



FARM PRODUCTS COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026
ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSSES JULY 27, 2026
ENTRY DROP OFF AUGUST 10, 2026, 1PM-8PM at the AG-GRANGE BUILDING
ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 24, 2026, 7:30AM-9AM

Entry Fee: \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Ages: 13 & Up

Prize Checks: Available Thursday, August 20, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the AG-Grange Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.
***Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

Farm Products Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all the Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 27, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Anyone 13 years of age or older may enter.
4. Variety names should be included to help educate the Fair guests.
5. 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.
6. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds to be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the Fair.
7. Only one entry allowed per class.
8. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made by the superintendent at the table where it is received.
9. Exhibitors must own or be employed by the producing farm. **The farm name must be noted in the description.**
10. Maple and Apiary Products may be picked up on Monday, August 24, 2026, between 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM. All Maple and Apiary Products not picked up between those times will be available for pick up at the Main Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. All exhibits must be picked up by September 1, 2025.
11. 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.

Judging Criteria

Excellent	Good	Worthy	No Award
Clean Free from any damage Very uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (not over 10% variation, or no noticeable) Of best market size and quality True to variety type	Free from damage (loss no more than 5% of the total weight of the vegetable) Relative uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (not over 25% variation) Of good market size and quality Fairly true to variety type	Fairly clean Free from serious damage and free of minor damage (loss no more than 10% of the total weight of the vegetable) Fairly uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (less than 100% variation) Of fair market size and quality	Dirty Seriously damaged by disease, insects, or mechanical means Over mature Extremely different in size, shape, or color Not satisfactory market size (a combination of the above points may make an exhibit undesirable)

FARM PRODUCTS COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered:

Division #1-6: 1st Place Blue \$10, 2nd Place Red \$8, 3rd Place Yellow \$6

Division #7-11: Premium Listed Within the Division

Corn Silage-1

Two (2) Samples Display in a clear zip-lock bag. The first sample must be a good 3lbs. sample. The second sample should be in a quart-sized clear plastic bag. Samples will be from the previous year's harvest.

1. Corn Silage

Hemp/Hops-2

General Rules

- Hemp displayed in sheaves must be tied by 2 bands, and must measure at least 6 inches around and not more than 14 inches around at the bottom.
- All hemp exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor during the current season.
- All hemp sheaves must be well-cured, not moist.
- There must be no roots left on any entry in this section.
- Do not strip leaves from stalks.
- The exact variety name must be written on the front of the entry tag

1. Hemp, auto flower variety- must be a licensed grower, bring proof of license at drop off, and provide documentation of the product/variety.
2. Hemp, full season variety- must be a licensed grower, bring proof of license at drop off, and provide documentation of the product/variety.
3. Hops-cones displayed in quart basket

Field Crop Seeds-3

Any grains that have been treated with poisonous substances shall not be shown and, if offered in competition, will be removed. All entries in this section must have been grown, harvested, selected, and prepared by the

exhibitor during either the year exhibited or the preceding year. Exhibits known to be older will be disqualified. The variety and the year in which the exhibit was grown must be stated on the exhibitor's tag.

The seed value of exhibits will be emphasized in the judging. In judging seed value, the following factors will be considered:

- Purity of the seed. Relative freedom from weed seeds, seeds of other crop plants, dirt, chaff, sprouted kernels and broken kernels.
- Relative freedom from obvious diseased seeds.
- Relative freedom from mixtures of other varieties.
- Probable viability of the seed, as indicated by its physical condition.
- Uniformity of the seed as to shape, size and color.
- Trueness to type. All seed exhibits should be correctly named as to variety. Exhibits that are distinctly off-type or misnamed will be disqualified.
- Containers for displaying samples in this section will be supplied by the Fair.

