



EL PASO COUNTY

FAIR

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JULY 11 - 18, 2026 | CALHAN, CO

150th Colorado Anniversary
Creative Arts Division

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Thank you for sharing your creativity and craftsmanship with the El Paso County Fair! In honor of Colorado's 150th anniversary, this special department—available exclusively for the 2026 Fair—celebrates the spirit, history, and creativity that make our state so unique. Your passion and dedication help bring this milestone to life, transforming the fair into a meaningful tribute to Colorado's legacy and future. We are proud to showcase your work during this once-in-a-generation celebration and look forward to the inspiration it will spark for all who attend.

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Under NO circumstances shall any superintendent, Fair Official or volunteer be treated disrespectfully.

El Paso County Staff and volunteers will not be liable for any damaged or stolen items

Please note that this is a separate program from the CSU Extension Program. Please see their page for entry rules and drop off instructions. There will be no drop off at the CSU Extension Office.

General Information Sheet for Fair Entry Guidelines - Pantry

Department-Specific Rules:

Department 210 – Food Preservation:

- **Packaging:** Canned products must be packed in clean, clear, standard brand glass jars, sealed with new clean standard lids and rings.
- **Labeling:** All jars must be labeled with:
 - Product
 - Date of Canning
 - Method used (water bath, pressure canner, hot or raw pack)
- **Canned Fruit:** May be sliced or halved (unless otherwise indicated)

Department 220 – Baked Goods:

- **Packaging:** All entries must be placed on a paper plate or in an aluminum baking dish (for pies, etc.) and enclosed in a resealable or twist-tie plastic bag.
 - **Pies:** Place in a throwaway tin and plastic bags.
 - **Cookies:** Two inches in diameter, place 4 on paper plate in plastic bag.
 - **Candy:** Six bite-size pieces on paper plate in plastic bag.
- **Do not use plastic wrap.** Items not following these guidelines may be disqualified.
- **Display:** Only one slice of your baked goods will be displayed and one slice used for judging.
- **Optional Photo:** You may include a 4"x6" photo of the full item to be displayed.
- **Pickup Option:** You may collect the remaining portion of your entry after judging. Any unclaimed items will be donated to fairgrounds staff and volunteers.

General Information Sheet for Fair Entry Guidelines - Hobby

General Rules for All Departments:

1. Hanging Items:

- Must have a picture frame wire or loop for hanging; sawtooth hangers are not accepted.

2. Preparation and Display:

- Items must be clean, stable, and secure for display.
- No live entries or items requiring power (plugged-in or battery-operated) are allowed.
- Items requiring a stand or specific display setup must include those components.

150 Colorado Celebration – Competitive Exhibit

Department 260 – Colorado Food Preservation

Class & Descriptions – Colorado Canned Fruit

2600	Apples	2602	Palisade Peaches
2601	Applesauce	2603	Cherries

Class & Descriptions – Colorado Canned Veggies

2604	Olathe Sweet Corn	2606	Pumpkin
2605	Squash	2607	Pueblo Peppers

Department 261 – Baked Goods

Class & Descriptions – Sweet Treats (Baked)

2611	Honey & Nut Bread (loaf)	2614	Kolaches
2612	Concha (Mexican Pan Dulce)	2615	Fruit Bread (loaf)
2613	German Doughnuts	2616	Veggie Bread (loaf)

Class & Descriptions – Cobblers

2621	Apple	2623	Cherry
2622	Palisade Peach	2624	Strawberry

Class & Descriptions – Cookies

2631	Rocky Mountain Cookies	2633	Colorado Columbine Cookies
2632	'Trail Mix' Cookies	2634	Speculaas

Class & Descriptions – Candy

2641	Jolly Ranchers	2643	Caramel
2642	Toffee	2644	Trail Mix

Department 265 – Colorado Textile Art

Class & Descriptions

2651	Leather Cowboy Boots	2653	Colcha Embroidery
2652	Leather Cowboy Hat	2654	'Eye dazzler' Weaving

Department 266 – Colorado Arts

Class & Descriptions

2661	Santero Carving	2663	Rock Art
2662	Acoma Style Pottery	2664	Plain Air Painting