

2025 Fair Evaluation Overview

Fair Name OXFORD FAIR

	OPERATIONS & LOGISTICS	SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY	AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIONS	EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS	TOTAL SCORE	RATING
DACF STAFF A	250	360	600	275	1485	ADEQUATE
EVALUATOR-L. BAKER	300	435	550	400	1685	VERY GOOD
AVERAGES	275	397.5	575	338	1585	VERY GOOD

OPERATIONS & LOGISTICS	DACF STAFF A	EVALUATOR	AVG	Comments
Gate Experience	2	3	3	L.B. - Extremely helpful & inviting.
Adherence to Schedule	3	2	3	L.B. - Any delays were due to participation.
Schedule Accessibility	2	2	2	Staff A - Online it was available, but access on the grounds was limited. L.B. - Excellent website and program.
Staff	1	3	2	Staff A -Other than the livestock superintendent, I didn't see any, and had I not known him I would not have been able to identify him. L.B. - Numerous staff readily located.
Management	3	3	3	L.B. - Very impressive staff all were cordial and helpful.
Facility Conditions	3	3	3	L.B. - Outstanding building conditions.
Facilities	3	3	3	L.B. - Very inviting and well maintained.
Signage	2	2	2	L.B. - Good signage.
Inherent Risk Signage	2	3	3	L.B. - Numerous safety signs.
Rest Areas	1	3	2	Staff A - Not a lot of places to sit. Little to no seating around the working steer ring, youth show ring, etc. L.B. - Very nice seating areas, many shaded.
Web Presence	3	3	3	L.B. - Easily navigated website.
Section Total	25	30	28	
Overall Total	250	300	275	

Safety & Accessibility	DACF STAFF A	EVALUATOR	AVG	Comments
Hazards	3	3	3	L.B. - Well laid out
Lighting	2	3	3	Staff A - There during the day, but didn't see a lot. L.B. - New lighting with Efficiency Maine.
Accessibility	3	3	3	L.B. - Very even areas.
Parking	3	3	3	L.B. - Excellent parking options.
Security	1	3	2	L.B. - Onsite and very available.
Emergency Personnel	1	3	2	L.B. - Onsite and visible.
Safety Signage	1	2	2	L.B. - Well placed signage.
Grounds	3	2	3	L.B. - Very clean & neat grounds.
Livestock Facilities	3	2	3	Staff A - Beautiful livestock facility. Great for the exhibitors, but most importantly, safe and easily accessible for the public. L.B. - Good traffic patterns, safely navigated.
Sanitation	2	3	3	L.B. - Numerous sanitizing stations.

Restrooms	2	2	2	Staff A- Extremely difficult to locate. L.B.- Well maintained.
Section Total	24	29	27	
Overall Total	360	435	398	

Quality of Agriculture Competitions	DACF STAFF A	EVALUATOR	AVG	Comments
Total # of Livestock Competitions on the Schedule	7	9		L.B.- Steer & Ox 4-H - Outstanding announcing; Lamb Show - Helpful & informative judges; Goat Show - announcing and judging made fun for all
Livestock – Competitions	3	3	3	L.B.- Well announced
Youth Livestock - Competitions	3	3	3	L.B.- Very personable judging - helpful to youth.
Total # of Non-Livestock Competitions on the Schedule	10	15		L.B.- 4-H is not competitive, but offered. Tractor Pull- lots of fun, very informative; Quilting- beautiful work; Handmade sweaters - excellent needlework.
Horticulture – Competitions	3	2	3	L.B. - Nice variety of offerings
Youth Non-Livestock Competitions	3	3	3	L.B.- Very inviting to youth.
Section Total	12	11	12	
Overall Total	600	550	575	

Educational Displays & Non-Competitive Activities	DACF STAFF A	EVALUATOR	AVG	Comments
Informative	2	3	3	Staff A- The Petting zoo was nice. L.B.- Numerous posters and individuals providing information.
Interactive	1	2	2	L.B.- Difficult to have much interaction.
Accessibility	1	2	2	Staff A- Hard to find. L.B.- Very accessible.
Encouraging	1	3	2	L.B.- Oxford makes agriculture look fun and exciting
Youth in Agriculture	3	3	3	L.B.- Numerous activities.
Youth Contribution	3	3	3	L.B.- Excellent 4-H and youth involvement.
Section Total	11	16	14	
Overall Total	275	400	338	

Comments Section

Fair Staff:

Staff A- I want to recognize Toby Whitman, who helps with multiple fairs, but that is not what stood out. When faced with a challenge regarding a 4-H animal, he thought out a plan, contacted the Department, and together we helped come to a solution that was the best resolution for both the fair and the exhibitor. It is hard to find people who don't lean on the emotion of a potential cheating situation, but think about what is the best option for all parties involved.

L.B.- Floyd Thayer and Esther Proctor were extremely helpful and welcoming. Their vast knowledge and clear love of fairs in general and Oxford Fair in particular made it a joy to talk with them. They are visionary, practical and realistic regarding goods and plans.

Participants:

L.B.- The vendors, exhibitors, and participants all seemed excited to be a part of the Oxford Fair. Gail Trundy is an absolute treasure extremely welcoming and generous with her knowledge.

Facility:

L.B.- The facility is absolutely beautiful. The buildings and grounds are all well-kept. Numerous upgrades are evident, including the removal of older buildings. Innovative advertising for sponsors, excellent community support and involvement.

Circumstances:

L.B.- Unusual heat and lack of rain is a problem for all fairs in Maine this year but Oxford fair managers to keep dust down to a minimum and provides seating in shaded areas.

General Comments

Staff A- I love that this fair spent the early hours of the first day opening to the schools and groups of youth to come and enjoy the fair as well as additional educational aspects focused just for those groups.

L.B.- The numerous contests and raffles encourage participation and fun for all ages. Displays are nicely spaced for good visibility. There are new youth clubs and activities such as cake decorating. While 4-H is not competitive, excellence is stressed and recognized. I love that quilt squares from one year become the quilt that is raffled off the next year. A truly enjoyable experience all