1. 1-quart Winter Barley, name variety
2. 1-quart Beans, White Kidney, name variety
3. 1-quart Beans, Red Kidney, name variety
4. 1-quart Soybeans, name variety
5. 1-quart Buckwheat, name variety
6. 1-quart Shelled Yellow, Dent Corn, name variety
7. 1-quart Oats, name variety
8. 1-quart Rye, name variety
9. 1-quart Sunflowers, name variety
10. 1-quart Wheat, White Winter, name variety
11. 1-quart Red Wheat
12. 1-quart Spring Barley

The classifications given here are only types of corn. You must name the exact variety of each type you enter: Hybrid or open-pollinated.

Only ear corn grown in the previous year may be entered in the following classes: Husks must be left on.

13. Ten (10) Ears Dent Corn, Yellow
14. Ten (10) Ears Indian Corn
15. Ten (10) Ears Miniature Indian Corn
16. Ten (10) Ears Pop Corn, Hybrid Yellow
17. Ten (10) Ears Pop Corn, Strawberry Red Decorative
18. Ten (10) Ears Pop Corn, White Cloud
19. Ten (10) Ears Pop Corn, Blue

Hay Exhibit-4

General Rules:

- Hay entries shall consist of one whole bale of machine packed hay from this year's crop if entering for the Feed Value Award. If not entering for the Feed Value Award, please bring one machine packed slab of hay.
- **Sample for feed value award will be taken from the bale by the building staff.*
- If NOT competing for the Cumberland Valley Award, Hay entries shall be exhibited in a CLEAR PLASTIC BAG

1. Second Cutting, Alfalfa, not over 10% grass
2. Third Cutting, Alfalfa, not over 10% grass
3. Second Cutting, Alfalfa, not over 50% grass
4. Third Cutting, Alfalfa, not over 50% grass
5. Grass Hay, not over 10% legume

6. Clover, not over 50% grass
7. Clover, not over 75% grass

Haylage-5

Two (2) Samples are needed. The first sample must be a good 3-pound sample displayed in a clear zip-lock bag, 65% moisture or less. The second should be in a quart-sized clear plastic bag.

1. 1st Cutting Haylage
2. 2nd Cutting Haylage
3. 3rd Cutting Haylage

Total Missed Ration (TMR)-6

Two (2) Samples Display in a clear zip-lock bag. The first sample must be a good 3lbs. sample. The second sample should be in a quart-sized clear plastic bag. Include index card identifying breakout and milk pounds.

1. Current Year's TMR High Cow Mix

Silage Corn-7

Entry must list variety, seed company, and days to maturity. **MAXIMUM of five (5) stalks.**
Premiums for class 1: Blue - \$30, Red - \$20, Yellow - \$10

1. Early variety Silage Corn, 75 - 85 Days to Maturity
2. Mid-Season variety Silage Corn, 86 - 100 Days to Maturity
3. Late Season variety Silage Corn, 101+ Days to Maturity

Sheaves of Grain-8

General Rules:

- Sheaves must be tied by two (2) bands and must measure at least 6 inches around and not more than 14 inches around at the bottom.
- All sheaf exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor during the current season.
- All sheaves must be well cured, not moist.
- Sheaves of cereals will be judged on the same basis as field crop seeds in Section A.
- Grasses, legumes and silage crops will be judged based on their value as forage or silage. Samples of hay will be judged in accordance with the factors used in determining hay grades under the standards of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- There must be no roots left on any entry in this section.
- Do not strip leaves from stalks.
- The exact variety name must be written on the front of the entry tag

Premiums for classes 1 - 8: Blue - \$12, Red - \$10, Yellow - \$8

1. Sheaf of Winter Barley
2. Sheaf of Spring Barley
3. Sheaf of Oats
4. Sheaf of White Wheat
5. Sheaf of Red Wheat
6. Sheaf of Rye
7. Sheaf of Soybeans
8. 5 Stalks of Sunflowers

High Moisture Corn-9

1. Shell Corn
2. Ear Corn Snaplage

Tallest Corn Competition-10

General Rules:

- All corn stalks will stay on display for the duration of the Fair.
- No roots; cut the stalk at the ground.
- Measurement will be taken from the very bottom to the very top. Presence of an ear is irrelevant.
- Each entry must consist of six (6) stalks only the tallest stalk will be measured. Exhibitors must clearly tag which stalk they want measured.

