



2026 TOPSHAM FAIR - ELM ST/RT 24 GATE

STEER & OX PULLING & SHOW	HORSE PULLING & SHOW
<p><u>Tuesday, August 11</u> 7:00 am Weigh for Steer & Ox Show 9:00 4H SHOWMANSHIP OPEN CLASSES JAKE CASH SHOWMANSHIP Trophy 6:00 pm Weigh in for Steer & Ox Pull</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 12</u> 7:30 am Weigh 10:00 1000 kids (12 & U) 1200 kids (16 & U) Gordon Robinson Youth Teamster Trophy 1600 2000, 2400 6:00 2000 6 ft 2400 6 ft (run separate)</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 13</u> 7:30 am Weigh 10:00 2800, 3200, 35-40% Dave Gammon Memorial Trophy Ladies Powderpuff (min 2000) 3:30 Sweepstakes Tom & Joan Rhoades Trophy 5:00 2800 & Under 6 ft 3200 Under 6 FT and Sweeps 6 FT Trophy</p> <p><u>Friday, August 14</u> 7:30 am Weigh 9:00 Farmers Steer & Ox Light & Heavy Split will be determined after entries. Min Team Weight: 1200 lb</p>	<p><u>Friday, August 14</u> 7:00 am Weigh 11:00 3100 12 foot 1:30 Heavy 2 lb Rock % 3:30 Light 2 lb Rock % Vern Ray Memorial Trophy <i>Split will be determined after entries</i> 7:00 3400 & Under 12 ft</p> <p><u>Saturday, August 15</u> 7:30 am Weigh 9:00 Farmers Horse Twitch New - Kids Mini Horse Twitch Farmers Horse Scoot New - Kids Mini Horse Scoot Farmers Horse Pull 11:30 Kids Mini Horse Distance Pull Ex. 1:00 Sweepstakes Lil Emily's Trophy 3:00 3300 & Under 12 ft 6:30 Sweepstakes 15 ft Trophy</p> <p><u>Sunday, August 16</u> 10:00 am Draft Horse & Pony Show</p>

PULLING DEPARTMENT - TOPSHAM FAIR 2024

Tom Rhoades – Superintendent of Pulling (207)782-7691

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We are excited to be back again this year hosting pulling and show events of steers/oxen and horses in support of the agricultural history in our community. Thank you for coming to the fair with your family and animals. We appreciate your support.

Must parade team for ribbon in order to receive a premium.

The Topsham Fair reserves the right to remove or refuse any exhibitor at any time, for any reason that is deemed by the Topsham Fair to be counter-productive or counter-indicative of the fairs purpose of presenting a family-friendly, educational and quality event for the general public.

INSURANCE: Minimum insurance requirement is \$1 Million (\$1,000,000)

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS RULES & STATUTES GOVERNING AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND PULLING EVENTS BETWEEN ANIMALS AND ANIMAL WELFARE. THIS INFORMATION IS POSTED ONLINE AT MAINE.GOV SITE. PAPER COPIES CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE PULLING OFFICE.

Only top 4 teams in each class can jump to next weight class. Preference is one person to help head/flag until team is hitched for distance events. Only teamster, helpers and owners allowed inside the ring during the short-pull events.

Sportsmen Trophy Award (teamster & animal presentation, respect with officials, helping hand)

Teamster Award (all round good driving, use of voice, minimal goad)

Gordon Robinson Youth Teamster Award (teamster/animal presentation, respect with officials, use of voice, use of tools and minimal coaching)

COGGINS:

- In order for horses to travel from another state into Maine, a negative Coggins test within 12 months and an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) are required for import into Maine.
- In order for horses to travel from Canada into Maine, a negative Coggins test within 180 days (6 months) and a health certificate completed by a Canadian government veterinarian are required for import into Maine.
- Maine resident horses – 3 years

