercial manufactured or produced articles will not be accepted. Articles having won premium at previous Marshall County Fairs cannot be accepted. All work must be original and entered by the individual that created it.

AWARDS

(NOTE CAREFULLY ALL AWARDS RULES)

1. A \$200.00 LIMIT ON ANY PERSON OR ADDRESS WILL BE MAXIMUM PRIZE MONEY AWARDED FOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS OR GROUPS. A LIMIT OF 50 ITEMS PER ADDRESS IS ENFORCED.

2. IN THE EVENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, SO NOT TO DISRUPT OUR SCHEDULES AS TO NECESSITATE CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS, THE FAIR BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT AND THE EXHIBITOR AGREES TO PRO-RATE PREMIUM AND PRIZE MONEY HEREIN CATALOGUES ON BASIS OF FACTUAL CONDITIONS EXISTING FROM SUCH CAUSES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE FAIR.

3. Exhibits are judged by comparison and on competitive basis. Where there is but one article exhibited under any section. A first prize award cannot be given. In this instance, if the article is meritorious, second prize premium will be paid, and second prize ribbon awarded. Prize money and ribbon will be awarded for first and second place and a ribbon awarded for third place. No premium or ribbon will be awarded when the exhibit is unworthy though there be competition. In the awarding of all premiums and ribbons, quality is the first consideration.

4. Premiums will not be paid according to ribbons, but by awards shown in the Judges' record book, for ribbons do not always mean money prizes and may sometimes be attached through mistakes or may be misplaced or lost. **The Judges' record is the only guide for paying cash awards. All premiums will be paid by cash on September 13, 2026 when the exhibits are picked up by the owners.**

SELLING EXHIBITS

1. Individual exhibitors have the privilege of selling anything they have on display for delivery at the close of the Fair or to take orders for delivery.
2. Delivery at the time of sale may be approved by Fair Manager.

JUDGES

(JUDGING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2026 ONLY)

1. Should any doubt arise about the regularity of an entry or any other important matter which the Judge feels incompetent to decide, they shall at once report same to the Fair Manager.
2. No one will be allowed to act as Judge, in a Department in which they have exhibits.
3. All Judges will be selected for their known familiarity with the classes on which they are invited to award premiums and are instructed that if they shall have good reasons to believe that any exhibitor, by false entry or otherwise, attempts to deceive the Judges or the public and obtain a premium by misrepresentation they shall report the fact at once to the Fair Manager who shall report the matter at once to the Board of Directors for action.
4. The decisions of awarding Judges shall be final, and no appeal shall be considered except in case of protest.
5. Objections to any person serving as a Judge must be submitted to the Fair Manager in writing, prior to making award, giving good sufficient reasons for the objections.
6. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the Judges during adjudications will be promptly excluded from competition.
7. The Judges will award prizes on the articles regularly mentioned in the premium list and may award ribbons on such articles not mentioned in the premium list if they consider them worthy.
8. There will be no one present at time of judging except the Official Judges and one Fair Official who will act as secretary only.

PROTESTS

1. Protest against an award must be made in writing accompanied by affidavits which must specify in full the grounds for protest, and a deposit of \$100.00 to the Fair Manager before the close of the day following the making of such an award. In case the protest is not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Marshall County Fair Board.

2. The Fair Manager will notify the exhibitor of the protested exhibit of such protest and both parties will then have 24 hours to bring sworn testimony in the case to be submitted to the Board of Directors. The protested award will be held in abeyance until the final action of the Board of Directors passing on same.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

During the Fair, the grounds will be equipped with every convenience for public comfort including restrooms and information bureau.

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DEPARTMENT 1 – GROUPED

1. All clubs/groups desiring to enter exhibits contact Fair Manager at 256-593-9470; if there is no answer please leave a message. Also, you can email the Fair Manager at Cfe@vfw6837.org
2. All clubs/groups desiring to make an exhibit must make application for space on or before **Friday, August 21, 2026.**
3. **Prize money will be paid by cash on September 13, 2026, when the exhibits are picked up by an authorized Representative of the organization.**

SECTION A - COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

The Marshall County Fair Board offers cash prizes on collective community organizations to be exhibited at the Fair under the following conditions. The general rules and regulations should also be reviewed.

