

Tennessee Country Ham

Division 284

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Total Premium Offered \$1,196.00

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry

Check-in: Thurs., Sept 8th, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Release: Mon., Sept. 19th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Premium Schedule: 1st-\$30, 2nd-\$25; 3rd-\$20;
4th-\$18;5th-\$16;6th-\$12; 7th-10th- \$10

RULES

1. Only residents of Tennessee are eligible to make entries and only hams cured and aged in Tennessee are eligible for entry.
2. Hams must be entered and exhibited in name of owner. All hams entered must have been cured on the premises of the owner, except for entries in Class 6 (Youth)
3. Entries in Class 6 (Youth) are limited to 4-H and FFA members that have participated in and satisfactorily completed an educational program on cutting of meat, including the curing of their country ham entry, within the previous twelve months. The winner in this Class will be considered for overall Champion Ham (Packing house trim). Participation must be verified by an Extension Agent or FFA Advisor.
4. To be eligible for competition, hams must weigh at least 12 pounds. Hams must have shanks cut below or at the hock.
5. **All hams, except the two Grand Champions, will be returned to the respective owners upon presentation of receipt issued at the time of entry. Or, any other person may pick up hams for any number of exhibitors by presenting appropriate receipts issued at the time of entry.**
6. **A ham breakfast will be held as a fund raising activity for FFA programs and as a public relations effort for the Tennessee State Fair. The two Grand Champion Hams will be auctioned off at the breakfast on Monday, September 14th at 7:30 a.m-8:30 a.m., located in the Sports Arena. The winners will be invited and recognized at the event.**
7. All hams entered in show must be sound and free of any insects or spoilage. Any hams disqualified by receiving committee will be turned down and sent home.
8. Since these hams are for show, they must also be clean and eye appealing.
9. All reasonable care will be exercised to protect hams from insect infestation.
10. Any violation of the above rules will forfeit premium money or any other compensation.
11. The Show Committee will rule on all questions of situations not definitely covered in the Fair Catalog.

Judging Criteria

Conformation

General shape of the ham

The ratio of lean to fat

Neatness

Workmanship

Neatness and attractiveness of the trim

Color

Desirability and uniformity of outside color

Aroma

Desirability of aroma as determined by probing

Class Description

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| 01 | Country Style Ham 12-20 lbs. (Long Country Trim) |
| 02 | Country Style Ham 21 lbs. and over (Long Country Trim) |
| 03 | Short Ham 12-15 lbs. (Packing house trim, skin on/off) |
| 04 | Short Ham 16-18 lbs. (Packing house trim, skin on/off) |
| 05 | Short Ham 19 lbs. and Over (Packing house trim, skin on/off) |

Tennessee Country Ham-Youth

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| 06 | Short Ham 12 lbs. and Over (Packing house trim, skin on/off) |
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Special Awards

Largest Ham Exhibited	\$30
<small>(Judged on weight and soundness, must be entered in one of the above Classes.)</small>	

Grand Champion Hams

Country Style Trim	Plaque and \$100
Packing House Trim	Plaque and \$100