

2011 TOPSFIELD FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Superintendent: Bill Dickson, Groveland
Pick-Up Thursday, October 13, 2011; 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All photos must have been taken within the previous fair year and must depict an aspect of Massachusetts' agriculture.
2. Entrants must be residents of Massachusetts.
3. No photograph previously exhibited at a specific fair and receiving a first prize can be submitted to another fair.
4. Only one entry per class, per entrant.
5. If less than three entries are submitted for a given class, fair management will combine comparable classes.
6. Photo must have been taken by the entrant, however, commercial processing and printing may be used.
7. All entries must be prints; no smaller than 5x7 inches and no larger than 11x14 inches.
8. Original negative or slide should be available upon request.
9. Photos must be matted and shrink-wrapped but not framed.
10. On 3"x 5" index card, secured to the back right corner of entry, type the following information:

Entrant Name
Address
Telephone number
Where the photograph was taken
Any other helpful photographic information
Add Class & Lot to card on back of photo

THEME: "AGRICULTURE IN MASSACHUSETTS"

Entry form and photos must be received in fair office
by Friday, September 2, 2011.

Photos may be picked up on Thursday, October 13, 2011
between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Topsfield Fair Premiums in Each Class

FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$8.00 THIRD \$6.00
HONORABLE MENTION RIBBONS (2)

Adult Division:

CLASS A:

1. Farm People
2. Farm Animals
3. Scenic: Farmland and /or Horticultural Landscape
4. Still Life: Farm Buildings/machinery and/or farm implements

Youth Division:

CLASS B:

1. Farm People
2. Farm Animals
3. Scenic: Farmland and/or Horticultural Landscape
4. Still Life: Farm Buildings/machinery and/or farm implements





Everyone is invited to Come See Us on Opening Day- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. All exhibits will need to be in place on Thursday, September 29th, EXCEPT POULTRY. Please refer all questions regarding this change to the Department Chairperson or the Fair's Administration Office.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

**** Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.**

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Departments designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits are received upon express condition that THE SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks with providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & INFORMATION

1. All animals must be checked by the State Veterinarian and/or the department head or his designee, upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Please review and comply with all health regulations as they pertain to individual departments. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture rules regarding animal health must be adhered to.
3. All out-of-state livestock must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Health.
4. EXHIBITOR PARKING WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IF PARKING PROBLEMS ARISE.