1. These exhibits are to represent the activities of community life, embracing exhibits from the home, the farm, the garden, the school, school clubs, and the shop. Also, other projects of the community such as club activities, church activities, youth clubs and activities, etc.
2. The exhibits may be sponsored by community clubs, church groups, and other organized community clubs (**only one community exhibit per community is permitted**). In case one or more groups desire to exhibit, the said groups must decide among themselves as to who will be the exhibitor.
3. Products shown in exhibit must be superior in quality and attractively displayed.
4. The cost of material and labor incident to the complete display is to be borne by the organizations entering the display.
5. All such community displays shall be made and exhibited in a space 8 feet long and 8 feet deep in the exhibit building. Said exhibit and display to be erected, arranged and decorated without outside professional assistance. The exhibit should follow the plan of showing the resources of community, together with practical educational features portraying community and home life, rural or urban.

When there is no competition, second prize will be given if merited. The following scorecard is to be used in judging these exhibits.

1. Quality	20 Points	4. Appearance	20 Points
2. Variety	20 Points	5. Arrangement	10 Points
3. Educational	20 Points	6. Originality	10 Points

1st Place = \$80.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$20.00

SECTION B – FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

1. Open to High Schools in Marshall County only. The FFA Booths are to be put on by schools featuring the work taught in the FFA.
2. Exhibits will be made to display field, orchard, garden, animal product, mechanics, carpentry, etc.
3. Articles on display are to have been produced by the Students in the schools.
4. Exhibits should have strong educational points. The practices presented in the exhibit are to be educationally sound and easily understood by the observer.

1st Place = \$65.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$35.00

SECTION C–Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

1. Open to all High Schools in Marshall County only. The FCCLA booths are to be put on by schools featuring the curriculum taught in the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America classes.
2. The exhibit should present one main idea clearly expressed with all parts related to the central theme.
3. The central theme of the exhibit should be distinctive, meaningful and appropriate to the fields of family, career, and community leadership.
4. The practices presented in the exhibit are to be educationally sound and easily understood by the observer.
5. The exhibit should show opportunities for worthwhile learning experiences for present and future FCCLA students.

1st Place = \$65.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$35.00

SECTION D – 4-H CLUBS

1. Exhibits are to be only by Marshall County 4-H Clubs.
2. Exhibits should have strong educational points.
3. Exhibits are to display fields, orchards, garden, animal products, domestic arts and/or hand crafts.
4. Articles in the exhibit must be made or produced in Marshall County.

1st Place = \$65.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$35.00

SECTION E – SCOUTS (Judged Separately)

1st Place = \$65.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$35.00

SECTION F – SCHOOLS

Competitive Group 1
Competitive Group 2

Kindergarten and Elementary Schools
Middle and High Schools

1. The exhibit should be of the educational level of the group sponsoring the exhibit.
2. The exhibit should stress a theme which is related to any phase of school activities. It can include work done by students.

1st Place = \$65.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$35.00

SECTION G – OTHER ORGANIZED SCHOOL/YOUTH CLUBS/GROUPS

These exhibits should display the talent, community service provided, etc. by the club or youth group. The exhibit should be done by the students with sponsor advice and direction only.

1st Place = \$65.00 2nd Place = \$50.00 3rd Place = \$35.00

DEPARTMENT 2 – INDIVIDUAL

Awards in Department 2 through Department 5 shall be as follows:

1st Place – Ribbon & \$10.00 2nd Place – Ribbon & \$5.00 3rd Place – Ribbon

1. All items in Department 2 must have been processed or created after September 1, 2025.
2. Commercially produced or manufactured items will not be accepted.

PRIZE MONEY WILL BE PAID BY CASH ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 WHEN EXHIBITS ARE PICKED UP BY THE OWNERS.

SECTION A – FOOD PRESERVATION

1. All entries must be packed in clear white standard pints and quart jars with standard lids and rings only.
2. **All entries must have been preserved after June 1, 2026.** Each entry must have a label listing the name of the person who canned the item, the item name and the date canned.

