

# Giant Straw Bale Competition



This competition is open to all CMR Departments that want to meet the challenge of decorating a giant straw bale. **Decorating theme must be farm and/or 4-H/FFA related.** The bales will be provided by Ashland Farms. Bales can be decorated Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The winning department will be treated to ice-cream.

## Guidelines:

1. Ashland Farms will provide one 4x6 bale of straw. You are only allowed to use 1 round bale. All other items used will need to be provided by your department. You may also use square bales "which will not be provided" as part of your decoration.
2. Design and installation of these bales shall reflect the work of the exhibitors as assisted by the department heads as appropriate.
3. Each department is responsible for providing a laminated sign for their bale that includes the department's name and title for the bale.
4. All items attached to the bale to complete the work of art have to be securely attached to the bale and be weather resistant. Your work needs to remain attractive throughout the 5 days of the fair.
5. The size of the finished structure can be no longer than 8' long x 8' width x 8' high.
6. All items used in the design should be picked up on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at clean-up. Any items left after this date will be considered abandoned and will be trashed other than the 4x6 bale of straw, which will be picked back up by Ashland Farms.

**Judging of the bales will be done on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Judges will be asked to consider the artistic quality of the work as well as the likeness to the actual farm and/or 4-H/FFA design that is being depicted.**