Premiums for class 1: Blue - \$50, Red - \$25, Yellow - \$15

1. Tallest Corn Competition

Feed Value Award
A banner and \$20.00
will be awarded to
one exhibitor in
Division 1 – Corn
Silage, one exhibitor
in Division 4 – Hay
Exhibit, one exhibitor
in Division 5 –
Haylage, one
exhibitor in Division
6 – Total Mixed
Ration
Samples will be
tested by
Cumberland Valley
Analytical Services

CVAS
Cumberland Valley Analytical Services
Pleased to provide forage analysis for the Erie County Fair.

14513 Industry Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-796-1980

5049 Clanton Street Road
Batavia, NY 14020
585-344-5500

800-CVAS-LAB
www.foragelab.com

Apiary Products-11

General Rules:

- Label all products as if market ready. Product label, farm label, grade sticker. (No price sticker)
- Judging will be blind. Samples of products will be taken from bottles and introduced to the judge anonymously.
- Products in this section are to be made/ produced by the exhibitor.
- Products must be “market ready”.
- Containers must be first use (no reused fruit juice jars etc.)
- If product is to be packed hot (sealed) container must show headspace and have a tight seal.

Premiums for classes 1 - 8: Blue - \$6, Red - \$4, Yellow - \$3

1. Clear glass or jar Extracted Honey - White
2. Clear glass or jar Extracted Honey - Amber
3. Clear glass or jar Extracted Honey – Buckwheat/Dark

4. One (1) round section Comb Honey, White
5. One (1) section Comb Honey, Buckwheat/Dark
6. One (1) cut section Comb Honey, Amber
7. 1 lb. to 2 lbs. Cake Wax
8. Creamed Honey

Premiums for class 9: Blue - \$30, Red - \$20, Yellow - \$15

9. One (1) frame observation hive 3 – Banded Italian Bees

Premiums for class 10: Blue - \$10, Red - \$5, Yellow - \$3

10. ½ lbs. Pollen

Maple Products-12

General Rules:

- Label all products as if market ready. Product label, farm label, grade sticker. (No price sticker)
- Judging will be blind. Samples of products will be taken from bottles and introduced to the judge anonymously.
- Products in this section are to made/produced by the exhibitor.
- Products must be “market ready”.
- Containers must be first use (no reused fruit juice jars etc.)
- If product is to be packed hot (sealed) container must show headspace and have a tight seal.
- Standard density will be checked.
- Color grade standard (current NY & USDA will be checked)

Premiums for classes 1-8: Blue-\$8, Red-\$6, Yellow-\$5

1. Clear glass or jar of Grade A Golden Color, Syrup
2. Clear glass or jar of Grade A Amber Color, Syrup
3. Clear glass or jar of Grade A Dark Color, Syrup
4. Clear glass or jar of Grade A Very Dark Color, Syrup
5. Cake (not less than 1lbs.) maple sugar (should be wrapped in paraffin paper or cellophane)
6. ½ lbs. small-size Sugar Cake assortment
7. 1lbs. jar Maple Cream
8. ½ lbs. container of granulated maple sugar

Premiums for class 9: Blue - \$16, Red - \$14, Yellow - \$12

NOT TO BE SAMPLED; JUDGED ON LOOKS ONLY

9. Display of Maple Products in a basket or box wrapped in cellophane.

BEST OF SHOW MAPLE PRODUCTS:

*A BANNER AND \$25.00 WILL BE AWARDED TO
THE*

*BEST OF SHOW IN THE MAPLE PRODUCTS
SECTION*

*DONATED BY THE WNY MAPLE PRODUCER
ASSOC.*

*(taken from classes 1- 8 in the Maple Products
Section)*

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR MAPLE
PRODUCTS:**

A ROSETTE AND \$20.00

WILL BE AWARDED TO THE

*PREMIER EXHIBITOR IN THE MAPLE
PRODUCTS SECTION*

*(Exhibitor with the most blue ribbons
won in classes 1 - 9)*