

OXEN AND STEERS PRIZE LIST – SEPTEMBER 18th - 20th, 2026

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****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

ENTRIES CLOSE: September 1, 2026 – ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 42 PAIR

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 \$30.00. Cattle must be in stalls before passes are issued. Car passes can be purchased for \$10.00 for a 3- day pass and \$20.00 for a 6-day pass.

- All oxen must be on the Exhibition Grounds not later 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18th. ***Exhibitors must show proof of Insurance (Maritime Ox Association) or a copy of your private liability insurance at the scales before weigh-in and sign a waiver.***

- All oxen in pulling competitions must be weighed on Exhibition scale. Teams must be weighed on Thursday evening. Scales will open at 6:00 p.m. Teams will be weighed by an official appointed by the Ox Pulling Committee.

- Animals showing evidence of ring worm or mange will not be accepted.

-Any teams NOT SHOWN in the applicable Show Class will be denied entry to the pulls and will forfeit any prize money.

ABSOLUTELY NO USE OF WHIP ON THE GROUNDS – THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!! *Oxen are not to be hit on the face with any part of the whip when backing into the drag.* Teamsters may lightly tap the oxen on the front legs from the knee down when backing up to hook on the drag. What is considered to be light tapping will be determined by the Judge. There is to be no use of the whip, lash or handle at any time during the act of pulling or on any area of the Grounds. Judge and or Committee Members will have the authority to enforce this rule.

- Penalty for use of whip will result in elimination from further competition and any Prize Money won will be forfeited.

SHOW SECTION FOR OXEN

PRIZES: Prizes in Section 1-6. \$30, \$22, \$20, \$18, \$15, \$10

SHOW SECTION

1. Pair Oxen, 3200 lbs and up.
2. Pair Oxen, 2800 lbs to 3100 lbs.
3. Oxen, 2400 lbs to 2799 lbs.
4. Oxen, 2000 lbs to 2399 lbs.
5. Pair of Steers, broken to yoke, 1400 lbs to 1899 lbs. under 3 years of age.
6. Pair of Steers, 1400 lbs and under broke to yoke.
7. Jr. Championship for Steers
8. Senior Champion Show
9. Jr. Show – teamster under 16 yrs - \$50.00
10. Heaviest Team on Grounds - \$50.00
11. Sportsmanship Award - \$50.00
12. Best Kept Stall Award - \$50.00

PULLING CONTEST FOR OXEN

1. **CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE FOR PULLING.** Oxen - 1900 and over. Oxen will be weighed and divided into classes.

PULLING SECTION: Prize money and ribbons for Section 1 – 4: \$100, \$60, \$50, \$30, \$25, \$20

1. **Steer Pull** - 1400 - 1899
2. **Pair of Oxen. Lightweight.** Highest Percentage
3. **Pair of Oxen - Middleweight.** Highest Percentage
4. **Pair of Oxen - Heavyweight.** Highest Percentage

CHAMPIONSHIP OX PULL

Open to the first three placing in Section 1, 2 and 3.

GARY “DUKE” MYLES MEMORIAL CONSOLATION PULLS - OUTSIDE ON NEW PULL TRACK

Sunday afternoon No Entry Fee – Must be entered in Regular Pulls – Details available from Committee members.

SECOND WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 25th

FREEMAN & FRANCIS SWINAMER MEMORIAL OX PULL

10 Heaviest teams will be invited back for a Heaviest Load pull Sunday in the Arena.

2. TEAMSTERS MAY DRIVE A MAXIMUM OF 2 PAIR OF OXEN DURING THE EXHIBITION.

3. Exhibitors must put **LAST** weight on entry for ease in stabling.

4. The team with the highest percentage of load pulled will be the winner in each Class.

5. An official pull will be a 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 the drag, or they will be disqualified. **Any team breaking equipment during a pull will be permitted to make repairs within a reasonable time. 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.**

6. Only one teamster. A teamster may drive more than one pair in a class if both pairs are entered in the same name. The driver must have a stand in teamster with the other pair to ensure no delays in getting oxen to the drag.

7. All round robin pulls start with the lightest team.

8. Teamsters must be neat and properly clothed. The pulling committee is to have final authority in determining proper clothing.

9. Only the teamster, hooker(s) and officials will be allowed in the ring during the pulls.

10. Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in pulling contests must remain for championship pulls to qualify for any prize money.

11. 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.

12. Each team must be fully equipped with boom pole or chain. **BOOM POLE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF FOUR LINKS.**

13. All cattle must be properly fed and cleaned out by 9:00 a.m. or this will be done by the Committee at the Exhibitor's expense.

14. Cattle must not be yoked and taken from the stalls unless to show, pull or unless permission is obtained from the Exhibition Manager.

15. Exhibitors must sign an official Hants County Exhibition entry form, a Waiver and the Stall Release Form and agree to abide by all the rules contained herein.

16. In order to keep the Exhibition Schedule on time; 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.

17. 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.

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

CAMPING INFO:

ALL CAMPING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. NO RESERVATIONS. ENTER THROUGH TREGOTHIC GATE AND PAY STAFF.

Camping fees: \$110.00/weekend – Electricity - 15 amp only (will **not** run heaters/air conditioners)
Unserviced - \$95.00/weekend

NEW IN 2026: Anyone wishing to park their trailer early on Sunday will be required to pay a fee of \$40.00 (\$10 per day) for Sunday to Wednesday in addition to the regular weekend fee.

Please note designated camper drop off and parking supervision times are tentative:

Tentative schedule:

Sunday, September 13th - 3 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday, September 16th - 8 am to 8 pm

Vehicle and Livestock Trailer parking will be in designated areas and all exhibitors must use Tregothic Drive Entrance.