

OXEN AND STEERS

SEPTEMBER 15th - 17th, 2017

COMMITTEE: Francis Swinamer, Eugene Swinamer, Stephen Rafuse and Duke Myles.

****ALL OXEN AND STEERS MUST BE TAGGED. CATTLE WILL BE CHECKED ON ARRIVAL****

RFID TAGGING REQUIREMENTS AS OF JULY 1, 2010: All cattle must be tagged with an approved RFID tag. Please leave existing bar-coded tags in animals. Leave the bar-coded tag in and apply an RFID tag to the same animal. Cross-reference the RFID tag with the bar-coded tag in the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS). Please note: Tampering with and/or cutting out an approved tag is prohibited by regulations. To cross-reference your tags or for more information, contact the CCIA office at 1-877-909-BEEF (2333) or www.canadaid.ca

THE SAME TEAMSTER MUST DRIVE CATTLE IN QUALIFYING PULL AND CHAMPIONSHIP PULL. IF TWO TEAMS (SAME OWNER) QUALIFY THE TEAMSTER WHO DROVE THE CATTLE IN THE QUALIFYING PULL MUST DRIVE BOTH TEAMS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP PULL.

ENTRIES CLOSE: August 28th – **ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 40 PAIR**

SHOW JUDGING DATE: September 15th at 8:00 a.m. – Mary Henry Building.

ENTRY FEE: Oxen \$40.00 per pair (includes bedding fee). Entry fee entitles EXHIBITOR to two (2) free 3 day pass. No additional free 3 day passes for other teams entered. Additional 3 day Exhibitor passes can be purchased for \$25.00. Cattle must be in stalls before passes are issued.

- All oxen must be on the Exhibition Grounds not later 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th.
- All oxen in pulling competitions must be weighed on Exhibition scale. Teams must be weighed on Thursday evening. Scales will open at 3:00 p.m. They will be weighed by an official appointed by the Ox Pulling Committee.
- Animals showing evidence of ring worm or mange will not be accepted.
- ALL EXHIBITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A STALL RELEASE FORM.

PRIZES: Prizes in section 1-6 increased to 14th place.
Sections 7 & 8 to 6th place only. \$20 \$17 \$15 \$13 \$10 - 6th to 14th \$5

SECTION

1. Matched Pair Oxen, 3200 lbs and up.
2. Matched Pair Oxen, 2800 lbs to 3100 lbs.
3. Matched Pair Oxen, 2400 lbs to 2799 lbs.
4. Matched Pair Oxen, 2000 lbs to 2399 lbs.
5. Pair of Steers, matched, broken to yoke, 1500 lbs to 1999 lbs. under 3 years of age.
6. Pair of Steers, 1400 lbs and under broken to yoke.
7. Jr. Championship for Steers
8. Senior Champion Show

Heaviest team of oxen on the ground will receive \$50

Junior Championship - 1st placing in section 4, 5 and 6 are to compete. Ribbons Only.
Senior Championship - 1st placing in sections 1, 2 and 3 are to compete. Ribbons Only.

PULLING CONTEST FOR OXEN

1. There will be three percentage pulling contests. Starting load will be:
Steers - 1500 lbs. - add 1 small cement block each start
Light - 2400 lbs. - add 1 large cement block each start
Medium - 3000 lbs. - add 1 large cement block each start
Heavy - 3400 lbs. - add 1 large cement block each start
2. Not more than 2 pair per exhibitor.
3. Entries close August 28th.
4. Exhibitors must put **last** weight on entry for ease in stabling.
5. No **braid** shall be used in the whip. Any abuse of this rule will result in a teamster's disqualification.
6. The team with the highest percentage of load pulled will be the winner in each Class.
7. An official pull will be distance of 36". Three attempts will be given to pull the load 3 feet in one start. Teams when hooked to the drag must be kept within the pulling lines or they will be disqualified. Teams will have three attempts to hook on to the drag or they will be disqualified. **Any team breaking equipment during a pull will be permitted to make repairs. The pull will continue while repairs are being made. The teams will be permitted to join in the pull in regular pulling order when repairs are completed.**
8. Only one teamster. A teamster may drive more than one pair in a class if both pair are entered in driver's name. The driver must have a stand in to ensure no delays in getting oxen to the drag.
9. All round robin pulls start with the lightest team.
10. Teamsters must be neatly and properly clothed. The pulling committee is to have final authority in determining proper clothing.
11. A whip may be used as long as lash and butt end is kept in hand at all times. Oxen are not to be hit on the face with any part of the whip when backing into the drag.
12. Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in pulling contests must remain for championship pulls to qualify for any prize money.
13. A person will be appointed by the ox pull committee to hook all teams on to the drag. The Hants County Exhibition steel drag will be the official drag.
14. Each team must be fully equipped with boom pole or chain. **BOOM POLE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF FOUR LINKS.**
15. All cattle must be properly fed and cleaned out by 9:00 a.m. or this will be done so by the Committee at the Exhibitor's expense.
16. Cattle must not be yoked and taken from the stalls unless to show, pull or unless permission is obtained from the Secretary/Manager.
17. Exhibitors having signed an official Hants County Exhibition entry form agree to abide by all the rules contained herein.

18. In case the program is running late the ox teamsters are to have their teams yoked and prepared to start as quickly as possible once the previous program finishes. All teamsters must line up to hook to the drag as quickly as possible when one team unhooks. The announcer will direct the teamsters.

19. There will be a draw for pulling order in all classes including the Championship Pull.

20. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their stalls in order to improve the overall appearance of their stabling area. All exhibits must remain intact until closing on **Sunday at 5:00 p.m. This included Yokes, Boxes, Signs, Ribbons, etc.** Prize money will be given out at 4:45 p.m.

21. The Exhibition will attempt to provide adequate sawdust for bedding during the show.

BEST KEPT STALL AWARD IN 2017: SUSAN SWEET PRINT

SECTION: Steer Pull - 1500 - 1899 – Friday, September 15th at 12:00 noon – Mary Henry Building.
Oxen - 1900 and over. Oxen will be weighed and divided into classes. Lightweight pull will follow the steer pull in the exercise barn.

1. Pair of Oxen. Lightweight. Highest Percentage
1st - \$60, 2nd - \$45, 3rd - \$30, 4th - \$20, 5th - \$20

2. Pair of Oxen - Middleweight. Highest Percentage
1st - \$60, 2nd - \$45, 3rd - \$30, 4th - \$20, 5th - \$20

3. Pair of Oxen - Heavyweight. Highest Percentage
1st - \$60, 2nd - \$45, 3rd - \$30, 4th - \$20, 5th - \$20

CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE FOR PULLING.

HERITAGE MEMORIAL LTD. CHAMPIONSHIP OX PULL

First three placing in Section 1, 2 and 3.

PRIZE MONEY donated by Heritage Memorial Limited.

CONSOLATION PULL – Concrete Pad - Time TBA

No Entry Fee – Must be entered in Regular Pulls – Details available in the Barn

TANDAM PULL - No change of Teamster during the pull.

11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16th

SECOND WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 22 – 24

10 teams will be invited back for a Sunday afternoon pull.

Second weekend pulls are sponsored by OK Tire and Nu-Air Ventilation.