

Chapter Ag 5

COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS

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History: Chapter Ag 5 as it existed on April 30, 1976 was repealed and a new chapter Ag 5 was created effective May 1, 1976.

**Ag 5.01 Premiums and exhibits. (1) PREMIUM LISTS.** (a) Premiums for which state aid is requested by county and district fairs shall be in strict conformity with uniform premium lists and other requirements as prescribed in these rules. Fairs requesting state aid for net premiums shall submit to the department, 30 days prior to the opening of the fair, a printed copy of the premium list to be used at the fair.

(b) The officers of each fair shall mail a copy of the premium list to other associations, societies, or boards conducting a fair in Wisconsin when a copy is requested by them.

(c) Sections Ag 5.01, 5.02 and 5.07 shall be published in premium books to be used at a fair for which state aid is requested.

**(2) ENTRY FEES.** (a) Entry fees may be charged not in excess of 10% of the purse offered on any specific article. When no entry fee is charged, stall rents may be charged in the horse, cattle, sheep and swine departments. In the horse department the rental shall not exceed \$1.50 per single stall, and \$3 for box stalls; in the cattle department \$1 for single stalls, and \$2 per box stall; in swine and sheep departments \$2 per pen or 50 cents per animal. A standard pen is approximately 64 square feet. In the poultry, rabbit and pet stock department the charge shall not exceed 25 cents per head.

(b) Exhibitors in educational and school departments shall not be required to purchase exhibitors' tickets. Other exhibitors may be required, when no entry fee is charged, to purchase an exhibitors' season ticket at a price not to exceed that charged for non-exhibitors' season tickets.

(c) Exhibitors shall not be required to become members of the fair society, or be required to make any donations or refunds to the society.

**(3) EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS.** (a) State aid may not be approved for out-of-state exhibits or for separate classes of local and non-local exhibitors. Aids may not be approved for payment of premiums to Wisconsin residents with out-of-state addresses unless the fair secretary provides the department with an affidavit that such exhibitors reside in Wisconsin.

(b) State aid may be paid only on articles or animals actually on display in exhibit buildings or actually shown in the show ring during the regular fair dates except as split dates are provided for under sub. (6).

State aid will not be paid on D.H.I.A. records, transportation aids, production contests, or the like, unless special approval is granted under Ag 5.02 (8).

(c) State aid may not be paid on exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before 4 p.m. of the last day of the fair, or such other later time as may be specified by the fair, without prior approval of the department. Authority for earlier removal may be granted by the department in the case of meat animal sales or other special classes, if requested before the beginning of the fair. In other hardship cases, approval may be granted by the local fair. Exhibits in dog obedience and small animal pet classes shall be judged during the regular fair but are not required to remain present during the entire fair. The local fair may prescribe the length of time horses shall remain on the grounds for junior exhibitors.

(4) JUNIOR FAIRS. (a) In the junior fair division, state aid will be paid on prizes offered to exhibitors who are 8 through 19 years of age. On January 1 of the current fair year except exhibitors under Ag 5.06 (35) may be pupils of school age as defined in s. 118.14, Stats. State aid will not be paid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contests, or any project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.

(b) All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of 4-H, FFA, FHA, or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership and with an education program approved by the local fair.

(c) Exhibits in the junior fair shall be a result of the exhibitor's own labor in the project or projects in which he or she is regularly enrolled.

(d) Premiums in the educational department shall be paid directly to the exhibitor making the exhibit and not to the school or teacher, except for group premiums offered to interschool competitive classes. A complete list of exhibitors and a complete set of judges' sheets for the education department, similar to those required in other departments, shall be filed with the department. No aid may be paid on education department premiums unless this is done. All educational exhibits shall be on display at the fair even though they are judged prior to the fair.

(e) State aid may be used for the payment of no more than one premium awarded an exhibitor under any one premium or lot number in the junior fair division, except when awarded as a part of a group in livestock exhibits or in showmanship.

Note: On July 1, 1982 the joint committee for administrative rules suspended Ag 5.01 (4) (f). The text of the rule before suspension read as follows:

(f) Junior fair exhibitors may receive state aid premiums on articles or animals at only one county or district fair and may not receive state aid premiums in the same department at any other fair.

(5) PREMIUMS. (a) The state aid authorized by s. 93.23 (1), Stats., may be paid on net premiums only. Net premiums shall be construed to mean the total premiums paid less total entry fees received. State aid will be paid only on premiums actually paid by bank check or draft.

(b) No deductions may be made from premium money won by an exhibitor. Premiums may, however, be withheld where exhibition rules established by the fair association are violated. A written statement of violation shall be submitted to the department to justify action taken by the local fair.