

STATE★FAIR

OF VIRGINIA AT THE MEADOW

DRAFT HORSE & MULE SHOW

Thursday, September 24: Mules & Donkeys

Thursday, September 24: Mule & Draft Horse
Pulling Contests

Friday, September 25: Draft Horses & Ponies

◇◇ The Meadow Event Park ◇◇
Doswell, Virginia in Caroline County

*ENTRY DEADLINE
POSTMARK BY SEPTEMBER 10*

2009 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA
MULE SHOW – Sept 24
MULE & DRAFT HORSE PULLING CONTESTS – Sept 24
DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW – Sept 25

Superintendents: Amy Davis, Mechanicsville, VA
Sarah Altman, Unionville, VA
Judges: Halter & Performance – Jerry Hancock, Winston-Salem, NC
Obstacle - TBA
Pull Referee: Joe Barnes, Dayton, OH
Announcers: Bobby Goodwin, Orange, VA
Pull - TBA

Classes with () qualify for Versatility Awards*

BELGIAN DRAFT HORSE CORPORATION STATE MERIT SHOW

!!! NEW!!! Special award for High Point Animal owned by VDHMA member

MULE & DONKEY SHOW - THURSDAY

HALTER: 8:30 a.m. – Ring 3

- 1 YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER, MULES/DONKEYS –18 & Under (Plaque)
- 2 ADULT SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER, MULES/DONKEYS - Fitting and showmanship class open to all adult exhibitors. (Plaque)
- 3 BEST "VIRGINIA SHOWMAN," MULES/DONKEYS - Fitting and showmanship class open to all adult exhibitors. Animal must be bred in Virginia and owner/handler must be a Virginia resident. Presentation, grooming, tack, attire all to count. (Plaque).
- * 4 BEST DRAFT TYPE MULE A. Molly B. Gelding
- * 5 BEST PLEASURE TYPE MULE A. Molly B. Gelding
- 6 GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE DRAFT TYPE MULE A. Molly B. Gelding
- 7 GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE PLEASURE TYPE MULE A. Molly B. Gelding
- 8 COLOR CLASS - MULES (does not count toward Grand or Reserve)
- * 9 MINIATURE DONKEY JENNY/GELDING (36" & Under) A. Jenny B. Gelding
- *10 MINIATURE DONKEY JACK (36" & Under)
- *11 STANDARD DONKEY JENNY/GELDING (Over 36" & to 56") A. Jenny B. Gelding
- *12 STANDARD DONKEY JACK (Over 36" & to 56")
- *13 MAMMOTH DONKEY JENNY/GELDING (Over 56") A. Jenny B. Gelding
- *14 MAMMOTH DONKEY JACK (Over 56")
- 15 GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE JENNY/GELDING A. Jenny B. Gelding
- 16 GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE JACK
- 17 COLOR CLASS - DONKEYS (does not count toward Grand or Reserve)
- 18 BEST THREE OR FOUR MULES - Any 3 or 4 animals owned by the same exhibitor

******OBSTACLE CLASSES: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m. – Ring 4******

Entries may show at will during listed times. Gates will close promptly at 11:30 a.m. Courses will be marked for each class.

- 19 DONKEY OBSTACLE CLASS - In Hand
- 20 DONKEY OBSTACLE CLASS - Vehicle
- 21 MULE OBSTACLE CLASS - Cart
- 22 MULE OBSTACLE CLASS – Wagon
- 23 DONKEY & MULE TRAIL CLASS –Ridden

