



LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

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2024 Hay Bale Winner –
Elyria Precious Pups

HAY BALE CONTEST Rules and Regulations

Fair Dates: August 17 - 24, 2025

- Open to groups, clubs, businesses, individuals. No political promotion.
- Must submit the entry form at the bottom of this page by August 7.
- Decorated hay bales must be set up no later than Friday, August 15 @ noon. If using donated bales, they will be ready to be decorated by Friday, August 8, weather permitting. Once your bales are placed, you will receive a phone call or email with the location by Saturday, August 9 @ noon.
- **Once your entry is finished, ONE picture of the final decorated bale, with the description name, must be sent to cnikel@loraincountyfair.com by August 15 @ noon to be included in online voting.**
- Judging Starts: Friday, August 15 @ noon. Winners announced no later than Monday, August 18.
- If you want your decorations and/or bale(s), they must be removed no later than Tuesday, August 26.
- There will be a limited number of donated bales on a first come, first serve basis. Donated bales are 4' x 5' round. No more than four donated bales per person or organization. We usually run out of donated bales, so please don't ask for more than you will use and submit your entry form as soon as possible.
- We will set the bales; you must stabilize to avoid tipping or rolling. Anything deemed unsafe or inappropriate will be removed.
- Entries will be placed throughout the fairgrounds at our discretion although you can request a preferred location.
- No lights or illumination unless solar lighting.
- Entries cannot be larger than 12 feet wide and 15 feet long.
- Prize money: 1st place - \$150; 2nd place - \$100; 3rd place - \$75; 4th place - \$50.
- Any questions, please call Charisse Nikel, Fair Secretary, at (440) 647-2781.



YES! We will be submitting an entry in the 2025 Lorain County Fair Hay Bale Contest.

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Organization Name (if any) _____

Check Payable To (if you win a prize) _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Number of Bales You Will Use* _____ (maximum 4) ☐ Check Here If You **DO NOT** Need Donated Bales
*please check website to be sure bales are still available – it will be updated to indicate they are gone

Brief Description of Entry _____
if you need them stacked, include a diagram of how you want them placed – changes will not be made once placed

**Please return to Lorain County Fair, 23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090
or email to cnikel@loraincountyfair.com**

Entry forms must be received no later than August 7, 2025