



**Caroline County Agricultural Fair  
FFA & 4-H GIANT Hay Bale Contest  
Sponsored by Douglas Coleman Farms, LLC**

**Theme: *Farming in the Past***

This GIANT Hay Bale Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA groups who want to meet the challenge of making a giant hay bale resemble Basic Farm Items and/or Animals! The bales will be provided by the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association and are decorated on the grounds of the Fair.

Bales will be in place and ready to be decorated on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 3 pm.

**Prizes**

1. Sponsored by Douglas Coleman Farms, LLC.
2. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - \* 1st place      \$125
  - \* 2nd place      \$100
  - \* 3rd place      \$75
  - \* 4th place      \$25
  - \* 5th place      \$25

**Entry Procedure**

1. Contest is limited to five (5) entries
2. Entries are on a first come, first served basis
3. Contest deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, or as soon as five (5) entries are received
4. Late entries not accepted
5. To enter, complete the Contest entry form and mail to: Caroline County Agricultural Fair, Giant Hay Bale Contest, c/o Sissy Coleman, 22064 Penola Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

**Contest Rules**

1. The Fair Association will provide the hay bales and place them in the contest location.
2. Each bale will be placed either upright or on its side at the discretion of the entrant. Please specify preference on the entry form.
3. Design of these bales shall reflect the work of the youth as assisted by the leaders or sponsors as appropriate, through the classroom or 4-H program.
4. Each group is responsible for providing a laminated sign for their bale which includes the group's name, sponsor/leader, explanation of the design, and the names of the youth participants. These signs will be installed after the judging takes place to ensure a "blind judging" process. Please turn your signs in to Sissy Coleman at the James R. Tate, Sr. Agriculture Pavilion, aka Caroline's Barn.

5. All hay bales will be displayed outside in a designated area.
6. All items attached to the hay bales to complete the artwork are to be securely attached and be weather resistant.
7. Only non-toxic paints shall be used.
8. The size of the structure is to be no larger than 6' tall or 8' wide.
9. All decorated bales must remain on display throughout the duration of the Fair.
10. Each group is responsible to ensure their display remains attractive and intact, and that the contest area is clean and free from trash throughout the duration of the Fair.
11. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials, creativity, as well as the use of this year's theme – as stated on page 1.
12. Judges' decisions are final. Judging will take place prior to public Fair hours on opening day.
13. All items used in the design must be picked up by 12 noon on the day after the Fair ends (Sunday). Any items left after this day/time will be considered abandoned and will be discarded by Fair staff.



## Caroline County Agricultural Fair FFA & 4-H GIANT Hay Bale Contest ENTRY FORM

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Mail completed forms to</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Open to 4-H and FFA Clubs</li><li>* Limit Five (5) Entries/Bales</li><li>* First Come, First Served</li><li>* Entries due no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</li><li>* Late entries not accepted</li></ul>	Caroline County Agricultural Fair Giant Hay Bale Contest c/o Sissy Coleman 22064 Penola Road Ruther Glen, VA 22546

**Please print clearly:**

Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify Bale Placement Preference:     Upright                       On Side

### Waiver of Liability

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, I, the undersigned, do hereby release and discharge the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association and its officers, directors, member, and anyone else connected with the management and presentation of the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association of and from any and all liability of any and all known or unknown injuries, damages, losses, judgments, and/or claims connected with this event.

By signing this form, I give permission for the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Association to use photographs taken of my display for promotional purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_