



The Nebraska State Fair HAY BALE DESIGN/DECORATING CONTEST is Open to ALL Nebraska Businesses, Organizations, and Civic Groups. Use your imagination! Be creative!

Hay Bale Contest Timeline:

June 18: **Entries OPEN**

July 20: **DEADLINE! Entries CLOSE**

July 27: **Entries NOTIFIED** of Bale selection by email.

August 7-9: **ON SITE BALE LOCATE** Committee will be on site to mark the drop zone of bale.

August 10: **DELIVER Bales & Signs:** Front desk employee should know where and how you want your bale delivered.

August 11–13: **DECORATE Community Bales** (Fri – Mon)

August 14–16: **JUDGE Community Bales** (Tues – Thurs)

August 20–23 (5pm): **DECORATE Fairground Bales** (Tues – Thurs @ 5:00pm)

August 23 (5pm)–August 27: **JUDGE Fairground Bales** (Thurs @ 5:00pm – Monday)

August 28: **Bale Design Winners Announced!!** (Tues)

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) Bales, plus one (1) People’s Choice (PC determined by photo Likes on Nebraska State Fair Facebook).

September 5: ALL Bale decorations must be **REMOVED**

September 7: NSF will **PICK UP** all Bales and return them to Donor.

Hay Bale Contest Judging Criteria:

- Eye appeal
- Construction
- Use of materials
- Creativity
- Judges will deduct points for contest guideline violations within the display (use of logo, damage to Bale, etc.)
- Judges will award extra points to bales who incorporate the 2018 Nebraska State Fair contest theme **“Harvest of Memories,”** or any overall element of the Nebraska State Fair.

Contest Guidelines:

1. One (1) round, 5’ diameter hay bale will be provided and delivered by Nebraska State Fair.
 - a. Designers CAN supply their own additional bales if necessary for their design.
2. The NSF / contest bales can be delivered to a **Grand Island (USPS) address** only.
3. **To avoid ground surface damage, bales must be delivered within 6’ of a hard/concrete surface.**
4. Hay bales will only be positioned onto a very sturdy base/structure: grass or pavement is preferred. **Constructed or otherwise provided bases must be sound and secure to hold a 1000-1500# hay bale.**
5. NSF delivery and pickup can NOT accommodate a request to stack or unstuck any bales.
6. The NSF equipment operator has the final say in terms of safety for the hay bale delivery and pick up.
7. All decorations MUST be **RAIN AND WIND TOLERANT.**
8. Paint may be applied to the hay bale decoration only. (paint on concrete and/or grass prohibited)
9. Bale wrap/netting must remain in-tact. Do not cut netting or remove hay from the Bale.
10. Use of business, organization, or civic group logo, slogan, and/or mascot will NOT be allowed within the design, **NO commercial, business, or political signage** of ANY KIND is allowed.
11. State Fair will install signage including Designing Business’ Name next to the Bale.

The 2018 Nebraska State Fair will be August 24 – September 3

Hay Bale Contest Entry Form Deadline: July 20, 2018



Hay Bale Decorating CONTEST ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE: July 20, 2018

Contest is open to ALL Nebraska Businesses,
Organizations, and Civic Groups.

Chapter, Club, or School Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

1. WHO PROVIDES THE HAY BALE

_____ Group will provide our own bale to decorate **OR** _____ NSF, please provide a bale for us to decorate

2. BALE POSITION for DELIVERY (choose one)



HORIZONTAL BALE (bulls-eye in the front)

_____ HORIZONTAL BALE PLACEMENT **OR**

_____ VERTICAL BALE PLACEMENT



VERTICAL BALE (bulls-eye up)

3. LOCATION OF BALE (Location request is not a guarantee)

_____ NSF FAIRGROUNDS @ Fonner Park **OR**

We have secured our own location in the **COMMUNITY** at _____

Contest Hay Bale Locations are subject to Committee approval and accessibility for delivery according to Guidelines #1-6.

4. DESIGN SKETCH REQUIRED:

Submit **Sketch/Diagram of Hay Bale Design** with your entry form.

5. SUBMIT ENTRY FORM and DESIGN SKETCH to:

Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Hay Bale Design Contest
309 West 2nd Street Grand Island, NE 68801
Fax: 308-382-1154 or email to info@gichamber.com

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