

Helvetia Farm Fair – Hay Tossing Contest Rules

1. Eligibility

- Open to all ages.
- Limited to **8 contestants** — first come, first served.
- Limit **one entry per person**.

2. Contest Format

- Contestants take turns tossing a standard-sized bale or bundle of hay **up and over a horizontal bar** set at increasing heights.
- The bar will start at a low height and be raised incrementally after each round.
- Contestants have one attempt per height.
- The contest continues until all but one contestant fail to clear the bar at a given height.

3. Rules

- Toss must be made from behind a designated throwing line.
- Hay bale/bundle must be thrown by hand — no mechanical aids allowed.
- A toss counts as a “clear” if the hay passes completely over the bar without knocking it down.
- If the bar is knocked down or the hay does not clear, the attempt is a fail.
- Each contestant has only one attempt per height.

4. Judging Criteria

- The winner is the contestant who clears the highest bar.
- If multiple contestants clear the same height, a tiebreaker round at the next higher bar will determine the winner.
- 2nd and 3rd places go to the next highest clearances.

5. Prizes

- **1st Place** – Champion Ribbon & **\$50 prize**
- **2nd Place** – Ribbon
- **3rd Place** – Ribbon

6. General Rules

- Judges’ decisions are final.
- By entering, you give permission for photos and videos to be taken and used by the event.
- Safety first — any unsafe behavior may lead to disqualification.