



COMMERCIAL GROWERS

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ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

Entry Fee: \$25.00 (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 6th, 2024.
Entry Arrival: Monday, August 5, 2024, between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM
Judging: Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Prize Checks: Friday, August 16th to Sunday, August 18th 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 16th.
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	<u>Good</u> Free from damage (loss no more than 5% of the total weight of the vegetable)	<u>Worthy</u> Fairly clean	<u>No award</u> Dirty
Free from any damage		Free from serious damage and fairly free of minor damage (loss no more than 10% of the total weight of the vegetable)	Seriously damaged by disease, insects or mechanical means
Very uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (not over 10% variation, or no noticeable)	Relatively uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (not over 25% variation)		Over mature
Of best market size and quality	Of good market size and quality	Fairly uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (less than 100% variation)	Extremely different in size, shape or color
True to variety type	Fairly true to variety type	Of fair market size and quality	Not satisfactory market size (a combination of the above points may make an exhibit undesirable)

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Premiums for Classes #1 – 71 Blue - \$16.00 Red - \$14.00 Yellow - \$12.00

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| 1. ½ bushel Apples, Early | 22. Market Crate Endive | 52. Bushel Acorn, Yellow or White |
| 2. ½ bushel Apples, Green or Yellow Fall | 23. Market Crate Boston Lettuce | 53. Bushel Hubbard Squash, name variety |
| 3. ½ bushel Beans, Green | 24. Market Crate Romaine or Cos | 54. ½ bushel Yellow Summer Squash |
| 4. ½ bushel Beans, Yellow | 25. Market Crate Leaf Lettuce | 55. Bushel Squash, Delicious |
| 5. ½ bushel Beets, name table variety | 26. Market Crate Red Leaf Lettuce | 56. Bushel Squash, Green Delicious |
| 6. Bushel Cabbage, Green, name variety | 27. Bushel Melons, name variety | 57. Bushel Squash, Butternut |
| 7. Bushel Cabbage, Savoy, name variety | 28. Bushel Oats, name variety | 58. Bushel Squash, Spaghetti |
| 8. Bushel Cabbage, Red, name variety | 29. Bushel Onions, Ebenezer | 59. Bushel Buttercup Squash |
| 9. ½ bushel Carrots, name variety | 30. Bushel Onions, Globe | 60. ½ bushel Zucchini Squash |
| 10. Crate Cauliflower, 9 heads, name variety | 31. Bushel Onions, Sweet | 61. One 8 quart basket Tomatoes, Ripe; Early, 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) | 32. ½ bushel Parsnips, name variety | 62. One 8 quart basket Tomatoes, Mid-Season name variety |
| 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) | 33. ½ bushel Pears, name variety | 63. ½ bushel Turnips, Purple Top, White Globe |
| 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) | 34. ½ bushel Peppers, Red, Hot | 64. Bushel Turnips |
| 14. Bushel Cucumbers, name variety | 35. ½ bushel Peppers, Green, Hot | 65. Bushel Wheat, Red Winter |
| 15. 8 quart basket, Count Pickles, less than 3 inches long | 36. ½ bushel Peppers, Hungarian Wax, Hot | 66. Bushel Wheat, White Winter |
| 16. 8 quart basket Dill Pickles, not less than 4 inches long | 37. ½ bushel Romanian Wax Peppers | 67. Bushel Soybeans |
| 17. Bushel Eggplant, name variety | 38. ½ bushel Peppers, Pimento type | 68. Bushel Barley |
| 18. Basket Grapes, 8 quarts, Purple | 39. ½ bushel Purple Bell Peppers | 69. Two Individual Bunches Dill |
| 19. Basket Grapes, 8 quarts, White | 40. ½ bushel Peppers, Cubanelle | 70. Any Other Vegetable or Fruit not listed – limited to six (6) different entries (categories), list on entry form what you are entering. |
| 20. Market Crate Lettuce, crisp or head type | 41. Bushel Peppers, Green, Sweet | 71. Any Vegetable Grown at a Commercial Hydroponic Operation. Must be packed and displayed retail market ready (ie 1 tomato pint basket, 1 head lettuce in cellophane sleeve). |
| 21. Market Crate Escarole | 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 | |

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 – 2

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