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HORTICULTURE

DEPARTMENT 300

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SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Location: Jacob Building
Drop-off: Thursday, September 5th - 10:00am-7:00pm
Senior Citizens Drop-off: Tuesday, September 10th - 10:00am-11:00am
Pick-up: Monday, September 16th - 8:00am-5:00pm

JUDGING SCHEDULE

Classes 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12 : Friday, September 6th - Noon
Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4: Saturday, September 7th - Noon
Class 8: Friday, September 6th - Noon
Class 9: Tuesday, September 10th - Noon

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All exhibits entered must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. No entry fee is charged in this department.
3. Register online at tnvalleyfair.org or submit your entries in writing on the Exhibitor Entry Form located at the back of this book. The form can be emailed to contests@tnvalleyfair.org, faxed to 865-215-1483, or mailed to the address at the top of the Exhibitor Entry Form.
4. If entries are submitted on time, entry tags will be mailed to exhibitors. These tags should be attached to the exhibitor before it is brought to the Fair. Entry tags are for the purpose of keeping track of exhibits and the bottom section of the tag serves as a receipt for the exhibit when it is claimed at the close of the Fair. If an entry is brought that has not been pre-registered you will have to fill out paperwork on-site and attach entry tags. This process can be time consuming especially when multiple people try to register at once.
5. Should there be no competition, the judge will have the authority to place awards according to the merits of the article. No premiums are awarded unless judge considers them worthy.
6. All exhibits will be released Monday, September 16th from 8:00am - 5:00pm ONLY. If entries are not picked up during the times listed above, they will be disposed.
7. In all production exhibits, the Fair reserves the right to check any entry in the field at maturity if conditions seem to warrant, and hold premium money until such production is verified.
8. All plants must be in the possession of the exhibitor at least 90 days prior to the show and should be exhibited in containers that are clean, pest/insect free.
9. Containers should weigh no more than 15 lbs. and be no larger than 12" in diameter.
10. Exhibitors should provide their own clear glass containers for cut specimens and label each specimen.
11. If needed, the exhibitor is permitted to use wedging material of their choice.
12. All containers should be show quality. If they are not, please place in a secondary container (double pot).
13. There should be no evidence of re-potting.
14. Judges may subdivide classes if needed.
15. If premium check is not picked up when exhibitor picks up their entries, checks will be mailed to the address on record within 7-10 days.
16. Horticulture Department is open to adult and youth exhibitors.

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RETURNING IN 2024:
 TOBACCO STALKS, LEAF TOBACCO,
 AND FIELD CORN TEN EAR EXHIBIT

NEW IN 2024:
 EGG SHOW

CLASS 1 - HAY IN FULL-SIZED BALES

Premiums for Class 1				
1st	2nd	3rd-5th	6th-8th	9th-10th
\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00

Must be grown by exhibitor

Hay Score Card

All hay will be judged on this basis

- I. Stage of Harvest (Total 30)
 - 1. Before blossom or heading.....27-30
 - 2. Early blossom or early heading.....22-26
 - 3. Mid-to-late bloom or head stage.....17-21
 - 4. Seed stage (stemmy).....11-16
- II. Leafiness (Total 30)
 - 1. Very Leafy.....27-30
 - 2. Leafy.....22-26
 - 3. Slightly Stemmy.....17-21
 - 4. Stemmy.....11-16
- III. Color (Total 15)
 - 1. Natural green color of crop.....14-15
 - 2. Light green to slightly brownish.....11-13
 - 3. Yellow to brownish.....8-10
 - 4. Brown or black.....0-7
- IV. Odor (Total 15)
 - 1. Clean - "crop odor".....14-15
 - 2. Dusty.....11-13
 - 3. Moldy - mousy.....8-10
 - 4. Burnt.....0-7
- V. Softness (Total 10)
 - 1. Very soft and pliable.....9-10
 - 2. Soft.....7-8
 - 3. Slightly harsh.....5-6
 - 4. Harsh, brittle.....0-4
- VI. Penalties
 - 1. Trash, weeds, dirt and other foreign materials.....0-35
- TOTAL.....100**

- Lot
- 01 - Square Bale of Grass Hay
 - 02 - Square Bale of Bermuda Hay
 - 03 - Square Bale of Mixed Legume and Grass Hay
 - 04 - Square Bale of Alfalfa Hay
 - 05 - Square Bale of Legume, other than Alfalfa or Annual Lespedeza Hay
 - 06 - Round Bale of Grass Hay
 - 07 - Round Bale of Mixed Legume and Grass Hay
 - 08 - Decorated Haybale - use square bales only - decorations must be in good taste and theme must be agriculture related.