PREMIUMS

CLASS 278 – STEER & OX PULLING PREMIUMS

278-000 1000lbs & Under Kids 12 year & under

60 50 40 35 30 30

278-001 1200 lbs & Under Kids 16 years & under

75 65 55 45 40 40

278-002 1600 lbs & Under Don Ridley Memorial

120 100 80 60 50 50

278-003 2000 lbs & Under

130 120 100 80 70 60

278-004 2400 lbs & Under

140 120 100 80 70 60

278-005 2800 lbs & Under

150 130 110 90 80 70

278-006 2000 lbs & Under 6 ft elimination

130 120 100 80 70 60

278-007 2400 lbs & Under 6 ft elimination

140 120 100 80 70 60

278-008 2800 lbs & Under 6 ft elimination

150 130 110 90 80 70

278-009 3200 lbs & Under

150 130 110 90 80 70

278-010 3500 – 4000 lbs Percentage

150 130 110 90 80 70

278-011 Ladies Pull – 2000 & Over % 1 team/driver

100 90 80 70 60 50

278-012 Sweepstakes - Trophy by Tom and Joan Rhoades

250 200 170 155 140 130

278-013 3200 lbs & Under 6 ft Elimination

150 130 110 90 80 70

278-014 3201 lbs & Over 6ft Elimination

250 200 170 155 140 130

278-015 Farmers Steer & Ox Pull Light Class

85 75 65 55 50 40

278-014 Farmers Steer & Ox Pull Heavy Class

95 85 75 65 60 50

CLASS 279 HORSE PULLING PREMIUMS

279-000 3100 & Under 12 foot

310 280 250 230 200 170

279-001 LIGHT 2lb Percentage Vern Ray Memorial

310 280 250 230 200 170

279-002 HEAVY 2lb Percentage

350 325 275 250 220 200

279-003 3400 lbs & Under 12 ft

330 300 270 250 220 190

279.013 Farmers Horse Single Twitch & 279.017 Kids Mini Horse Single Twitch

85 75 65 55 45 35

279.014 Farmers Horse Team Scoot & 270.018 Kids Mini Horse Team Scoot

110 100 90 80 70 60

279-004 Sweepstakes (trophy by Lil Emily's)

500 450 350 300 250 230

279-007 3300 & Under 12 Foot

310 280 250 230 190 170

279-006 Sweepstakes 15 ft Elimination

550 475 400 325 260 240

279-015 MINI HORSE KIDS EXHIBITION

75 65 55 45 40 40

279-016 FARMERS HORSE PULL

120 100 90 80 70 60

CLASS 273 STEER & OXEN SHOW Premiums

Proof of insurance required. No halters or ropes when showing. Open to Maine only -other by invitation only. Exhibitors are allowed to show in all classes, but take only two monies. Please be on grounds by 8:00 am.

JUDGE: CHELSEA BEAN

273.001 Single Steer, 700lbs & under

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.001A Single Steer, 701-1000 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.002 Single Steer, 1001 lbs – 1900 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.002A Single Steer, 1901 lbs & over

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.003 Best Steers 300 – 600 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.003A Best Steers 601 – 1000 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.004 Best Steers 1001 – 1400 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.005 Best Steers 1401 – 1900 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.006 Best Steers 1901 – 2400 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.007 Best Steers 2401 – 2900 lbs

25 23 21 20 17 14 11

273.008 Best Oxen 2901 – 3500 lbs

25 23 21 20 17 14 11

273.009 Best Oxen 3501 lbs & over

25 23 21 20 17 14 11

273.010 Best Matched Steers 300 – 600 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.010A Best Matched Steers 601 – 1000 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.011 Best Matched Steers 1001 – 1400 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.012 Best Matched Steers 1401 – 1900 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.013 Best Matched Steers 1901 – 2400 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.014 Best Matched Steers 2401 – 2900 lbs

273.015 Best Matched Oxen 2901 – 3500 lbs

25 23 21 20 17 14 11

273.016 Best Matched Oxen 3501 lbs & over

27 25 21 20 17 14 11

273.017 Working Steers 300 – 600 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.017A Working Steers 601 – 1000 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.018 Working Steers 1001 – 1400 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.019 Working Steers 1401 – 1900 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.020 Working Steers 1901 – 2400 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.021 Working Steers 2401 – 2900 lbs