PERFORMANCE: - to follow halter classes – not before 11:a.m. – Ring 3

- 24 DONKEY/MULE COSTUME
- *25 DONKEY CART CLASS
- *26 \$50 PLEASURE MULE UNDER SADDLE - Hunter/English

- 27 MULE HUNTER HACK (2 jumps)
- *28 MULE GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE (Pleasure gait) – Hunter/English
- *29 DONKEY GO-AS-YOU PLEASE
- *30 \$50 PLEASURE MULE UNDER SADDLE – Western
- *31 DONKEY WALK/TROT
- *32 MULE SIDESADDLE (Pick your gait)
- *33 MULE GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE (Pleasure gait) - Western
- 34 MULE BARREL RACE
- 35 MULE POLE BENDING
- *36 SINGLE MULE CART CLASS, JR. EXHIBITOR
- *37 \$50 SINGLE MULE CART CLASS, OPEN
- 38 FOUR-WHEELED VEHICLE CLASS (Antique or Reproduction) (Donkeys & Mules) Period costume or proper driving attire required
- 39 \$100 MULTIPLE HITCH TO A WAGON (3 or more)
- 40 \$50 TEAM TO A WAGON
- 41 \$50 BEST MATCHED TEAM IN HARNESS
- 42 \$50 SLED MULE – Team
- 43 \$50 MULE LOG SKIDDING – Team
- 44 \$50 SLED MULE – Single
- 45 \$50 MULE LOG SKIDDING - Single
- 46 **\$100 PARADE OF MULES HITCHED TO FARM IMPLEMENTS**(No sleds or wagons; manners and way of going 50%, implement 50%; please provide description of implement on entry blank, 1st through 8th place Ribbons, \$100 plus \$10/entry divided equally among all participants.)

EVENING PERFORMANCE not before 6:00 p.m. – Ring 3

Presentation of Donkey & Mule Versatility Awards

COON MULE JUMPING:

- 47 \$100 COON MULE JUMPING - 52" & Under
- 48 \$100 COON MULE JUMPING - Over 52"

PULLING CONTESTS:

- 49 \$1,000 LIGHT WEIGHT MULE PULL - 2,200 Lbs. & Under
- 50 \$1,000 HEAVY WEIGHT MULE PULL - Over 2,200 Lbs.
- 51 \$4,000 DRAFT HORSE PULLING CONTEST – All weights

DRAFT HORSE & PONY SHOW - FRIDAY

HALTER: 8:30 a.m. – Ring 3

Halter classes with at least 3 entries of one breed will be split. Breed and registration numbers must on entry form to qualify for split. Ponies allowed in classes 101, 102, 103, 111, 120, 127, 128 & 129. Ribbons in all classes. Exhibitors of stallions must be 18 or older.

- 101 YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER, DRAFT HORSES & PONIES 18 & under (Plaque)
- 102 ADULT SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER, DRAFT HORSES & PONIES - Fitting and showmanship class open to all adult exhibitors. (Plaque)
- 103 BEST "VIRGINIA SHOWMAN," DRAFT HORSES & PONIES - Fitting and showmanship, open to adult exhibitors. Animal must be bred in Virginia and owner/handler must be a Virginia resident. Presentation, grooming, tack, attire all to count. (Plaque)
- 104 REGISTERED STALLIONS, Weanlings
- 105 REGISTERED STALLIONS, Yearlings
- *106 REGISTERED STALLIONS, Two-Yr.-Olds
- 107 **JR. CHAMPION & RES. STALLIONS**
- *108 REGISTERED STALLIONS, Three & Older
- 109 **SR. CHAMPION & RES. STALLIONS**
- 110 **GRAND CHAMPION AND RES. STALLIONS**
- 111 BEST VIRGINIA BRED & OWNED STALLION (no entry fee) - Open to all draft breeds (Banner)
- 112 REGISTERED MARES, Weanlings

- 113 REGISTERED MARES, Yearlings
- *114 REGISTERED MARES, Two Year Olds
- 115 **JR. CHAMPION & RES. MARES**
- *116 REGISTERED MARES, Three & Older
- 117 **SR. CHAMPION & RES. MARES**
- 118 **GRAND CHAMPION AND RES. MARES**
- 119 DRAFT HORSE REGISTERED MARE & FOAL - Each to count 50%
- 120 BEST VIRGINIA BRED & OWNED MARE (no entry fee) - Open to all draft breeds; (Banner)
- *121 REGISTERED DRAFT GELDINGS
- *122 GRADE MARES A. Work Type B. Hitch Type
- *123 GRADE GELDINGS A. Work Type B. Hitch Type
- 124 DRAFT HORSE REGISTERED GET OF SIRE - Minimum of 2 animals sired by same stallion, multiple owners permitted
- 125 DRAFT HORSE REGISTERED PRODUCE OF DAM - Minimum of 2 animals out of same mare, multiple owners permitted
- *126 HALF DRAFT MARES & GELDINGS A. Two & Under B. Three & Over
- 127 DRAFT PONY STALLIONS
- *128 DRAFT PONY MARES
- *129 DRAFT PONY GELDINGS

******OBSTACLE CLASSES: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m. – Ring 4******

Entries may show at will during listed times. Gates will close promptly at 11:30 a.m. Courses will be marked for each class.

