

Franklin County Fair

Giant Hay Bale Decorating Competition 2024

We welcome you, your company, or organization to create a masterpiece showing off your hay bale decorating skills. Bales to be displayed and viewed by thousands visiting the Franklin County Fair in Hilliard, Ohio July 15-21, 2024.

- Hay bales will be displayed for the duration of the fair
- The Franklin County Agricultural Society will place a sign by your bale with your name for advertising opportunity
- Hay bales are proven to be a photo opportunity for visitors
- Entries will be highlighted in social media
- Compete with others to win

Sign up soon as the spots are limited!



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME as used for promotional purposes
(Print Clearly)

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact's Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Please indicate if you like your bale to be placed vertically or horizontally?



Send registration with \$100 entry fee to:
Franklin County Agricultural Society
PO Box 6
Hilliard OH 43026
Make checks payable to: **FCAS**

- or -

Email form to entertainment@fcfair.org and
call the fair office at 614-876-7235 to pay by credit card
(+3% convenience fee for credit card payments)



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Rules

- Each entry will automatically be entered into two competitions
 - Franklin County Fair's Blue-Ribbon Bale
 - Bale to be judged July 15, 2024 by originality, creativity, and good use of space.
 - Winner to be announced during opening ceremonies, Monday, July 15, 2024.
 - Winning entry will receive social media recognition, return of entry fee, and invitation to the Friends of the Fair luncheon July 18, 2024.
 - People's Choice Award
 - Voting open to fairgoers July 15, 2024 through Saturday July 20, 2024. Winner to be announced in the Burke Building in advance of the livestock auction, Sunday July 21, 2024.
 - Winning entry will receive social media recognition, return of entry fee, and invitation to the 2024 Franklin County Agricultural Society dinner (date TBA).
- Pre-registration required. Registration is not complete until both form and payment are received.
- Bales will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Bales will be provided and placed throughout the fairgrounds at the sole discretion of the Senior Fair Board. Once set, bales may not be moved.
- An email will be sent in advance regarding the location of your bale.
- Decorators may access their bales from July 12, 2024 and must be finished no later than end of day on July 14, 2024. Note: If you need to make arrangements to decorate outside of these dates, please contact the fair office ahead of time. We will try to accommodate requests, if possible.
- Decorations should be weather and wind proof with bales stabilized to avoid tipping or rolling.
- No political, social, or controversial issues may be displayed.
- Decorators must provide their own decorating supplies. Spray paint may be used; limited to the bale (i.e. not on the grass or hard surface).
- No small sharp objects may be inserted into the bale (ex: staples, glass, etc).
- No mechanical, electrical or electronic devices may be used in the display.
- Please do not extend anything from the bale more than 3 feet.
- Anything deemed by the Senior Fair Board, in their sole discretion, to be unsafe or inappropriate in nature, will be removed.
- "Undecorating" of bales may begin at 6 pm on Sunday, July 21, 2024 with decorations to be removed by end of day on Monday, July 22, 2024. Any decorations not removed by July 22, 2024 will be discarded.
- The Franklin County Agricultural Society, its volunteers, directors, or agents are not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged property.

For questions, contact entertainment@fcfair.org.

