



# AGRICULTURE + HORTICULTURE

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 Kern County Fair ..... September 18 - September 29, 2024

Online Entries Open ..... Thursday, June 13, 2024

Online Entries Close ..... Friday, September 6, 2024

### ACCEPTING TIMES

Entries Accepted ..... Tuesday, September 17 • Noon - 8 pm

### RELEASE TIMES

Entries Released ..... Monday, September 30 • 8 am - 7 pm

## HOW TO ENTER

### ONLINE ENTRIES

Review the Department Rules and Guidelines

Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed

Enter Online at kerncountyfair.com and pay the entry fee

### EXHIBITOR NAME

Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.

Do not use business or fictitious names.

Enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

### ENTRY CONFIRMATION

An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.

If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

### HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: (661) 833-4914 | Email: entry@kerncountyfair.com

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9am to 4 pm

## AG HORT COMMITTEE

Chairmen: Glenn Fankhauser

Co-Chairman: Daniel Ramirez

Committee: Arnont Polyudhapoom, Willie Garcia, Michelle Sans Soucie

## ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Adult Agriculture + Horticulture (18 years and older)

*All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1*

**Adult Divisions 100 - 101:** \$3 per entry

**Adult Divisions 102 - 115:** \$2 per entry

**Commercial Divisions 116 - 121:** No Entry Fee

Entry Limit: 1 entry per class, *except where noted*

## ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted.
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.

### ACCEPTING TIMES

3. **Deliver entries** to Building #1 (Gate 25) on Tuesday, September 17 (Noon - 8 pm)

### RELEASE TIMES

4. **Pick up entries** at Building #1 on Monday, September 30 (8 am - 7 pm).
5. No Security will be provided after release date.

## JUDGING

### DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

### AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit. Classes may be combined if there aren't enough exhibitors in a class.

## PREMIUMS + AWARDS

### PREMIUMS PER CLASS

*DIVISIONS 100 - 101*

1ST \$15 • 2ND \$12 • 3RD \$10

### PREMIUMS PER CLASS

*DIVISIONS 102 - 115*

1ST \$5 • 2ND \$3 • 3RD \$2

### PREMIUMS PER CLASS

(Commercial Divisions)

*DIVISIONS 116 - 121*

**Ribbons ONLY**

### Senior Citizen Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest person (65+).

# GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or [entry@kerncountyfair.com](mailto:entry@kerncountyfair.com).
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.
8. The State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are requested to keep their exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct judging placement. Only the official placing stated on the judging sheet(s) constitutes final placement. (State Rule IV #10.)
14. Department heads, judges, staff, anyone directly involved in the judging process, and their spouses are not allowed to exhibit or sign entry forms in any division in which they or their spouse are directly involved.
15. Sweepstakes shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.
16. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any class using the American judging system. (State Rule IV #6 for further clarification.)
17. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
18. There will be a \$30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
19. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.

# AGRICULTURE + HORTICULTURE

## DIVISION 100: PAINTED PUMPKIN

*PAINT A FESTIVE FAIR PUMPKIN. MUST USE REAL PUMPKIN, NO CUT OR PUNCTURED PUMPKINS WILL BE ACCEPTED.*

### **SCORECARD**

ORIGINALITY	40%
CREATIVITY	30%
QUALITY OF COLOR	20%
QUALITY OF PUMPKIN	10%

### CLASS:

1. Adults (18+)

17 YEARS AND UNDER

*ALL junior entries are to be entered into the Jr Exhibits Department*

## DIVISION 101: SCARECROWS

*SCARECROWS MUST BE SELF SUPPORTING*

### **SCORECARD**

ORIGINALITY	40%
RELATION TO FAIR THEME	30%
HUMOR OR FRIGHT	20%
JUDGES CHOICE	10%

### CLASS:

1. Adults (18+)
2. Family or Group

17 YEARS AND UNDER

*ALL junior entries are to be entered into the Jr Exhibits Department*

# FRUIT

## DIVISION 102: FRUIT

### CLASS:

1. Apples
2. Avocados
3. Figs
4. Grapes
5. Nectarines
6. Peaches
7. Pears
8. Persimmons
9. Plums
10. Any other not listed

## DIVISION 103: CITRUS FRUIT

### CLASS:

1. Grapefruit
2. Lemons
3. Limes
4. Oranges
5. Any other not listed

## DIVISION 104: SUB-TROPICAL FRUIT

### CLASS:

1. Kiwi
2. Pomegranates
3. Olives
4. Any other not listed

## DIVISION 105: DRIED FRUITS

### CLASS:

1. Apples - 4 oz.
2. Apricots - 4 oz.
3. Figs - 8 oz.
4. Kiwi - 8 oz.
5. Peaches - 4 oz.
6. Pears - 4 oz.
7. Prunes - 8 oz.
8. Raisins - 8 oz.
9. Any other dried fruit - 4 oz.

