

Deadline for entry: July 1, 2026

ENTER YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE RANCH & RURAL LIVING 2026 Photo Contest

Prints or Digital Photos

Prints should be 8"x10" size. They may be color or black and white prints made on photo paper (please avoid inkjet printed photos—submit those digitally instead).

Digital photos should be high quality JPEG format at least 3,200 pixels wide or tall—the long dimension should be at least 3,200 pixels. Preferably, digital files should be high resolution, as they came from your digital camera.

Entry Fee: \$8 per photo

Limit: 8 photos per person

Note: All photos will be judged by a professional photographer and *Ranch & Rural Living* staff members and guest judges, with winning photos decided on a cumulative point basis. Judges will not know the names of the photographers or where they are from until after judging is concluded.

Rules and Entry Blank Available on our website:

www.ranchmagazine.com
Enter online and pay there also!

OR CALL
(325) 655-4434

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Categories

■ Nature & Wildlife..... 1st Prize \$50

Photos of trees, plants, flowers, wild animals, birds, fish, snakes, insects, etc.

■ Landscape & Architecture 1st Prize \$50

Ranch, farm, small town or rural scenes. Historical buildings, unique and interesting houses. Rivers, pasture scenes, mountains, seashore, the desert, the piney woods, rolling hills or prairie, etc.

■ Livestock & Ranch Work..... 1st Prize \$50

This category can include photos of individual or groups of livestock animals—sheep, goats, cattle, exotic livestock, fallow deer, poultry, etc. Roundups, branding, working sheep and goats, horse training, marking and doctoring cattle and sheep. Feeding, caring for livestock or other ranch related work.

■ People & Rural Life..... 1st Prize \$50

Portraits, whether planned or spontaneous, of people, as well as kids and animals, people and pets, events, etc. Your family, friends, children, famous people, politicians, old folks, new clothes, family gatherings, unusual characters. Don't forget kids showing or caring for goats and lambs!

■ Youth—Open 1st Prize \$50

Any photo taken by youths. Any subject. Photographer must be under 18 years of age. Please encourage young people to enter the photo contest.

CONTEST RULES

1. Fee: \$8 per photo entered. Limit eight (8) photos entered per person. No professional photographers, please. A professional is defined as one who makes a living with or substantially supplements his/her income with photography.
2. PRINTS in color or black and white must be 8"x10". DIGITAL PHOTOS must be equal to or greater than 3,200 pixels on the long side, THE LARGER THE BETTER. DO NOT MOUNT PRINTS. Just mail us your prints. Be sure to package carefully so photos will not be damaged in the mail. Digitals should be submitted on CD, DVD or thumb drive, or uploaded via our website ordering system at ranchmagazine.com.
3. All entries will be judged on a per category basis by magazine staff and a non-staff professional photographer as well as one or more guest judges. Judging will be based on subject, creativity and composition. Entries will be displayed to the judges without he/she knowing who entered what photo. Pictures and entry forms will be numbered upon receipt. The contest judges will not know who the winners are until the numbers are matched with entry forms after judging. Decision of the judges is final. Photographs will be scored by points and photos with the most points in each category will win.
4. Submission of your photographs as a contestant grants Ranch & Rural Living Magazine rights to unlimited use of your photos in articles and advertisements on its two magazines and on its websites

ranchmagazine.com and sheepandgoat.net as well as on the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and other social media outlet pages for Ranch & Rural Living. Any person requesting external use of the photos for parties other than Ranch & Rural Living, Sheep & Goat magazine and websites will be referred to the photographer.

5. Please include **one entry blank with each photo submitted**. Photos must be original works by the photographer listed on the entry form. If a child's photo is entered in the Youth section, the child's name and age needs to be on the entry blank. Note: Please notice on the entry blank a space is provided to include the title of the photo or a short descriptive phrase (or you may use a number or filename) so we can match photos with entry blanks.
6. DEADLINE: July 1, 2026.
7. All reasonable care will be taken in handling entries. Ranch & Rural Living Magazine cannot be held responsible for damage to or loss of photographs. Submission of entry constitutes entrant's consent to and agreement with these rules. Prints will be returned if entrant furnishes SASE.
8. All pictures will be judged anonymously. Winners and non-winners alike will be notified of the outcome of the contest if an email address is supplied on the entry form, SO PLEASE ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. Good luck and thank you for participating!

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ AGE (youth only) _____

EMAIL _____

(FOR NOTIFICATION OF CONTEST RESULTS — PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Please Indicate the (1) Category You Are Entering:

Categories

- Livestock & Ranch Work
 Nature & Wildlife People & Rural Life
 Landscape & Architecture Youth—Open (17 and under)

IMPORTANT! Photo Title, Description or ID Number/Filename
(Matches this form to the entry photo):

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Attach this form to your photo print. Or, include one form per image with your CD, DVD or thumb drive for digitals.

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Additional Entry Blanks

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