- 130 \$50 DRAFT HORSE OBSTACLE CLASS – Single to Cart
- 131 \$50 DRAFT HORSE OBSTACLE CLASS – Team to 4 Wheel Vehicle
- 132 \$50 HALF DRAFT HORSE OBSTACLE CLASS - Single to Cart
- 133 \$50 HALF DRAFT HORSE OBSTACLE CLASS – Team to 4 Wheel Vehicle
- 132 DRAFT PONY OBSTACLE CLASS - Single to Cart
- 133 DRAFT PONY OBSTACLE CLASS – Team to 4 Wheel Vehicle
- 134 DRAFT HORSES, HALF DRAFTS AND PONIES TRAIL CLASS –Ridden

PERFORMANCE: - to follow halter classes – not before 11:a.m. – Ring 3

(FOR DRAFT HORSES UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE)

- 135 COSTUME CLASS – DRAFT HORSES, HALF DRAFTS, AND PONIES
- 136 – 138 HEAVY HORSES UNDER SADDLE - Bareback pads and harness bridles prohibited.
 - *136 Junior Exhibitor (18 & Under) - walk, trot
 - *137 Adult (19 & Older) - walk, trot
 - *138 Half Draft - walk, trot, canter
- *139 DRAFT PONY UNDER SADDLE (All Ages)
- *140 \$50 SINGLE DRAFT HORSE CART CLASS, Open
- *141 \$50 SINGLE DRAFT HORSE CART CLASS - Mares
- *142 \$50 SINGLE DRAFT HORSE CART CLASS - Stallions/Geldings
- 143 SINGLE DRAFT HORSE CART CLASS - JR. EXHIBITOR
- 144 \$50 TEAM OF HORSES TO A WAGON - "Hitch" wagon (fifth wheel or "show" wagons)
- *145 \$50 SINGLE HALF DRAFT CART CLASS, Open
- 146 \$50 TEAM OF HORSES TO A WAGON - "Farm" wagon (work harness, no fifth wheel wagons)
- * 147 SINGLE DRAFT PONY CART CLASS
- 148 \$50 BEST MATCHED TEAM OF HORSES IN HARNESS
- 149 \$50 HORSE SLED CLASS - Team
- 150 \$50 HORSE LOG SKIDDING - Team
- 151 \$50 HORSE SLED CLASS - Single
- 152 \$50 HORSE LOG SKIDDING – Single

EVENING PERFORMANCE not before 6:00 p.m. – Ring 3

Presentation of Draft Horse, Half Draft and Draft Pony Versatility Awards

- 153 FOUR-WHEELED VEHICLE CLASS (Antique or Reproduction) Period costume or proper driving attire required
- 154 \$100 MULTIPLE HITCH TO A WAGON – 3 or more (“Farm” or “Show” wagon)
- 155 \$100 PARADE OF DRAFT HORSES HITCHED TO FARM IMPLEMENTS - (No sleds or wagons; manners and way of going 50%, implement 50%; please provide description of implement on entry blank, 1st through 8th place Ribbons, \$100 plus \$10/entry divided equally among all participants.)
IN MEMORY OF JAMES C. GILL, FATHER OF THE STATE FAIR HORSE HITCH
- 156 DRAFT HORSE BARREL RACING
- 157 DRAFT PONY BARREL RACING
- 158 DRAFT HORSE POLE BENDING
- 159 DRAFT PONY POLE BENDING

For additional information: Show Superintendent

Amy Davis 804-730-3668 or 804-683-7147 – email asdavis74@netzero.net

VERSATILITY AWARDS - Classes with (*) qualify for Versatility Awards

Animal must be entered and compete in one halter class, one under saddle class, and one cart class. Multiple exhibitors are permitted. Exhibitor **must indicate on entry blank** classes 200, 201, 202, 203 or 204 and classes you wish to count toward the Versatility Award. Points won in qualifying classes will be awarded as follows: 1st-6, 2nd-5, 3rd-4, 4th-3, 5th-2, 6th-1. (Points adjusted for less than 6 in a class)
NO ENTRY FEE.