CLASS 2 - TOBACCO STALKS

Premiums for Class 2		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

Entries in this class consist of one stick of tobacco having two stalks. Judged on size, quality of leaf and soundness.

- Lot
- 01 - Samples submitted must consist of **one stick of two stalks of** tobacco, web of leaf uncured.
 - 02 - Samples submitted must consist of **one stick of two stalks of** tobacco, web of leaf partially cured.
 - 03 - Samples submitted must consist of **one stick of two stalks of** tobacco, web of leaf cured.

CLASS 3 - LEAF TOBACCO

Premiums for Classes 3		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

An exhibit of leaf tobacco shall consist of one hand, the size of a silver dollar, in good order, and tied together.

- Lot
- 01 - Flying or Federal Grade X - Must be stripped from stalks of cured tobacco of current or previous year's crop.
 - 02 - Lugs or Federal Grade C - Must be stripped from stalks of cured tobacco of current or previous year's crop.
 - 03 - Leaf or Federal Grade B - Must be stripped from stalks of cured tobacco of current or previous year's crop.

CLASS 4 - FIELD CORN TEN EAR EXHIBIT

Premiums for Classes 4		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

Corn must be a dent hybrid or open-pollinated variety and grown during the current season by the exhibitor.

Exhibitor may enter one exhibit of a ten-ear sample corn. No sweet corn or popcorn. Ears should be shucked and fully intact including unfilled tips. Uniform samples with dry sound grain and a minimum of insect damage and rots are desired.

- Lot 01 - Individual

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VEGETABLES & FRUITS

All vegetables and fruits are subject to disqualification for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Entries that are not entered in the proper class (Cobblers in Kennebec class, squash in pumpkin, red pepper in green class, etc.).
2. Entries that do not meet specifications in terms of numbers per entry, production procedure or date requirements.
3. Entries that are not of sufficient quality to merit consideration. This could include over maturity, size, soundness and disease and insect damage.
4. All entries must be grown by exhibitor. Disqualification will result if entries/items have been purchased from store.

CLASS 5 - IRISH POTATOES

Premiums for Class 5		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00

Entry to consist of five (5) selected potatoes.

Judging will usually be on the basis of:

1. Uniform of size, shape and color.
2. Freedom from defects due to insects, diseases and mechanical injury.
3. Trueness to type for the variety.
4. Attractiveness (should be washed).

Lot

- 01 - Kennebec
- 02 - Any other white variety
- 03 - Any red variety

CLASS 6 - PERISHABLE VEGETABLES & FRUITS

Premiums for Class 6		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
Best Exhibitor - \$25.00		

Open to all ages including Junior Youth!

1. Pre-entry deadline is Friday, August 23rd.
2. Judging will usually be on the basis of:
 - a. Uniformity of size, shape and color.
 - b. Freedom from defects due to insects and disease
 - c. Trueness to type for the variety.
 - d. Proper stage of maturity for table use.
3. Must be grown by exhibitor.

Lot

- 01 - Four Copper, Orange or Red Skinned Sweet Potatoes
- 02 - Four White Skinned Sweet Potatoes
- 03 - Six Red Onions
- 04 - Six White Onions
- 05 - Six Yellow Onions
- 06 - Two Eggplants
- 07 - Ten Southern (Field) Peas in Pod (immature)
- 08 - Ten Southern (Field) Peas in Pod (mature)
- 09 - Ten Green (Snap) Beans in Pod
- 10 - Ten Purple Hull (snap) Beans in Pod
- 11 - Ten Pole Beans (other than Lima) in Pod
- 12 - Ten Horticultural (Cranberry) Beans in Pod
- 13 - Ten Lima (Butter) Beans in Pod
- 14 - Twenty Shelled Immature Lima (Butter) Beans
- 15 - Twenty Shelled Immature Southern (Field) Beans
- 16 - Twenty Shelled Immature Horticultural (Cranberry) Beans
- 17 - Twenty Shelled Immature White Beans
- 18 - Plate (10 pods) table size Okra
- 19 - Six Hot Red Jalapeno Peppers
- 20 - Six Hot Red Serrano Peppers
- 21 - Six Hot Red Peppers (Other)
- 22 - Six Hot Yellow Peppers
- 23 - Six Hot Green Jalapeno Peppers
- 24 - Six Hot Green Serrano Peppers
- 25 - Six Hot Green Peppers (Other)
- 26 - Six Hot Peppers (Any Other Color)
- 27 - Three Bell Peppers (Green)
- 28 - Three Bell Peppers (Red)
- 29 - Three Bell Peppers (Any Other Color)
- 30 - Six Habanero Peppers
- 31 - Six Banana Sweet Peppers
- 32 - Three Large Red Tomatoes
- 33 - Three Large Yellow Tomatoes
- 34 - Three Large Green Tomatoes
- 35 - Three Large Yellow/Red Tomatoes
- 36 - Five Red Roma Tomatoes
- 37 - Plate (10) Red Cherry Tomatoes
- 38 - Plate (10) Yellow Cherry Tomatoes
- 39 - Plate (1 truss) Red Grape Tomatoes
- 40 - Plate (1 truss) Yellow Grape Tomatoes
- 41 - Plate (10) Red Pear Tomatoes
- 42 - Plate (10) Yellow Pear Tomatoes
- 43 - Three White Summer Squash (immature seeds)
- 44 - Three Yellow Summer Squash (immature seeds)
- 45 - Three Green Summer Squash (immature seeds)
- 46- Three Slicer Cucumbers (6-8 inches)
- 47 - Six Pickle Cucumbers (less than 6 inches)
- 48 - Plate of Three Red Apples
- 49 - Plate of Three Yellow Apples
- 50 - Plate of Three Pears
- 51 - Plate of Grapes (2 bunches)
- 52 - Sweet Corn (present 3 ear - left in shucks) - White
- 53 - Sweet Corn (present 3 ear - left in shucks) - Yellow
- 54 - Sweet Corn (present 3 ear - left in shucks) - Bi-Color
- 55 - Best Display of Home Grown Fruit (min. 4 varieties)
- 56 - Best Exhibitor - *Judged on point system 1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 4 pts, 3rd - 3 p*