23 21 20 19 17 14 11

273.022 Working Steers 2901 – 3500 lbs

25 23 21 20 17 14 11

273.023 Working Steers 3501 lbs & over

27 25 21 20 17 14 11

273.024 Best 4 Steers 2400 lbs & under (one owner)

30 25 20 15 13 11 10

273.025 Best 4 Steers 2401 lbs & over (one owner)

30 25 20 15 13 11 10

273.026 Town Team (5 pair)

80 65 55 45 35 30 25

273.027 Best Exhibition of teamster by a child (9-12). Steers under 1900 lbs

25 23 21 20 17 14 11

CLASS 376H 4-H WORKING STEER SHOW Premiums

Follows general rules and regulations for 4-H Animal Shows. Open to all Maine 4-H members in good standing, ages 9 – 18 as of January 1, enrolled in the 4-H working steer project and doing satisfactory work. Approval Form must be signed by May 1 and will be required upon registration. No adults are allowed to fit or care for the animals after arrival on the grounds. All animals must be castrated. No polled or dehorned animals will be allowed. All steer shall be trained to the yoke and cart. This means that 4-H'rs should practice these skills at home; the fair is not the time to try anything for the first time. All judging is according to the "modified Danish System."

Each 4-H member will be paid \$60 for participation.

Class 367.1, 367.2 and 367.3 Fitting, Grooming & Showmanship (completed prior to the Working Steer Show in Show Ring A

367.1 Senior Members Ages 14 – 18

367.2 Junior Members, ages 9 – 13

367.3 Novice Members, age 9 – 13 (first year members only)

For fitting and grooming, judging is done on how well animals have been fitted and groomed for the show. Attention is also given to the grooming of the teamster (show clothes, boots, etc) For Showmanship, judging is on how well the teamsters show their steer off to their advantage.

JAKE CASH SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

Class 367.3, 367.4, 367.5 DOUBLE PERFORMANCE

367.3 Senior Members

367.4 Junior Members

367.5 Novice Members

Animals are hitched to a two wheeled cart and are timed as they are driven through an obstacle course set up with instruction of the judge.

CLASS 367.6, 367.7, 367.8 DRAFT CLASS

367.6 Senior Members

367.7 Junior Members

367.8 Novice Members

Teams are hitched to a stone boat, loaded with 60% of the animals weight for Senior Members and 50% for Junior and Novice Members. The team and the teamster are judged on the capability of pulling the load and maneuvering through the course and their time, not distance.

CLASS 274 DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW SUNDAY

Proof of Insurance and Coggins test required to enter

Each horse at halter – Ages of horses reckoned from Jan 1. Stallions must be registered. Not over two premiums paid any one class. Junior Handler: Child under 18 years of age as of August 1st and must be accompanied by an adult. May show in only one showmanship class – ether horse or pony. Lunch break after all halter completed

JUDGE: LORI BEAN

Class 274.001 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP HORSE & PONY

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.002 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP HORSE & PONY

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.003 PONY STALLION

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.004 HORSE STALLION

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.005 PONY GELDING

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.006 HORSE GELDING

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.007 PONY MARE

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.008 HORSE MARE

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.009 PONY FOAL

35 30 25 20 15

Class 274.010 HORSE FOAL

35 30 25 20 15

LUNCH BREAK

Class 274.011 SINGLE PONY CART

40 35 30 25 20

Class 274.012 SINGLE HORSE CART

45 40 35 30 25

Class 274.013 JUNIOR PONY CART

40 35 30 25 20

Class 274.014 JUNIOR HORSE CART

45 40 35 30 25

Class 274.015 PONY TANDEM

50 45 40 35 30

Class 274.016 HORSE TANDEM

60 55 50 45 35

Class 274.017 PONY PAIR

50 45 40 35 30

Class 274.018 JUNIOR PONY PAIR

50 45 40 35 30

Class 274.019 HORSE PAIR

60 55 50 45 40

Class 274.020 JUNIOR HORSE PAIR

60 55 50 45 40

Class 274.021 PONY UNICORN

70 65 60 55 50

Class 274.022 HORSE UNICORN

80 70 60 50 40

Class 274.023 PONY 4-UP

80 70 60 50 40

Class 274.024 HORSE 4-UP

115 105 95 85 75

Class 274.025 GRAND CHAMPION TEAMSTER TROPHY

\$100

Class 274.026 GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR TEAMSTER TROPHY

\$100