- 200 MOST VERSATILE DONKEY
- 201 MOST VERSATILE MULE
- 202 MOST VERSATILE DRAFT HORSE
- 203 MOST VERSATILE HALF DRAFT
- 204 MOST VERSATILE DRAFT PONY

ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE MONEY

Total	***Note classes with less than 5 entries will not pay 1 st place money (places 1 -3)***								
Prize	<u>Placing</u>								Entry
<u>Money</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>			<u>Fee</u>
\$100	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	R	R			\$10
\$50	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	R	R			\$8
Halter and All Other Classes not offering prize money:									\$5
Classes 111 and 120									\$0
<u>Horse Pull</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>
\$4,000	\$550	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$175
	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u>				
	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$150	\$150				\$20
<u>Mule Pulls</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>			
\$1,000	\$300	\$200	\$175	\$125	\$100	\$100			\$15
(Any pull team making one successful pull and not winning prize money may receive \$50)									

See State Fair of Virginia 2009 Policies for Equine Area Exhibitors located at www.statefair.com/competitions for a complete listing of general policies.

ENTRY DEADLINE - September 10 (postmarked); late entries may be accepted with a \$10/animal penalty depending on space availability. Payment is required to reserve stalls. Make checks payable to STATE FAIR OF VA. \$25 charge for bad checks. Send all entries to:

State Fair of Virginia Draft Horse and Mule Show
PO Box 2585, Mechanicsville, VA 23116-2585
804/730-3668 FAX: 804/730-3668 after phone call
email: asdavis74@netzero.net

POST-ENTRY DEADLINE – Additional classes may be added at the show without penalty and must be received in the show office no later than three scheduled classes prior to the class being added.

STALLS - \$20 each. Animals not stabled must pay \$5/animal grounds fee. Stalls will be assigned by Stable Superintendent only on a first come/first served basis and will be available for mules and donkeys after 12 noon. Wednesday, September 23. Mules must vacate stalls by 9p.m. Thursday unless still showing. Stalls will be available for horses after 6p.m. on Thursday or as vacated by the previous show. Horses must vacate stalls by 10p.m. Friday unless still showing.

SHAVINGS/BEDDING/HAY SALES -Shavings will be available on the grounds for \$8.00/bale (10 cubic feet compressed). Hay will be available at current market rates. Sales will be **available September 23 – October 4, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily.**

PASSES - PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS. *NO EXCEPTIONS***** Any exhibitors not pre-entered will be required to purchase a regular priced ticket each day. Exhibitor Passes will be mailed in advance to pre-entered exhibitors based on the following scale per exhibitor:

1-2 horses = 2 passes, 3 or more horses = 3 passes, pull teams not in other classes = 3 passes

Pre-entered exhibitors requiring additional passes for workers may purchase a maximum of 4 Exhibitor Sale tickets for \$10.00 each dated for the same days as the show. These tickets must be purchased in advance on the entry blank. The Exhibitor Passes and Exhibitor Sale tickets will be turned in at exhibitor gate and exchanged for a wristband, which is color coded for the dates of the show or competition.

Exhibitor credentials will provide admission Fair only; ride tickets purchased separately.

PARKING - Appropriate decal will be affixed to animal hauling vehicle upon arrival or mailed in advance. **When/if exhibitor/participant lots are full, vehicles will be directed to park in overflow General Parking.** If you do not have a parking decal or pass, you will have to pay \$5.00 to park in General Parking, like the general public.

CAMPING - \$30 per night Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis by faxing the 'State Fair RV Space Reservation Form' to 804.569.3251. This form can be found on our website, www.statefairva.org (click 'State Fair of Virginia' and then 'competitions'); faxing this form is the **ONLY** way reservations will be accepted. **NO trailers, campers, RVs, etc will be allowed to plug into barn, stable or ring hook-ups.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - All animals must have a negative Coggins test dated within the last twelve months prior to show date. Copies may be mailed with entries to expedite check-in. Current interstate and intrastate health requirements shall apply. The show will adhere to all federal horse protection regulations. Winning teams in the pulling contests will be subject to drug testing as will other teams selected randomly. Positive test results will result in disqualification.