Appearance (Color & Clearness)	20 Points
Texture	20 Points
Uniformity (Ripeness & Appropriate Size)	20 Points
Pack (Jars Full w/Right Proportion of Fruit/Liquid)	20 Points
Appearance of Jar (Standard Jars & Lids, Neatness)	<u>20 Points</u>
	100 Points

Canned Fruit and Juice

Apples	Blackberries	Figs
Peaches	Pears	Plums
Applesauce	Blackberry Juice	Grape Juice
Blueberries	Any Other	

Canned Vegetables

Green Beans	Butterbeans	Beans – Other
Corn (Creamed)	Corn (Whole Kernel)	Corn (On Cob)
Carrots	Kraut	Okra
English Peas	Field Peas	Soup Mixture
Squash	Tomatoes	Tomato Juice
Turnip Greens	Turnips	Beets
Potatoes	Greens – Any Other	Vegetables – Any Other

Preserves and Jams

Pear Preserves	Peach Preserves	Peach Butter
Strawberry Preserves	Plum Preserves	Apple Preserves
Grape Preserves	Fig Preserves	Blackberry Jam
Apple Butter	Orange Marmalade	Blueberry Jam
Preserve or Jam - Any Other		

Jelly

Apple Jelly
Peach Jelly
Jelly - Any Other

Blackberry Jelly
Muscadine Jelly

Grape Jelly
Plum Jelly

Pickles

Green Tomato
Sweet Cucumber
Squash
Okra

Mixed
Peppers
Watermelon Rind
Relish

Beet
Dill
Onion
Pickles - Any Other

Sauces

Pepper

Salsa

Sauce - Any Other

Miscellaneous

Meat – Canned
Honey (In Comb)
Any Other

Meat Jerky
Honey (Extracted)

Dried Apples
Dried Fruit

SECTION B – CULINARY

1. All items must be exhibited on paper plates, cardboard or some other disposal material and must be wrapped in plastic wrap or in zip lock plastic bag.

2. Cakes must be cut in half. The Fair Management reserves the right to not exhibit any entries mold, spoil or is otherwise not presentable. All items in this exhibit must have been made from “scratch.” No prepared mixes are allowed.

Layer Cake (Limit 3 Layers)
Angel Food Cake
Apple Pie
Cookies – 5 Pieces
Muffins - Any Other
Fudge

Pound Cake
Cake - Any Other
Pecan Pie
Brownies
Loaf Yeast Bread
Divinity

Pie - Any Other
Corn Muffins
Rolls
Candy - Any Other

SECTION C – CLOTHING

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**
2. Items must be handmade by the person entering the item. No item can be entered in another person’s name. Commercial Manufactured items will not be accepted.

Appropriateness	35 Points
Material Suitability, Color, Pattern, Attractiveness and Practicability	
Neatness and Cleanliness	30 Points
Workmanship	<u>35 Points</u>
	100 Points

ADULT APPAREL

Original Design Dress	Coats & Suits
Bridal/Formal Wear	Bottoms (Skirts, Pants, Slacks)
Tops (Blouses, Shirts)	Dresses
Sports Outfits (2 or More Pieces)	Vest
Garment w/ Applique, Embroidery, or Patchwork	
Sleep or Lounge Wear	Aprons
Decorated Sweatshirt or T-Shirt	Costumes
Monogrammed Sweatshirts or T-Shirts	Accessories (Bags, Belts. Scarfs)
Other	

INFANT AND CHILDREN'S APPAREL

Bottoms (Skirts, Pants, Slacks)	Tops (Blouses, Shirts)
Dresses	Bonnets
Play Outfits	Coats & Suits
Pajamas	Monogrammed Items

ENGLISH SMOCKING

Dresses	Other
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SECTION D – NEEDLEWORK

Afghan – Crocheted	Afghan – Knitted
Afghan - Any Other	Bedsread – Crocheted
Bedsread - Any Other	Tablecloth – Crocheted
Tablecloth – w/Napkins	Tablecloth - Any Other
Place Mats – Set of 4	Doilies (Large) - Crocheted
Doilies (Small) – Crocheted	Dresser Set – Crocheted
Pillows – Counted Cross Stitch	Pillows – Embroidered
Pillows – Crocheted	Pillows - Any Other
Pillowcases – Embroidered	Pillowcases – (Any Other)
Quilt – Appliqued – Hand Stitched	Quilt-Pieced-Hand Stitched
Quilt – Machine Stitched	Quilt Top
Wall Hanging – Quilted	Quilted – Any Other
Guest Towels – Embroidered	Guest Towels - Monogrammed
Guest Towels – Any Other	Tea Towels
Towels - Any Other	Potholders – Practical
Potholders – Fancy	Cape – Crocheted
Sweater – Crocheted	Vest – Crocheted
Crocheted Scarf	Knitted Scarf
Cape – Knitted	Sweater – Knitted
Vest – Knitted	House Shoes – Crocheted
House Shoes – Knitted	Baby Booties – Crocheted
Baby Booties – Knitted	Baby Sweater – Crocheted
Baby Sweater – Knitted	Baby Blanket – Crocheted
Baby Blanket – Knitted	Baby Blanket - Any Other

