



DEPARTMENT 26

OPEN CLASS HORTICULTURE

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Before entering, please refer to Open Class Rules for rules and regulations on our website at www.bentonfranklinfair.com.

1. Entries to be dropped off Sun., 8/23, and Mon., 8/24, between 10am – 5pm in Building 1.
2. All exhibits will be released Sun., Aug. 30, from 8 a.m.–10 a.m. Fair personnel and Superintendents are not responsible for items left after 10am.
3. **Fair theme contest for decorated trays.** Trays furnished by the Fair at the time of entering OR exhibitor may use their own STURDY tray or creative piece. Produce is displayed to be seen easily. Decorate the extra spaces as you like but use only the required number of fruits and veggies per class. Fair theme: “The Best Week of Summer!”
4. **EDUCATIONAL TRAYS must be labeled.** Toothpicks and popsicle sticks work great in displays to label each item (you are teaching people what you have grown). Trays furnished by the Fair at the time of entering OR exhibitor may use their own STURDY tray or creative piece where produce is displayed to be seen easily, with each item labeled. You may include a small information sheet/poster, no larger than 8.5” x 11”.
5. All entries must be grown by exhibitor. **NO PRODUCT SHOULD BE OILED OR WAXED.**
6. Root crops, including sugar beets, table beets, carrots, rutabagas, radishes, parsnips, and turnips, should be washed and the tops trimmed to one inch above the crown. Cabbage should have the root cut. Potatoes should be of average size (8 to 10 oz).
7. Judges are allowed to taste and/or cut open entries to verify that produce looks and/or tastes correct to award accordingly. Due to this and space limitations, the full number of required entries per class may not be displayed.
8. During Fair week, if produce goes bad (moldy, buggy, etc.), items will be discarded, and name tag and ribbon will remain on display.

2026 STORY POSTER CONTEST

(Enter in Class D. Novelty)

Include photos and/or draw pictures: sizes up to poster board size (24” x 44”) accepted.
Scrapbook pages are accepted in sheet protectors, 1- or 2-page layout.

WHEELBARROW PROJECT

(Enter in Class F. Wheelbarrow)

Do you have what it takes to grow a crop from seed to harvest, all in the compact environs of a wheelbarrow in your own home or backyard? It must be a standard size wheelbarrow (painted/decorated), any vegetables and herbs may be planted. Educational poster board/progress must accompany the display.

For more information, contact the superintendent.

Special Awards

Best of Show/Educational – Ribbon Only

Fair Theme/Superintendent's Choice – Ribbon Only

People's Choice/Adult & Youth Trophies – Ribbon Only

Special Awards – Division F

Grand Champion - \$20

Reserve Grand Champion - \$10

Premium Points – Divisions A,B,E,F

<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
8	5	3

Premium Points – Divisions C,D

<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
12	8	6

DIVISION

A. Fruits - Specify Variety - Use Division "A" itemized entry sheet

CLASS

1. Apples, 4, limit 6 varieties
2. Apples mixed tray, 6; 3 varieties, 2 each
3. Berries, 1 pint **IN ZIPLOC BAG**; limit 4 varieties
4. Grapes, 1 bunch; limit 4 varieties
5. Melon, 1; limit 6 varieties
6. Nectarines, 4; limit 4 varieties
7. Nuts, 10 uniform in size-in shell, limit 6 varieties, (peanuts must be one plant w/roots intact)
8. Peaches, 4; limit 4 varieties
9. Pears, 4; limit 4 varieties
10. Plums, 6; limit 4 varieties
11. Prunes, 6; limit 4 varieties
12. **EDUCATIONAL** mixed fruit tray (**label each fruit as to type**), 6; one of each variety of your choice, limit 2 trays
13. Other fruit; limit 4 varieties

