

COMMERCIAL GROWERS

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ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

Entry Fee: \$23.00 (allows as many entries as you would like fair-wide). Includes 3 admission passes into the fair. Promo Codes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday August 8th, 2023.
Entry Arrival: Monday, August 7, 2023, between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM
Judging: Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Prize Checks: Friday, August 18th to Sunday, August 20th at the Competitive Exhibits Office, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Silk ribbons are also available at this time. Any checks remaining after the close of the fair will be mailed.

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 Purveyor 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 #70**
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 18th.
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 Blue - \$16.00 Red - \$14.00 Yellow - \$12.00

1. ½ bushel Apples, Early
2. ½ bushel Apples, Green or Yellow Fall
3. ½ bushel Beans, Green
4. ½ bushel Beans, Yellow
5. ½ bushel Beets, name table variety
6. Bushel Cabbage, Green, name variety
7. Bushel Cabbage, Savoy, name variety
8. Bushel Cabbage, Red, name variety
9. ½ bushel Carrots, name variety
10. Crate Cauliflower, 9 heads, name variety
11. Crate Yellow Sweet Corn, 2 dozen, name variety (remove a strip of husk from each ear, shank cut to less than 1 inch in length)
12. 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)
13. 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)
14. Bushel Cucumbers, name variety
15. 8 quart basket, Count Pickles, less than 3 inches long
16. 8 quart basket Dill Pickles, not less than 4 inches long
17. Bushel Eggplant, name variety
18. Basket Grapes, 8 quarts, Purple
19. Basket Grapes, 8 quarts, White
20. Market Crate Lettuce, crisp or head type
21. Market Crate Escarole
22. Market Crate Endive
23. Market Crate Boston Lettuce
24. Market Crate Romaine or Cos
25. Market Crate Leaf Lettuce
26. Market Crate Red Leaf Lettuce
27. Bushel Melons, name variety
28. Bushel Oats, name variety
29. Bushel Onions, Ebenezer
30. Bushel Onions, Globe
31. Bushel Onions, Sweet
32. ½ bushel Parsnips, name variety
33. ½ bushel Pears, name variety
34. ½ bushel Peppers, Red, Hot
35. ½ bushel Peppers, Green, Hot
36. ½ bushel Peppers, Hungarian Wax, Hot
37. ½ bushel Romanian Wax Peppers
38. ½ bushel Peppers, Pimento type
39. ½ bushel Purple Bell Peppers
40. ½ bushel Peppers, Cubanelle
41. Bushel Peppers, Green, Sweet
42. ½ bushel Peppers, Sweet Bananas
43. ½ bushel Peppers, Red-Sweet, name variety
44. Bushel Potatoes, Early White
45. Bushel Potatoes, Red
46. Bushel Potatoes, Mid-Season White name variety
47. Consumer Package of Potatoes (10 or 15 lb. pack)
48. Bushel Pumpkins, Pie
49. Bushel Rye, name variety
50. Bushel Buckwheat, name variety
51. Bushel Acorn Squash, name variety
52. Bushel Acorn, Yellow or White
53. Bushel Hubbard Squash, name variety
54. ½ bushel Yellow Summer Squash
55. Bushel Squash, Delicious
56. Bushel Squash, Green Delicious
57. Bushel Squash, Butternut
58. Bushel Squash, Spaghetti
59. Bushel Buttercup Squash
60. ½ bushel Zucchini Squash
61. One 8 quart basket Tomatoes, Ripe; Early, name variety
62. One 8 quart basket Tomatoes, Mid-Season name variety
63. ½ bushel Turnips, Purple Top, White Globe
64. Bushel Turnips
65. Bushel Wheat, Red Winter
66. Bushel Wheat, White Winter
67. Bushel Soybeans
68. Bushel Barley
69. Two Individual Bunches Dill
70. 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 Blue - \$35.00 Red - \$25.00 Yellow - \$20.00 White - \$15.00 Green - \$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