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Premium Book and Online entries available now

Get your competition entries ready for the Altamont Fair, August 12-17th. The premium book is available online at www.altamontfair.com. If you need a hard copy, please call the Fair office at 861-6671 for the Departments you are interested in. For the first time ever, we are accepting entries submitted online and paid by credit card. For a modest fee, you can enter the Fair from the comfort of your own home!

How do I enter a competition? The competition departments include: Culinary, Flowers, Fine arts, Fruit, Granges, Vegetables, Creative Arts and Crafts, Scarecrows, Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits and Horse shows. Review the premium book for the Department, look for the section, class and lot for the proper description of your entry, fill out the entry form that is attached to the Department description OR enter online by following the directions provided. Be sure and read all of the rules that may pertain to your competition – animal classes require strict adherence to pre-entry and veterinary requirements. And watch the deadlines for entering – you don't want to miss the entry submission date! Some competitions may require a specific presentation for the judge. If you have any questions, please contact the superintendant of the Department you would like to enter. They would be glad to guide you in filling out the entry forms and answering any questions you may have.

Should I be nervous about my item being judged? Don't be nervous! If you are a first time competitor, be sure and check in with the department superintendant to ask what to expect. Much of the judging of entries is conducted in private with the superintendant and several volunteers in attendance presenting each article to be judged with the creator/artist of the article hidden from the judge. The livestock shows are conducted throughout the week – spectators can visit the show rings and see what the judge says about your entry! The judge will first determine if the item is properly categorized – does it fit the description in the premium book? If so, the Judge will continue to inspect the entry for quality and proper quantity. If three cucumbers are to be submitted – there better be three! For some competitions, the judge will also note constructive criticism to help you do better next time. But quite often, we are our own toughest critic! Give yourself a chance – submit your entries in your local fair! It is fun and

very rewarding – besides you might just take home a prize – maybe a blue ribbon and a bit of prize money for your trouble!

The Altamont Fair dates are August 12-17, Tuesday through Sunday. Adult admission is \$12, children from 6-12 \$5, children 5 or under are free. Look for our advance adult tickets in July for only \$10 at Hannaford Supermarkets. Check out the details of the Fair at www.altamontfair.com. Save gas and stay local by coming to your tri-county fair –see you where? At the Altamont Fair!