

DIVISION 8- HOMESTEADING

DOMESTICS DEPARTMENT RULES STILL APPLY.

NEW DIV.

*****PLEASE READ DIVISION 8 RULES THOROUGHLY.*****

Entries accepted 9 am - 5 pm Monday, August 10th, 2026

RULES:

1. ***** EXHIBITOR IS TO HAVE 1 ITEM FROM EACH DIVISION 8 SECTION INCLUDED IN YOUR "HOMESTEAD"*** NOTE EXAMPLE FOR HELP, OR CONTACT SECRETARY.**
2. You **MUST bring two (2) items JARS for sections 2,4,6, and the starred items of canned fruits and canned vegetables, one to taste and one to display.** Tasted items may be picked up after judging. Opened entries will be disposed of after Wednesday, unless requested.
3. **Each Homestead is to be contained within something,** weather it be a box, basket, whatever the "homesteader" may choose it just must be easy to move around (the container must weigh no more than 10lbs) and be self contained.
4. Presentation of homestead is noted while judging, so looks do matter for this exhibit.
5. Homesteads without 1 class from each section will be disqualified. The exhibitor should have a total of 6 items within their Homestead. Each item represents 1 class from each of the 6 sections listed.
6. NO WEAPONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
7. FOOD ITEMS MAY BE TASTED.
8. There may be separate rules that apply for each of the 6 sections within the Homestead division. Read each section carefully.
9. FRUITS,VEGETABLES, AND FLOWERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THIS DIVISION, PLEASE ENTER THEM UNDER DEPARTMENTS 05 OR 08.
9. DOMESTICS RULES WILL APPLY TO DIVISION 8. PLEASE REVIEW THEM.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HOMESTEADING SECTION PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE FAIR SECRETARY AT 315-719-4825.

HOMESTEADS ARE TO BE ENTERED MONDAY AUGUST 10TH BETWEEN 9AM-5PM. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PRIZES FOR DIVISION 8

1st	2nd	3rd
\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

EXAMPLE HOMESTEAD ENTRY WOULD INCLUDE 6 ENTRIES:

ITEM	ENTRY TYPE
1-	SECTION 1 - CLASS 1
2-	SECTION 2 - CLASS 6
3-	SECTION 3 - CLASS 1C
4-	SECTION 4 - CLASS 2
5-	SECTION 5 - CLASS 1
6-	SECTION 6 - CLASS 2A

THIS EXAMPLE WOULD BE SHOWN IN A CONTAINER OF CHOICE, THIS EXHIBITOR CHOOSE A RED WAGON. MADE IT PRETTY AND IT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1-1: LIQUID SOUR DOUGH STARTER IN A JAR.

2-6: PICKLED BEETS IN A JAR, 2 JARS GIVEN- 1 FOR SHOW ONE TO TASTE. WITH NOTE CARD OF RECIPIE TIED TO JAR.

3-1C: A SKETCH SIMPLE LINES WITH LABELS BUT EXHIBITOR ADDED TREES AND COLOR FOR EXTRA POINTS. OF THEIR LIVESTOCK PEN LAYOUT AND FEEDING AREA.

4-2: A LOTION IN A BOTTLE WITH A NOTE CARD OF INFORMATION OF INGREDIENTS AND HOW ITS MADE. EXHIBITOR PROVIDED 2 LOTIONS ONE FOR DISPLAY ONE TO TRY. AND TIED NOTE CARD TO LOTION BOTTLE.

5-1: A DOZEN EGGS IN A NICE EGG TRAY THE EXHIBITOR DECIDED TO DISPLAY IN. WITH A CARD ABOUT POULTRY INFORMATION REQUESTED ATTACHED TO EGG TRAY.

6-2A: EXHIBITOR DECIDED TO DO THEIR FREESTYLE WITH THEIR HONEYCOMB EXTRACTED FROM THEIR HIVE. THE COMB IS DISPLAYED WITHIN A FRAME AS REQUESTED SO IT MAY BE VIEWED FROM BOTH SIDES.

