



*Yamhill County Fair & Event Center
2070 NE Lafayette Ave
McMinnville, OR 97128*

NEWS RELEASE
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ODA has implemented rules to help prevent the spread of equine herpesvirus.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has issued temporary rules to help reduce the risk of spreading Equine Herpes Virus (EHV)/Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). The rules filed on November 19, 2025, will immediately strengthen Oregon's ability to prevent the entry and spread of EHV/EHM by requiring additional safeguards for horses entering the state or attending high-risk events.

Oregon currently has no confirmed cases of EHV/EHM. ODA is coordinating with the affected states to quarantine any horses that have returned to Oregon after being exposed at the Texas and Oklahoma events.

Yamhill County Fairgrounds has adopted the recommended rules by the ODA,

- All exhibitions where equines will be present must register with ODA at least 20 days before the event.
- Specific records must be collected at the time of entry.
- At least one designated veterinarian is involved in planning the exhibition and is available to provide care.
- Each exhibition where equines are present must have a designated isolation area.
- All Horses entering the fairgrounds must sign in at the pay-ride box daily.
No Exceptions.
- 4-H Horse Leaders Barn is temporarily closed. It will be used for quarantine stalls.

- **Open Ride will continue to be available as long as protocols are followed or the ODA Closes all facilities.**
- **A list of Do's and Don'ts will be posted on all bulletin boards. Please help us stay open by following these protocols.**
- **Those who do 'not follow the protocols will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.**

The Yamhill County Fair & Event Center is committed to safety and health of all animals and their owners who come to the fairgrounds.

Any Questions please feel free to contact the Fairgrounds Manager at 503-434-7524 or email the manager at, wertzg@yamhillcounty.gov

Thank you!

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2026 Yamhill County Fair July 29- Aug 1
Thrills, squeals and Ferris wheels!