SECTION D – NEEDLEWORK (Continued)

Baby Afghan – Crocheted	Baby Afghan – Knitted
Baby Afghan – Any Other	Baby Quilt
Baby Set (Sweater, Cap, & Booties) Crocheted	
Baby Set (Sweater, Cap, & Booties) Knitted	
Picture Under 12” – Counted Cross Stitch	
Picture Over 12” – Counted Cross Stitch	
Picture Counted Cross Stitch - Any Other	
Picture Under 12” – Needlepoint	
Picture Over 12” – Needlepoint	
Picture Needlepoint - Any Other	
Picture Under 12” – Crewel	
Picture Over 12” – Crewel	
Picture Crewel - <u>Any</u> Other	
Rug – Hooked	
Rug – Crocheted	
Rug - Any Other	
Pin Cushion	
Table Runner	
Crotched Item - Any Other	
Knitted Item - Any Other	

SECTION E – HAND CRAFTS

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**

2. Items must be handmade by the person entering the item. No item can be entered in another person's name. Commercial manufactured items will not be accepted.

Beads	Macramé Article
Covered Coat Hanger	Clock
Decoupage – Any Item	Egg Craft
String Art	Textile Painting
Door Decoration	Candle Wicking
Wood Burning Item	Wall Hanging
Plastic Craft	Necklace
Earrings	Bracelet
Pin	Jewelry - Any Other
Picture Frame	Doll Clothes
Walking Stick	Trivet
Puzzle	Wreath or Swag
Quilling	Wind Chimes
Basket	Hat
Magnets	Book Marker
Items Made of Towels	Paper Weights
Floral – Dried	Floral – Silk

SECTION F – UNUSUAL CRAFTS

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**

2. Items must be handmade by the person entering the item. No item can be entered in another person's name. Commercial manufactured items will not be accepted.

Fairy Containers	Duct Tape
Origami	Iron Work
Stained Glass	Burlap
Taxidermy	Sand Art
China Painting	Melted Crayon Art
Doll House Creations	Gifts from the Kitchen
Scrapbooking	Corn Shuck (Husk)
Bread Dough	Tin Punch
Leatherwork	Creative Twist
Gourds	Other

SECTION G – TOLE PAINTING

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**

2. Items must be handmade by the person entering the item. No item can be entered in another person's name. Commercial manufactured items will not be accepted.

Kitchen Item	Wall Hanging	Box
Basket	Saw Blade	Flowerpot
Bird House	Other	

SECTION H – RECYCLED/REPURPOSED

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**

2. Items must be handmade by the person entering the item. No item can be entered in another person's name. Commercial manufactured items will not be accepted.

Kitchen Item	Household Item	Cans
Wood Pallets	Barn Wood	Windows
Other Wood Items	Jewelry	Clay Pots
Furniture	Plastic Bottles	Glass Bottles
Glass Jars	Other Glass Items	
Other Plastic Items	Paper	

SECTION I – WOOD CRAFT

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**

2. All work on articles must be made by exhibitor only. One article per description may be entered by an individual.

Workmanship	40 Points
Beauty & Originality of Design	20 Points
Suitability of Article to Purpose	20 Points
Harmony of Color & Materials	<u>20 Points</u>
	100 Points

Toys	Bookends	Doll House
Doll Furniture	Toolbox	Wood Carving
Picture Frame	Bird House – Plain	Bird House –Painted
Bird Feeder	Plant Stand	Lamp
Magazine Rack	Serving Tray	Trivet
Miniature Barn	Miniature Church	Military Item
Patriotic Item	Vase Turned on Lathe	Bowl turned on Lathe
Wall Rack	Foot Stool	Wood Item – Any Other

SECTION J – CERAMICS

1. **Items must have been made after September 1, 2025.**

2. Items must be handmade by the person entering the item. No item can be entered in another person's name. Commercial manufactured items will not be accepted.

