



FRUITS, NUTS, & BERRIES COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026
ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES 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.**

Fruits, Nuts, & Berries 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, except in the “any other variety” classes, where four (4) entries are allowed.
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. All fruit exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor.
10. 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

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.

FRUITS, NUTS, & BERRIES COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered:

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

Division B: 1st Place Blue \$5, 2nd Place Red \$4, 3rd Place Yellow \$3

Apples-1

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-1

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. Paula Red
20. Rome Beauty
21. Twenty Ounce
22. Any Other Variety - Limited to four (4) Different Varieties

Berries-2

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-3

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-3

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-4

*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

Nuts-4

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
7. 1 quart of American or Chinese Chestnuts
8. 1 quart Any Other Variety – Limited to four (4) Different Varieties

Peaches-5

1. Best Display of five (5) varieties, five (5) specimens. Include card specifying each exact variety.

Peaches-5

Requirements: 5 specimens

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

Pears-6

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-6

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

Plums and Prunes-7

1. Plums, 5 specimens on 1 plate; name variety exhibited
2. Prunes, 5 specimens on 1 plate; name variety exhibited

Any Other Fruit Not Listed-8

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