



# FRUITS, NUTS, & BERRIES

<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025</b>		
ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	13 & up	Amateur & Professionals
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.		
<b>PREMIUM FOR ALL DIVISION A:</b>		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$10	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$8	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE YELLOW - \$6
<b>PREMIUM FOR ALL DIVISION B:</b>		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$5	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$4	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE YELLOW - \$3
<b>Entry Arrival:</b> Monday, August 4, 2025 between 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM; use Vehicle Gate "A" (the Purveyor Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).		
<b>Prize Checks:</b> Available Wednesday, August 13, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Competitive Exhibits Office along with any satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.		

**Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email [ceoffice@ecfair.org](mailto:ceoffice@ecfair.org) with all questions.**

**Fruits, Nuts, & Berries Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Ag-Grange Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Tuesday, July 29, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. When and where possible the variety name should be included to help educate the consumer.
4. To minimize errors, exhibitors must affix the correct entry tag with exact variety name written on the front, securely to every entry. If an article is not brought in, the entry tag for that article must be returned to the Superintendent/Check-In Staff.
5. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds to be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the Fair.
6. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry in each class, except in the “any other variety” classes, where four (4) entries are allowed.
7. All fruit exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor.
8. Awards will be given only for first quality produce.
9. All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.
10. Any item receiving a placing can pick up ribbons at the Main Office with their premium check beginning August 16, 2025.

**Judging Criteria:**

1. When an exhibit is not labeled with correct name of variety or varieties, it is disqualified.
2. Collections will be judged upon the excellence of the varieties for the purpose intended as well as for the quality of the fruit. Varieties which are known to be inferior will be discounted.
3. In placing awards, the Judge will be guided by the following standard of excellence, and exhibitors would do well to select their fruit on the same basis.
  - (a) Freedom from blemish. Show fruit should be absolutely free from marks of fungus or physiological trouble, including steepen and water-core, insect injuries of all kinds, and mechanical injury such as loss of stem, burn, russet, limb rub, and bruises.
  - (b) Color. All specimens in an entry should be of a uniform color. With red apples the more color the better, provided it is to be used as typical for the variety. In yellow or green apples, the color should be clear and even all over; the presence or absence of a blush will not count except in uniformity of color.
  - (c) Size. The specimens in any one plate or exhibit should be uniform in size and of the size that is most acceptable on the market for variety.
  - (d) Form. The shape and conformation apply in any one plate or exhibit and should be typical for the variety. All specimens should be uniform in shape.
  - (e) Condition. This refers to the degree of ripeness. An apple to be in perfect condition should be mature, and firm for the variety.

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6 - 17, 2025



## CLASSES

### APPLES - 1A

*Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your entry tag(s).*

1. Best display of five (5) varieties, five (5) specimens on a plate.
2. Best display of winter apples, 5 varieties, 5 specimens on a plate

### APPLES – 1B

*Requirements: 5 specimens*

3. Braeburn
4. Cortland
5. Delicious, Red
6. Delicious, Yellow
7. Early McIntosh
8. Empire
9. Fuji
10. Gala
11. Ginger Gold
12. Idared
13. Jonagold
14. Jonathan
15. Macoun
16. McIntosh
17. Mutsu (Crispin)
18. Northern Spy
19. Paulared
20. Rome Beauty
21. Twenty Ounce
22. Any Other Variety - Limited to four (4) Different Varieties

### BERRIES – 2B

1. ½ pint Blueberries
2. ½ pint Strawberries
3. ½ pint Raspberries, Purple or Red
4. ½ pint Thimbleberries
5. ½ pint Blackberries
6. ½ pint Currants
7. ½ pint Any Other Variety – Limited to 4 Different Varieties

### GRAPES - 3A

1. Best display of five (5) named varieties of grapes, five (5) clusters of each variety. Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your entry tag(s).

### GRAPES – 3B

*Requirements: 5 clusters*

2. Baco
3. Concord
4. Colebel
5. Catawba
6. Delaware
7. Fredonia
8. Niagara
9. Any Other Variety – Limited to 4 Different Varieties

### NUTS - 4A

*Must be grown in the previous year. Entries of nuts must consist of 1 quart of ripe nuts, picked from the stem and exhibited in a clean quart basket, furnished by the exhibitor. Be sure you know the exact variety of the nuts and include this information on your entry tag(s). **Entries will not be returned.***

1. Best display, four (4) varieties, 1 quart each of cultivated nuts raised in Erie County.

### NUTS – 4B

2. 1 quart of Butter Nuts
3. 1 quart of Black Walnuts
4. 1 quart of Hazel Nuts
5. 1 quart of Hickory Nuts
6. 1 quart of English Walnuts, Raised in Erie County
7. 1 quart of American or Chinese Chestnuts
8. 1 quart Any Other Variety – Limited to four (4) Different Varieties

### PEACHES - 5A

1. Best Display of five (5) varieties, five (5) specimens on a plate. Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your

### PEACHES – 5B

2. Red Haven
3. Garret Beauty
4. Harbrite
5. Glo-Haven
6. Hale Haven
7. Canadian Harmony
8. Any Other Variety – Limited to four (4) Different Varieties



## CLASSES

### PEARS - 6A

*Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your entry tag(s).*

1. Best Display of 5 Varieties of fall pears, correctly named, 5 specimens on a plate
2. Best Display of 5 Varieties of winter pears, correctly named, 5 specimens on a plate

### PEARS - 6B

*Requirements: 5 specimens*

3. Bartlett
4. Empress
5. Clapp's Favorite
6. Seckle
7. Beurre Bosc
8. Any Other Variety – Limited to 4 Different Varieties

### PEARS - 7B

1. Plums, 10 specimens on 1 plate; name variety exhibited
2. Prunes, 10 specimens on 1 plate; name variety exhibited

### ANY OTHER FRUIT NOT LISTED - 8B

1. ½ pint or plate of any other fruit not listed above – limited to 3 different half-pints or plate samples