Flower Container	Plate
Cookie Jar	Ash Tray
Figurine	Special Occasion Item
Urn	Ginger jar
Doll	Pitcher
Vase	Free Form Article

SECTION K – ART

1. **All entries must have been completed after September 1, 2025.**

2. All work must be original. **ALL ART must be properly equipped for hanging or it will not be accepted.** No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one picture in any one medium per subject.

Oils/Watercolor/Pastels/Acrylics

Entries will be grouped and judged in the below mediums

Landscape	Seascape	Flower	Animal
Still Life	Portrait	Bird	

Sketches – Pointillism - Ink Wash - Scratch Art - Scumbling

Pencil	Pen & Ink	Charcoal
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Abstract

Any Medium

Photography – 5x7 & 8x10 Only – Must be Matted

Landscape	Seascape	Flower
Still Life	Portrait	Bud
Bird	Animal	
Digitally Enhanced		

SECTION L – HOLIDAY ON PARADE

- Items over 1 year old or that have been entered in a previous Marshall County Fair will not be accepted.**
- All work on any article must be made by the exhibitor only. Only 1 article may be entered by an individual in each description.

Workmanship	40 Points
Beauty & Originality of Design	20 Points
Suitability of Article to Purpose	20 Points
Harmony of Color & Material	<u>20 Points</u>
	100 Points

Christmas Apron	Christmas Stocking	Christmas Tree Skirt
Christmas Coasters	Christmas Potholders	Christmas Hand Towels
Christmas Tablecloth	Christmas Door Decoration	Christmas Table Decoration
Christmas Needlepoint	Christmas Bell	Christmas Wall Hanging
Christmas Placemats	Christmas Tree Ornament – Cross Stitch	
Christmas Wreath	Tree Ornament – Misc.	Christmas Decoration-Misc.
Christmas Ceramic Item	Christmas Jewelry	Valentine Decoration
Halloween Pumpkin –Craved	Halloween Pumpkin-Painted	Halloween Scarecrow
Halloween Door Decoration	Halloween Table Decoration	
Halloween Decoration – Misc.	Thanksgiving Door Decoration	
Thanksgiving Table Decoration	Thanksgiving Decoration – Misc.	
Patriotic Holiday Decoration	Holiday Coasters	Holiday Potholders
Holiday Hand Towels	Holiday Tablecloth	Holiday Table Runner
Holiday Wall Hanging	Holiday-Stained Glass	Holiday Enameling

DEPARTMENT 3 – ANTIQUES

1. The definition of an antique; the item must be at least 50 years old.
2. Items in this section should have a date or approximate date as to age.
3. Only one item per exhibitor per description will be allowed.
4. The exhibitor must be the owner of the item being entered.
5. **Items entered in previous years will not be accepted.**

Gun	Clock	Phonograph	Radio
Lamp	Camera	Quilt	Bedsread
Kitchen Utensil	Carpenter Tool	Farm Tool	Musical Instrument
Kitchen Wood Item	Toy	Doll	Military Item
Knife	Picture	Basket	Telephone
Magazine	Wooden Item	Dishes	Baby Item
Newspaper	Iron	School Item	Watch
Book	Bible	Jewelry	Glass Bottle
Glass Jar	Jar – Any Other	Clothing	Photo
Wash Pan	Eyeglasses	Vase	Shoes
Wash Board	Decanter	Bathroom Item	Bedroom Item – Any Other

DEPARTMENT 4 – HORTICULTURE

1. Containers must be furnished by the exhibitor.
2. There must be four or more flowers in each container.
3. Flowers and plants must have been grown by the exhibitor.
4. Commercial producers cannot compete.

Quality = 60 points

Arrangement = 25 Points

Container = 15 Points

SECTION A – FLOWERS

Astor	Zinna	Roses
Nasturtiums	Marigold – Large	Marigold – Small
Dahlia	Chrysanthemum	Sunflower
Iris	Daisy	Sweet Williams
Mixed Cut Flowers	Cosmos	Flower – Any Other

SECTION B – POTTED PLANTS

Sun Fern	Boston Fern	Geranium
Begonia	Hanging Basket	Coleus
Jew	Sultana	African Violets
Cactus	Jade	Potted Plant - Any other

DEPARTMENT 5 – AGRICULTURAL

Products must have been produced by the exhibitor. Entries must be from the current year (2026) crops.

