

COMMERCIAL GROWERS

Superintendent: Katie O'Gorman

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION STARTS JUNE 1st, 2021

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4, 2021

- Entry Fee:** \$15 fee allows for unlimited entries throughout department (unless otherwise specifically noted). Fee includes one (1) promo code for an admission ticket to the fair, parking included.
- Entry Arrival:** Monday, August 9, 2021 between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM
- Judging:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021
- Judge:** TBD
- Prize Checks:** Wednesday, August 18th to Sunday, August 22nd at the Competitive Exhibits Office, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Believing the commercial vegetable industry of Erie County is of so much importance that a separate department is warranted, the Society provides this department in the hope that it proves of interest to the growers, and real educational value to the residents of Erie County.

Exhibits in this section will be judged on their appearance, as most nearly conforming to the market requirements, neatness of package and arrangement of contents.

General Commercial Growers Department Rules

1. When bringing entries in use Vehicle Gate "A" (the UPS Delivery Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).
2. When and where possible variety names should be included to help educate the consumer.
3. 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.
4. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds to be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the Fair.
5. **ONLY ONE ENTRY IN EACH CLASS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM A COMMERCIAL GROWER. EXCEPT CLASS #36**
6. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made by the superintendent at the table where it is received.
7. **ALL PRODUCE MUST BE GROWN BY A COMMERCIAL GROWER.**
8. **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.**
9. Any item receiving a placing can pick-up ribbons at the Main Office with their premium check beginning August 14th.
10. **COMMERCIAL GROWER EXHIBITORS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE LEONARD TOPOLESKI AWARD**

Judging Standards: *The judging of plates is based on the quality uniformity, and preparation of the specimens. Each plate is judged as excellent, good, worthy, or no award. In order to receive an award, a plate must meet all the standards for that particular award.*

Excellent

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

Good

Free from damage (loss no more than 5% of the total weight of the vegetable)

Relatively uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (not over 25% variation)

Of good market size and quality

Fairly true to variety type

Worthy

Fairly clean

Free from serious damage and fairly 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

No award

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)

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Premiums for Classes #1 – 70 \$16.00 \$14.00 \$12.00

1. ½ bushel Beans, Green
2. ½ bushel Beans, Yellow
3. ½ bushel Beets, name table variety
4. Bushel Cabbage, Green, name variety
5. Bushel Cabbage, Savoy, name variety
6. Bushel Cabbage, Red, name variety
7. Crate White Sweet Corn, 2 dozen, name variety (remove a strip of husk from each ear, shank cut to less than 1 inch in length)
8. Crate Bi-Color Sweet Corn, 2 dozen, name variety (remove a strip of husk from each ear, shank cut to less than 1 inch in length)
9. Bushel Cucumbers, name variety
10. 8 quart basket, Count Pickles, less than 3 inches long
11. 8 quart basket Dill Pickles, not less than 4 inches long
12. Bushel Eggplant, name variety
13. Basket Grapes, 8 quarts, Purple
14. Basket Grapes, 8 quarts, White
15. Bushel Melons, name variety
16. Bushel Oats, name variety
17. ½ bushel Pears, name variety

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- 18. ½ bushel Peppers, Green, Hot
- 19. ½ bushel Peppers, Hungarian Wax, Hot
- 20. ½ bushel Purple Bell Peppers
- 21. ½ bushel Peppers, Cubanelle
- 22. Bushel Peppers, Green, Sweet
- 23. ½ bushel Peppers, Sweet Bananas
- 24. Consumer Package of Potatoes (10 or 15 lb pack)
- 25. Bushel Rye, name variety

- 26. Bushel Acorn Squash, name variety
- 27. Bushel Acorn, Yellow or White
- 28. ½ bushel Yellow Summer Squash
- 29. Bushel Squash, Spaghetti
- 30. ½ bushel Zucchini Squash
- 31. One 8 quart basket Tomatoes, Ripe; Early, name variety
- 32. One 8 quart basket Tomatoes, Mid-Season name variety

- 33. Bushel Wheat, Red Winter
- 34. Bushel Soybeans
- 35. Two Individual Bunches Dill
- 36. Any Other Vegetable or Fruit not listed – limited to six (6) different entries (categories), list on entry form what you are entering.

GRAND CHAMPION OF COMMERCIAL GROWERS - \$25.00 & Award in Memory of Earl Henry
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OF COMMERCIAL GROWERS - \$20.00

BEST DISPLAY OF VEGETABLES

Premiums \$35.00 \$25.00 \$20.00 \$15.00 \$12.00

Scoring for the above prizes will be on the following table of points:
 First Prize - 10 points, Second Prize - 8 points, Third Prize - 5 points