REGISTRATION PAPERS - Horses shown in registered classes must show proof of registry (mail or bring registration papers or copies with you.)

GROOMING, CONDITION, ATTIRE - Animals must be in show condition; exhibitors, handlers, and teamsters must be dressed in neat, clean clothes appropriate to their class. Prizes may not be awarded to animals that are not in show condition and/or properly groomed.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT- Anyone participating in any competition, event or demonstration at the State Fair of Virginia consents to the use of the Fair's photographic image of them or their exhibit, by the State Fair of Virginia, agents, licensees, and assigns for any and all purposes, including without limitation television, theater, exhibition, website, publication and any trade or advertising purposes. Competitor/exhibitor understands there will be no remuneration for the use of such image.

LIABILITY - Upon submission of entry blank, exhibitor releases and waives all rights against the State Fair of Virginia and its officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives for death, personal injury or property damage and waives the right to sue or to bring action against the State Fair of Virginia for any loss or damage which is in any way connected with the risks involved in equine activity

PULLING CONTEST RULES

MULE TEAMS WEIGHED BETWEEN 2 AND 4 P.M. THURSDAY. SCALES WILL OPEN AT 2 P.M. NO ANIMALS WEIGHED AFTER 4 P.M.! ORIGINAL COGGINS CERTIFICATE FOR PULLING CONTEST ENTRIES MUST BE PRESENTED AT WEIGH-IN.

- ° Pulling distance is 27 1/2 ft. for horses and 15 ft. for mules.
- ° Width of pull area will be 20 ft. Stepping on or over the line constitutes a pull.
- ° No more than three persons allowed in the Arena with each team.
- ° Drivers will not be changed unless injured or ill. Changes are subject to the judge's approval.
- ° Drivers have the choice of riding or walking. If walking, the driver must stay behind the doubletree.
- ° Three pulls shall be allowed for each weight. If driver unhooks after first attempt, he shall lose his second attempt. Spotting of the sled on the third pull is at the judge's discretion.
- ° Drivers have 3 minutes to hook to the sled after being called.
- ° Three succeeding attempts to hook to the sled constitutes a pull. After six succeeding missed attempts, team is disqualified.
- ° A pull shall be counted when the driver signals his team to pull.
- ° The team with the longest distance shall have the option to return and pull if their distance is not exceeded. When the distance is exceeded they will return and pull immediately.
- ° If a tie occurs, the team with the second longest distance shall be placed above the others.
- ° Breakage of harness or equipment will constitute a pull with the distance credited to the team. Five minutes will be allowed for repair. The team must remain in the pulling area.
- ° Hitching with cross tugs is prohibited.
- ° Teams may be tied together with check lines only.
- ° Bridles may be open faced or have blinds. No changes may be made after the contest starts.
- ° Mistreatment of animals not allowed! Any team will be disqualified for infraction of this rule.
- ° Any team too rank or excited that the judge feels may endanger other teams or drivers will be excused by the judge.
- ° Any team getting free from their handlers will be disqualified.
- ° The judge's decision will be final.
- ° Horses will start pulling at 3,000 lbs., mules at 1,000 lbs. These weights may be changed if unusual conditions of the arena surface exist.
- ° All teams must remain in pull area in open view.
- ° The top four placing teams as well as other random teams will be tested for administration of drugs. Positive test results will result in disqualification. All teams must remain in ring until released by management.

COON MULE JUMPING RULES

- ° Exhibitor must lead mule to jump and lead mule over the jump from a standstill.
- ° The handler may stand on either side of the barrier. Only one handler in the ring.
- ° The handler shall be allowed to use only voice commands to encourage the mule.
- ° Body contact or any type of abuse will result in disqualification.
- ° A handler may elect to pass or bye at any stage of the competition.
- ° If after a pass or bye, the mule fails to clear the next height and a placing was involved, the height that was passed must be cleared successfully.
- ° Mules allowed two tries. Each try to be limited to thirty seconds.
- ° Mule to jump from a stand. Marker behind the mule to be changed by the judge to the size of the mule.