One of the primary missions of any agricultural fair is to educate the general public as to the mission and contributions of the family farm in today's world. Agriculture plays a vital role in insuring the quality of life Americans have come to expect.

The Bangor State Fair is committed to being a leader in raising public awareness of the contributions that farmers make. We want everyone to be aware of the sacrifices, hard work, and the rewards that go hand in hand with preserving a way of life that we as a society cannot afford to lose.

To this end, the fair has instituted a series of premium payments that we hope will encourage you, our exhibitors, to share your wealth of knowledge and experience that is part of your day to day life with the fair going public.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. In order to be eligible for premiums, all exhibitors must register by **Sunday, July 29, 2018 before 10 AM** at the Livestock Office, if they intend to participate in the 4-H or Open Educational Display Competition.

2. **All exhibits** must be on display when the gates open daily from **Sunday, July 29 through Sunday, August 5, 2018** (Exception for SHEEP ONLY from Sunday, July 29 through Thursday August 2, 2018).

3. Premiums will be paid in three categories: 4-H Individuals, 4-H Clubs, and Open. 4-H members can display an exhibit as a 4-H Individual, or in the Open class, but not both.

4. Educational exhibits can include, but are not limited to: charts, graphs, photos, videos, static displays, models, demonstrations, public participation, etc. Let your imagination be your guide!

5. Exhibits should endeavor to tell the story of the particular breed or breeds that are being shown. Any facts, no matter how insignificant they seem to you, will help in educating the public. Charts or graphs that show milk production, butter fat content, meat production, amount of feed or water consumed daily and/or annually, etc., go a long way to involving the public in what you do. Remember, you are working with an audience that may not be aware of modern agriculture and animal husbandry, and will welcome all the facts, pictures or demonstrations you can offer.

6. Any individual breeder, farm, or any organization representing a particular breed, farmers' co-op, etc. that exhibits at Bangor State Fair in 2018, is eligible for premium payments and all are encouraged to enter an exhibit.

7. Judging will take into consideration the factual content of displays, the availability of knowledgeable personnel to answer questions and the visual appeal of the display. The decision of the judges will be final. Judges are not obligated to award a premium if an entry is deemed to be of insufficient quality and substance.

8. Exhibits and livestock should not be left unattended. For safety reasons, exhibitors must stay with their livestock when there is no showing taking place.

9. **All displays and demonstrations will be located in or immediately around the livestock barns and must be designed to withstand weather, etc.** To be eligible for a premium, exhibits and animals must be displayed at least from Sunday, July 29, thru Sunday, August 5, 2018. Judging will occur at random, unannounced times from July 29 thru Aug. 2. A First Place Award **must** score 90 points or better to be awarded. See below for other point requirements.
Exhibits shall be scored as follows:

*Exhibit Theme*- Does the exhibit tell the story of the commodity that is being shown by the exhibitor? 20 points

*Exhibit Title*- An attention grabbing, catchy title helps. It should be prominently placed, with the largest lettering of the entire exhibit. 10 points

*Lettering*- Quality and size of lettering. 5 points

*Color, motion or lights*- Appropriately and safely used. Is the display visually appealing? 10 points

*Originality*- Is it imaginative? Does it make appropriate use of graphics and/or props? 20 points

*Size of Articles on display*- Is the display easily read and seen from a distance of 10 feet? 5 points

*Information portrayed to the public*- Does the display give pertinent information to the public? Are the exhibitors knowledgeable? 30 points

*Total Points*: 100 points

**PREMIUMS TO BE PAID**

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2<sup>nd</sup> place premium must score ≥ 85 points
3<sup>rd</sup> place premium must score ≥ 80 points
4<sup>th</sup> place premium must score ≥ 75 points
5<sup>th</sup> place premium must score ≥ 70 points