# VEGETABLES

## DIVISION 106: **POD**

### CLASS:

1. Beans - 12 pods
2. Okra
3. Peppers
4. Tomatoes
5. Any other not listed

## DIVISION 107: **VINE CROPS**

### CLASS:

1. Gourds
2. Melon
3. Pumpkin
4. Mini Pumpkin
5. Squash
6. Watermelon
7. Any other not listed

## DIVISION 108: **LEAFY AND STEM VEGETABLES**

### CLASS:

1. Any

## DIVISION 109: **DRIED VEGETABLES**

### CLASS:

1. Carrots - 4 oz.
2. Peppers - 4 oz.
3. Tomatoes - 4 oz.
4. Any other dried vegetable - 4 oz.

## DIVISION 110: **LARGEST + UNUSUAL PRODUCE**

### CLASS:

1. Largest Pumpkin
2. Largest Squash
3. Largest Sunflower
4. Most unusual produce

# EGGS + HONEY

## DIVISION 111: **EGGS**

### EGGS SHOULD BE

- Uniform size and color. If mottles, speckling should be even and regular.
- Clean
- Matte or shiny texture, free from lines, cracks, and bulges. not rough or porous
- Shape should be longer than wide

### CLASS:

1. Any - 6 eggs

## DIVISION 112: **HONEY**

### CLASS:

1. Liquid Honey - 8 - 12 oz.
2. Comb Honey - Square cut with caps and honey
3. Honey Product - soap, candles, moisturizer, etc.

## SEEDS + NUTS

### DIVISION 113: **SEEDS**

#### CLASS:

1. Sunflower
2. Any other

### DIVISION 114: **NUTS**

#### CLASS:

1. Almonds, in shell
2. Any other

## PROCESSED ITEMS

### DIVISION 115: **PROCESSED ITEMS**

#### CLASS:

1. Olive Oil
2. Seasoned Nuts
3. Any other not listed

## COMMERCIAL GROWERS

STANDARD PACKAGE - COMMERCIAL STANDARD PACKAGE  
NO ENTRY FEE • RIBBONS ONLY  
DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

### DIVISION 116: **NUTS**

*NOT LESS THAN 1 POUND*

#### CLASS:

1. Almonds
2. Pistachios

### DIVISION 117: **ROOT BULBS AND TUBER VEGETABLES**

#### CLASS:

1. Carrots
2. Garlic
3. Onions
4. Potatoes
5. Any other not listed

# COMMERCIAL GROWERS

STANDARD PACKAGE - COMMERCIAL STANDARD PACKAGE  
NO ENTRY FEE • RIBBONS ONLY  
DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

## DIVISION 118: **GRAPES**

### CLASS:

1. Black Grapes
2. Black Grapes - Bagged
3. Green Grapes
4. Green Grapes - Bagged
5. Red Grapes
6. Red Grapes - Bagged

## DIVISION 119: **FRUIT**

### CLASS:

1. Apples
2. Citrus
3. Kiwi
4. Pomegranates
5. Persimmons
6. Stone Fruit
7. Any other not listed

## DIVISION 120: **KERN COUNTY PROCESSED PRODUCTS**

### CLASS:

1. Baby Carrots
2. Cut Carrots
3. Shredded Carrots
4. Garlic
5. Juice

## DIVISION 121: **PROCESSED ITEMS**

### CLASS:

1. Olive Oil
2. Seasoned Nuts
3. Any other not listed

# ENVIRONMENTAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS

Environmental entry forms are due on take-in day for each department.  
See rule 3 below.

### SPONSORED BY: KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

10 - 1st Place Awards With Environmental Ribbons  
1 -1 Sweepstakes Award With KCPW Swag Bag

### METHOD AND TERM OF ENTRY

1. The item must be functional or decorative.
2. The item must be made from materials that might otherwise be thrown away.
3. Enter your exhibit in the appropriate division, then fill out an Environmental Exhibit form available on take in day in the department where item is entered.

ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS: Kern County Resident of all ages and Kern County Classrooms  
(Item must be entered in a Division in Fair to be judged)

JUDGING: Wednesday, September 18th

***Pick up entry forms on take in day in all departments***

Judging will be based on:

1. Use of interesting "Trash".
2. Appearance and stability of the final product.
3. How well the item works for intended purpose.
4. The effort and thought it took to put it together.

**BE CREATIVE •REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**