SECTION A – GRAIN CROPS

White Corn – 3 Ears	Yellow Corn – 3 Ears	Indian Corn – 3 Ears
White Corn Stalk - 3	Yellow Corn Stalk - 3	Indian Corn Stalk - 3
Popcorn – 3 Ears	Popcorn Stalk – 3	Sorghum Stalk – 3
Soybeans – 3 Plants	Dried Corn – 3	

SECTION B – OTHER CROPS

Sweet Potatoes – Basket	Irish Potatoes – Basket	
Pecans	Peanuts	Nuts – Any Other
Pepper – Pimento	Pepper – Bell	Pepper – Hot
Pepper – Banana	Peas	Beans
Okra	Squash	Yellow Onions
Red Onions	White Onions	Sweet Onions
Gourds – Large	Gourds – Small	Vegetables – Any Other

SECTION C – FRUITS AND MELONS

Apples	Pears	Peaches
Tomatoes	Grapes	Muscadines
Scuppernongs	Watermelon – Largest	Cantaloupe
Pumpkin – Largest	Melon – Any Other	

ANIMAL SHOWS – DEPARTMENTS 6 THRU 12

Prize money will be paid on date of show at the end of each event.

Class Ribbons

1st Place - \$20.00 + Ribbon

2nd Place - \$15.00 + Ribbon

3rd Place - \$10.00 + Ribbon

Grand Champion

Each Department – Gold Belt Buckle and Ribbon with Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion

Each Department – Silver Belt Buckle and Ribbon with Rosette

Showmanship Contest

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Showmanship Pennants in each class*
Overall Showmanship Pennant will be awarded.**

Class 1 – Ages 5 to 8 Years

Class 2 – Ages 9 to 13 Years

Class 3 – Ages 14 Years and Up

***Excludes Department 9 as outlined in Rule Number 4**

DEPARTMENT 6 – JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

ENTRY FEE = \$10.00 PER ANIMAL

Entry Times: September 08, 2026 (Tuesday) from 2pm to 4pm.

Show Times: September 08, 2026 at 6pm.

MARKET GOAT SHOW GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is open to resident youth of Marshall and bordering counties who must be 5 years old by **September 1, 2026**, and not more than one year out of High School. The exhibitor must be physically capable of showing and controlling their animal in each class entered.

2. Competition is for market goats. All breeds and crossbreeds of goats are eligible for competition.

3. Exhibitors must show their own animal in each class unless an exhibitor has more than one animal in that class. Another properly entered goat exhibitor, with animals at the show, must exhibit the others' entry.

4. No goat exhibitor can receive unauthorized help in the show ring.

5. All animals will be exhibited at the owner's risk. Feed and care must be provided by the owner.
6. Animals are to be shown in their natural conformation.
7. Wethers and does, of any breed or crossbreed, with milk teeth in place, weighing 35 pounds or more, are eligible to compete.
8. No active breeding Billys are allowed.
9. Any properly entered youth meat goat exhibitor is eligible to enter showmanship. Exhibitor's showmanship class is determined by age of exhibitor on the date of the show.
10. The Marshall County Fair Board reserves the right to make changes if necessary.
11. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of four (4) goats.
12. Meat goats will be divided into classes. See below.

Market Classes

1. Lightweight
2. Middleweight
3. Heavyweight

Show Order

1. Showmanship
2. Market Goat Show

DEPARTMENT 7 – JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

ENTRY FEE - \$10.00 PER ANIMAL

Entry Times: September 09, 2026 (Wednesday) from 2pm to 4pm.

Show Times: September 09, 2026 at 6pm.

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW GENERAL RULES

1. Lambs to be released on Wednesday.
2. Animals released earlier only upon approval of the Fair Authority.
3. Entries are open to youth that are from Marshall County or bordering counties. They must be 5 years old by **September 1, 2026** and not more than one year out of High School. The exhibitor must be physically capable of showing and controlling their animal in each class entered.
4. All entries must have their milk teeth. Lambs should be born after **January 1, 2026**. Any lamb that has lost the center pair of temporary teeth is classified as a yearling and will not be eligible to show.
5. All lamb entries must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds.
6. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of four (4) lambs.
7. Lambs must have their tails docked and should be shown in short fleece.