DIVISION

B. Vegetables - Specify Variety - Use Division "B" itemized entry sheet

CLASS

1. Artichokes, 2; limit 2 varieties
2. Beans, 10 pods; limit 6 varieties *Dry beans are to be entered in Dept. 11 Agronomy.
3. Beets, 4; limit 6 varieties
4. Broccoli, 2 stalks; limit 2 varieties
5. Brussel sprouts, 6 sprouts; limit 2 varieties
6. Cabbage, 1 head - outer leaves removed, limit 4 varieties
7. Carrots, 4 - leaves trimmed to 1 in., limit 8 varieties
8. Cauliflower, 1 head; limit 2 varieties
9. Celery, 1 bunch - rooted in container that holds water, limit 2 varieties
10. Chard, 3; limit 4 varieties
11. Corn, 3 ears - husk pulled back, limit 6 varieties
12. Cucumber small, 4; limit 4 varieties
13. Cucumber large, 2; limit 4 varieties
14. Eggplant, 1; limit 4 varieties
15. Garlic Bunch, 2; limit 4 varieties
16. Horseradish, 6 inches of stem intact on tray or in water; limit 2
17. Kale, 1 plant rooted in container: limit 2 varieties
18. Kohlrabi, 3; stem intact, limit 4 varieties
19. Lettuce, rooted in container, 1 plant; limit 4 varieties (pot must have bottom to hold water)
20. Okra, 4 pods; limit 2 varieties
21. Onions, 4; limit 6 varieties
22. Parsnips, 3; limit 2 varieties
23. Peppers, 4; limit 30 varieties
24. **EDUCATIONAL** mixed pepper tray (**label each pepper as to type**) 6; one of each variety of your choice; limit 4 trays
25. Potatoes, 4; limit 10 varieties
26. **EDUCATIONAL** mixed potato trays (**label each potato as to type**) 4; one of each variety of your choice; limit 4 trays
27. Pumpkin, 1; limit 6 varieties (largest enter in Division C)
28. Radishes, leaves trimmed to 1 in., 4 w/roots: limit 4 varieties
29. Rhubarb, pull- do not cut, trim leaves leaving about 1/2," 2 stalks; limit 2 varieties
30. Rutabaga, 3; limit 2 varieties
31. Spinach, rooted in container, 1 plant; limit 4 varieties (pot must have bottom to hold water)
32. Squash, 1; limit 15 varieties
33. Tomato, large, 2; limit 10 varieties (ripe or green)
34. Tomato, medium, 3; limit 10 varieties (ripe or green)
35. Tomato, small 4; limit 10 varieties (ripe or green)
36. Tomato, small "cherry size," 4; limit 10 varieties (ripe or green)
37. **EDUCATIONAL** mixed tomato tray, (**label each vegetable as type**), 6, one of each variety of your choice; limit 4 trays
38. Turnip, table size, 3; limit 2 varieties
39. Sugar cane, 1 stalk with tassels; limit 2 varieties

40. Sorghum cane, 1 stalk with tassels; limit 2 varieties
41. Broom cane, 1 stalk with tassels; limit 2 varieties
42. **EDUCATIONAL** mixed vegetable tray, (**label as type**) 6; one of each variety of your choice; limit 4 trays
43. Other vegetable; limit 4 varieties

DIVISION

- C. Garden Giants - **Use division "C" itemized entry sheet. Each Garden Giant entry needs its own Division C Entry Sheet. BE SURE TO HIGHLIGHT YOUTH ENTRIES.**

CLASS

1. One, largest apple, by weight
2. One, largest beet, by weight
3. One, largest cabbage, by weight
4. One, longest carrot, leaves trimmed to 1" and leaves measured in length (not Judged)
5. One, tallest corn stalk, roots intact, **in container (bucket) that holds water**
6. One, largest cucumber, by weight
7. One, longest cucumber, by length
8. One, largest eggplant, by weight
9. One, largest garlic bunch, by size of bunch
10. One, longest gourd, by length
11. One, largest grape bunch, by weight
12. One, largest kohlrabi, by weight
13. One, largest melon, by weight
14. One, largest onion, by weight
15. One, largest pepper, by weight
16. One, longest pepper, by length
17. One, largest potato, by weight
18. One, largest pumpkin, by weight
19. One, largest radish, by weight, leaves trimmed to 1 in., roots intact
20. One, largest squash, SMALL variety, by weight
21. One, largest squash, LARGE variety, by weight
22. One, tallest sunflower, roots intact, **in container that holds water**
23. One, largest sunflower head, cut from stalk, biggest around
24. One, largest tomato, by weight
25. One, largest zucchini, by weight
26. Other giant, specify; limit 4

DIVISION

- D. Novelty - **Use Division "D" itemized entry sheet**

CLASS

1. One strangest looking vegetable, untouched in its natural state, limits 4 varieties.
2. One strangest looking fruit, untouched in its natural state, limit 4 varieties.
3. Poster Contest, limit 5 entries.

DIVISION

- E. Fresh herbs - **Use Division “E” itemized entry sheet.** May be potted (pot must have a bottom to hold water) or cut and put in water. Glass and plastic containers are acceptable.

CLASS

1. Fresh herb potted; limit 20 varieties (pot must have bottom to hold water).
2. Fresh herb cut; limit 20 varieties (cut should have at least 4 sprigs), **bring your own container/vase/jar.**
3. Other, fresh herb; limit 5 varieties.

DIVISION

- F. Wheelbarrow

CLASS

1. Limit one entry