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CLASS 7 - WINTER SQUASH, PUMPKIN, INDIAN CORN & WATERMELON DISPLAY*

*Any cucurbita containing mature seeds

Premiums for Class 7		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00
Best Exhibitor - \$25.00		

Open to all ages including Junior Youth!

Lot

- 01 - Pair of Small Pie Pumpkins
- 02 - Large Winter White Pumpkin
- 03 - Large Winter Orange Pumpkin
- 04 - Large Winter Squash
- 05 - One Green Cushaw
- 06 - One Golden Cushaw
- 07 - One Watermelon - Long Type
- 08 - One Watermelon - Round Type
- 09 - One Watermelon - Ice Box (Max. Weight 12lbs.)
- 10 - Three-Ear Exhibit of Indian Corn
- 11 - Two Acorn Type Squash
- 12 - Two Butternut Squash
- 13 - Collection of Miniture Squash, Gourds & Pumpkins (min. 4 varieties)
- 14 - Best Exhibitor - *Judged on point system 1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 4 pts, 3rd - 3 pts*

New in 2024 CLASS 8 - EGG SHOW

Premiums for Class 8		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00

Open to all ages including Junior Youth!

An entry will consist of 1 dozen eggs in a carton. Store bought eggs are unacceptable and will be disqualified. Exhibits must be from exhibitor's farming operation.

Lot

- 01 - White Eggs
- 02 - Brown Eggs
- 03 - Multi-color Eggs (Blue, Green, etc)

CLASS 9 - BEST PAIR OF VEGETABLES & FRUITS SENIOR CITIZENS' SPECIAL

Premiums for Class 9		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
Best Exhibitor - \$25.00		

1. Competition is open to Senior Citizens (60 years and over).
2. Exhibits must be produced by exhibitor.
3. Exhibits must be received by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 10th.
4. Judging will be on the basis of most nearly identical pair of marketable size horticultural products exhibited. Entries should be of sufficient quality (maturity, size, soundness, and free from disease and insect damage) to merit consideration.

Lot

- 01 - Best Pair of Tomatoes
- 02 - Best Pair of Cherry Tomatoes
- 03 - Best Pair of Pear Tomatoes
- 04 - Best Pair of Corn Ears in Shucks
- 05 - Best Pair of Okra Pods
- 06 - Best Pair of Summer Squash (Yellow)
- 07 - Best Pair of Summer Squash (Green)
- 08 - Best Pair of Summer Squash (White)
- 09 - Best Pair of Winter Squash (Butternut)
- 10 - Best Pair of Winter Squash (Acorn)
- 11 - Best Pair of Cucumbers
- 12 - Best Pair of Green Beans in Pod
- 13 - Best Pair of Lima Beans in Pod

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CLASS 10 - FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS YOUTH

Premiums for Class 10		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$15.00	\$10.00	\$9.00

Exhibitors must bring three (3) of each item entered.

Lot

- 01 - Tomatoes
- 02 - Peppers (any color)
- 03 - Any other vegetable

CLASS 11 - JUNIOR GARDEN PRODUCTS

Premiums for Class 11		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00

1. Open to boys and girls under the age of 18, who are **not** members of FFA.
2. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.
3. Should there be no competition, the judge will have the authority to place awards according to the merits of the article. No premiums are awarded unless judge considers them worthy.
4. Judging is based on the following: Uniformity, Freedom, from defects due to insects, disease & mechanical injury, Trueness to type for the variety, proper stage of maturity for table use.