EXHIBITOR THEN TOOK ALL 6 ITEMS AND CAREFULLY AND CREATIVELY DISPLAYED THEM WITHIN A RUSTIC WAGON. PLACING ITEMS EXACTLY AS THEY WOULD WANT SOMEONE TO VIEW THEIR HOMESTEAD, BUT HAVING EACH ITEM EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO JUDGES TO TEST AND REVIEW. EXHIBITOR WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND ADDING FABRICS AND FLORALS TO INCREASE THEIR CREATIVITY LEVEL. BUT ONLY HAD TAGS ON THE 6 ITEMS THE EXHIBITOR WISHED THEIR HOMESTEAD TO BE JUDGED ON.

EXHIBITOR EXAMPLE WAS A 1ST PRIZE - BEST OF FAIR.

CLASS:

SECTION 1- SOURDOUGH STARTERS

A 3 X 5 RECIPE CARD WITH DIRECTIONS MUST BE ATTACHED.

1. Liquid Sourdough Starter (most common)
2. Stiff Sourdough Starter
3. Rye Sourdough Starter
4. Pasta Madre
5. Potato Flake Starter
6. Amish Friendship Bread Starter
7. Polish
8. Yeast Water
9. Chocolate Sourdough Starter
10. Whey or Yogurt Starter

SECTION 2- PRESERVES

You MUST bring two (2) items JARS for section 2 and the starred items of canned fruits and canned vegetables, jam or jelly, pickled or condiment, one to taste and one to display. Tasted items may be picked up after judging. Opened entries will be disposed of after Wednesday, unless requested.

1. Fruit
2. Vegetables
3. Condiment
4. Jam or Jelly
5. Meat
6. Pickled

SECTION 3- HOMESTEAD LAYOUT

Layout must include a cover page, title, and not exceed 8 1/2" x 11" Creativity counts towards judging. Consider this a small map and guide for your homestead.

1. Provide a 1 -2 page Homestead Layout showing the following:
 - A. Home
 - B. Poultry area
 - C. Any other Livestock areas
 - D. A full garden layout with labels for each area and where things are grown.

SECTION 4- HOMEMAKERS ITEM

You MUST bring two (2) items for section 4 and the starred items of lotions, salve, candles etc., one to test and one to display. Tasted items may be picked up after judging. Opened entries will be disposed of after Wednesday, unless requested.

Item must have a label on it, so judges know what it is used for. Please no Company labels. Label must be simple and only state the Item and its use. Company labeled products will not be judged.

1. Candles
2. Lotion
3. Bar Soap
4. Salve or lip balm
5. Liquid Soap or wash
6. Not otherwise listed

SECTION 5- POULTRY

No loose eggs will be accepted. Judged based on color, size and note card.

Homesteader to prove a 3 x 5 card stating the type & breed of poultry producing them.

1. 1 dozen Eggs, sorted in a carton or egg holder.

SECTION 6- FREESTYLE

You may pick up to 2 classes from Section 6.

This section is treated as a “bonus” to your overall Homestead being judged.

1. Any second item from any of the previous 5 sections. Rules for each section still apply.
2. Beekeepers:
 - A. Extracted Comb - must be contained in a frame, and able to view both sides.
 - B. Jar of Honey (Section 2 Rules apply.)
 - C. Paper Guide (Section 3 Rules Apply)
3. Fishing or Hunting accessory (1 Item)
 - A. No Guns, bows or weapons will be accepted.
 - B. Flies, traps, pelts, paper guide etc.. if safety provisions are needed for your item, exhibitor must supply (a.k.a. Traps).
4. Sustainable Cleaning (1 Item), Must include a 3x5 notecard of ingredients along with its use.
5. Sewing, stitch, weaving, crochet etc.. (1 Item)
6. Not otherwise listed. -Please Check with secretary if you fall in this class.

Questions about Division 8 Homesteading please call the
Secretary at 315-719-4825.