



CAROLINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR
July 12 – 15, 2017
FFA & 4-H GIANT Hay Bale Contest

Theme: “DOWN ON THE FARM”

This GIANT Hay Bale Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA groups who want to meet the challenge of making a giant hay bale look like livestock or farm equipment. The group will decide if their bale will look like a piece of farm machinery or a farm animal. The bales will be provided by the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association (CCAFA) and are to be decorated on the grounds of the Fair.

Bales will be in place Saturday, July 8, 2017, and are to be completed by Sunday, July 9, 2017, at 4 pm.

Prizes

1. Sponsored by D. S. Terrell, Inc.
2. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - * 1st place \$125
 - * 2nd place \$100
 - * 3rd place \$75
 - * 4th place \$25
 - * 5th place \$25

Entry Procedure

1. Contest is limited to five (5) entries
2. Entries are on a first come, first served basis
3. Contest deadline is June 1, 2017, or as soon as five (5) entries are received
4. Late entries not accepted
5. To enter, complete the GIANT Hay Bale Contest entry form and mail it to: CC Ag Fair Giant Hay Bale Contest, ATTN: Sissy Coleman, 22064 Penola Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Contest Rules

1. The CCAFA will provide the hay bales and place them in the contest location.
2. Each bale will be placed either upright or on its side at the discretion of the entrant. Please specify preference on the entry form.
3. Design of these bales shall reflect the work of the youth as assisted by the leaders or sponsors as appropriate, through the classroom or 4-H program.
4. Each group is responsible for providing a laminated sign for their bale which includes the group's name, sponsor/leader, explanation of the design, and the names of the youth participants. These signs will be installed after the judging takes place to ensure a "blind judging" process. Please turn your signs in to Sissy Coleman at the James R. Tate, Sr. Agriculture Pavilion, aka Caroline's Barn.

5. All hay bales will be displayed outside in a designated area.
6. All items attached to the hay bales to complete the art work are to be securely attached and be weather resistant.
7. Only non-toxic paints shall be used.
8. The size of the structure is to be no larger than 6' tall or 8' wide.
9. All decorated bales must remain on display throughout the duration of the Fair.
10. Each group is responsible to ensure their display remains attractive and intact, and that the contest area is clean and free from trash throughout the duration of the Fair.
11. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials, creativity, as well as the use of the theme "Down on the Farm."
12. Judges decisions are final. Judging will be done prior to the opening of the Fair on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.
13. All items used in the design must be picked up on Sunday, July 16, 2017. Any items left after this date will be considered abandoned by the Fair staff and discarded.



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ENTRY FORM

Eligibility

- * Open to 4-H and FFA Clubs
- * Limit Five (5) Entries/Bales
- * First Come, First Served
- * Entries due no later than June 1, 2017

Please print clearly:

Club/Chapter: _____

Leader: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Specify Bale Placement Preference (circle one): Upright On Side

Mail completed forms to:

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Waiver of Liability

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, I, the undersigned, do hereby release and discharge the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association and its officers, directors, member, and anyone else connected with the management and presentation of the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association of and from any and all liability of any and all known or unknown injuries, damages, losses, judgments, and/or claims connected with this event.

By signing this form I give permission for the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association to use photographs taken of my display for promotional purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____