Lot

- 01 - Pumpkin
- 02 - Sunflower
- 03 - Long Gourd
- 04 - Tomato (2)
- 05 - Onions (any color) (4)
- 06 - Cucumbers (3)
- 07 - Squash, any variety (1 large or 3 small)
- 08 - Peppers, bell (any color) (4)
- 09 - Peppers, other than bell (4)
- 10 - Tomatoes, any color (3)

CLASS 12 - VEGGIE CREATURES

Premiums for Class 12		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00

Must contain at least two different vegetables.

1. Open to youth ages 13 & younger.
2. Any combination of vegetables is allowed. No fruit. No artificial vegetables of any kind.
3. Vegetables do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.
4. Vegetables can not be cut open. They must be able to last the full length of the Fair.
5. Exhibitors may use toothpicks or glue to attach the vegetables. No tape is allowed.
4. Creatures will be judged for creativity, color and eye appeal.

Lot

- 01 - Veggie Creatures
- 02 - Mr./Mrs. Potato Head (must have potato as the body)

CLASS 13 - PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

No pre-registration required!

Monday, September 9th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 13th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. Limited supplies and pumpkins. Open to all fairgoers
2. Decorating will be held on the 2nd floor of the Jacob Building beside the Giant Growing exhibits.
3. All pumpkins, paint, and decorating supplies will be provided. One pumpkin per person.
4. Prizes will be given for the best decorated pumpkin.

Lot

- 01 - Elementary - Ages 4 - 11
- 02 - Junior - Ages 12 - 17
- 03 - Senior - Ages 18+

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GIANT GROWING

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 2ND HEAVIEST
 WATERMELON
 341 LBS IN 2017

CLASS 14

SCHEDULE INFORMATION
 Location: Jacob Building (Back Entrance)
 Drop-off: Thursday, September 5th - 9:00am-11:00am
 Judging: Thursday, September 5th - Noon
 Pick-up: Monday, September 16th - 8:00am-5:00pm

Premiums for Class 14, Lot 1
 1st - \$1000.00 2nd - \$500.00 3rd - \$250.00
 4th - \$125.00 5th - \$75.00 6th - 10th - \$50.00

Premiums for Class 14, Lot 3
 1st - \$600.00 2nd - \$300.00 3rd - \$150.00
 4th - \$100.00 5th - \$75.00 6th - 10th - \$50.00

Premiums for Class 14, Lot 2
 1st - \$50.00 - Biggest Squash
 (Entry must have placed in pumpkins)

Premiums for Class 14, Lot 4-14
 1st - \$100.00 2nd - \$75.00 3rd - \$50.00

Featured Giant Fruit: Tall Corn
Premiums for Class 14, Lot 15
Best of Show Award - \$50.00 - Tall Corn

RULES

1. This competition is governed and sanctioned by the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and is open to all growers. Please visit gpc1.org to review all rules.
2. Entries must be delivered to the back entrance of the Jacob Building on the above date and time. Judging will begin promptly at noon. Exhibits will be released on the above date and time. You may enter and exit through Gate #5 on Lakeside Street.
3. All entries placing 1st-5th place must leave exhibit on display for the duration of the Tennessee Valley Fair or otherwise forfeit cash winnings. (*Exception, rotting fruit will be removed without penalty).
4. One official entry allowed per lot, additional entries will be judged as an exhibition fruit. Please note that Pumpkins and Squash will compete for the same prize money but will compete for different awards.
5. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to register online at tnvalleyfair.org or submit your entries in writing on the Exhibitor Entry Form located at the back of this book. Entry tags will be sent by the Tennessee Valley Fair.
6. Weight will be the deciding factor for all lots except 04, 06, and 11.
7. In the event of a tie, the prize money will be added together for the two places and divided equally among exhibitors.
8. Only pumpkins 300 pounds and over will qualify for the Howard Dill Award. Fruit deemed exhibition or damaged do not qualify.
9. All Judges' decisions are final.

- Lot
- 01 - Pumpkins
 - 02 - Squash
 - 03 - Watermelon
 - 04 - Long Gourd
 - 05 - Tomato
 - 06 - Sunflower
 - 07 - Field Pumpkin
 - 08 - Bushel Gourd
 - 09 - Marrow
 - 10 - Cantaloupe
 - 11 - Tall Corn
 - 12 - Cucumber
 - 13 - Bell Pepper
 - 14 - Sweet Potato
 - 15 - Best of Show Tall Corn

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