8. The showmanship contest shall consist of four (4) divisions based on the age of the exhibitor as of the date of the show.
9. Each contestant in the showmanship contest must show his/her own lamb.
10. The Marshall County Fair Board reserves the right to make changes, if necessary.
11. Feed and care must be furnished by the exhibitor.
12. Entries must be wether or ewe lambs.
13. The lambs will be divided into weight classes.
14. There will be Lightweight Classes, Middleweight Classes and Heavyweight Classes.

Show Order: 1. Showmanship 2. Market Lamb Show

DEPARTMENT 8 – JUNIOR MARKET HEIFER & STEER SHOW

ENTRY FEE = \$10.00 PER ANIMAL

Entry Times: September 10, 2026 (Thursday) from 2pm to 4pm.

Show Times: September 10, 2026 at 6pm.

JUNIOR MARKET HEIFER AND STEER SHOWS GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is open to resident youth of Marshall County and bordering counties.
2. Entry forms must be completed on each animal at time of registration at the barn.
3. All beef cattle that are purebred must have registration papers at the time of entry in order to be considered as such.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animal in each class.
5. No exhibitor can receive unauthorized help in the show ring.
6. All animals will be exhibited at the owner's risk. Feed and care must be provided by the owner. Where there is no competition in a class, second place prize money will be given.
7. To be eligible to compete for premiums, all animals must be halter broken and well groomed. Exhibitor's showmanship class is determined by age of exhibitor on date of show.
8. The Marshall County Fair Board reserves the right to make changes if necessary.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. General: All cattle exhibited must appear in healthy condition. An official health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian is not required.

2. Brucellosis Regulations: No test required on calves under 6 months of age. No test required on officially calf hood vaccinated animals under 24 months.

3. No test required on Alabama cattle if they originate from a herd that is not under quarantine because of brucellosis.

4. Tuberculosis Requirements: No TB test required

Show Order

British, Continental, and Commercial from youngest to oldest.

Classes

1. Heifers will be divided into British, Continental, and Commercial Divisions.

2. British, Continental, and Commercial will be divided into up to 3 age classes, as necessary.

3. Showmanship: Age divisions as outlined previously and as needed.

DEPARTMENT 10 – JUNIOR MARKET HOG SHOW

ENTRY FEE = \$10.00 PER ANIMAL

Entry Times: September 12, 2026 (Saturday) from 2pm to 4pm.

Show Times: September 12, 2026 at 6pm.

JUNIOR MARKET HOG SHOW RULES

1. This event is open to the youth of Alabama who must be 5 years old by **September 1, 2026**, not more than one year out of High School or have completed the GED.

2. This event is for market hogs with a maximum weight of 199 pounds. All gilts, barrows, breeds, and crossbreeds are eligible for competition.

3. Exhibitors may submit an unlimited number of entries; however, an exhibitor may only show a maximum of four (4) pigs.

4. Exhibitors must show their own market hog in all classes, including Showmanship. An age-appropriate substitute driver will be permitted when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a particular class.

5. Market hog classes will be determined by weight with a maximum number of five (5) classes.

6. All swine will be permitted to leave after completion of the show.

7. All animals will be exhibited at the owner's risk. Feed and care are the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor.

8. All entries in the Market Hog Show are required to have a readable ear tag.

9. Show committee will determine showmanship classes depending upon participation.

10. All animals for show must be in place no later than 4:00pm, **Saturday, September 12, 2026.**

11. Premium monies for the show will be determined at the conclusion of the Marshall County Market Hog Show 2026.

12. Any circumstance not covered by these rules will be at the discretion of the Show Management.

MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor's showmanship class is determined by age of exhibitor on the date of the show.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Class 1:	5 to 7 Years Old
Class 2:	8 to 11 Years Old
Class 3:	12 to 14 Years Old
Class 4:	15 Years and Older

DEPARTMENT 11 – POULTRY SHOW

N/A

DEPARTMENT 12 – RABBIT SHOW

N/A





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