



FRUITS, NUTS & BERRIES

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ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 30TH, 2024

Entry Fee: \$25.00 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.

General Fruit 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 the 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. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made by the superintendent at the table where it is received.
4. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds and will be donated to the local food pantry at the close of the Fair.
5. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry in each class, except in the “any other variety” classes, where 4 entries are allowed.
6. All fruit exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor.
7. Awards will be made only for first quality produce.
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.

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 applies 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.

Uniformity is not listed as a separate item, but is considered under each of the headings, color, size & form. Uniformity refers to exact resemblance in color, size, and form of the specimens making up a plate or exhibit.

APPLES – 1

Premiums for Classes # 1 & 2 Blue - \$10.00 Red - \$8.00 Yellow - \$6.00

Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your entry tag(s).

1. Best display of 5 varieties, 5 specimens on a plate.
2. Best display of winter apples, 5 varieties, 5 specimens on a plate.

Premiums for Classes # 3 – 22 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

Five Specimens

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| 3. Braeburn | 13. Jonagold |
| 4. Cortland | 14. Jonathan |
| 5. Delicious, Red | 15. Macoun |
| 6. Delicious, Yellow | 16. McIntosh |
| 7. Early McIntosh | 17. Mutsu (Crispin) |
| 8. Empire | 18. Northern Spy |
| 9. Fuji | 19. Paulared |
| 10. Gala | 20. Rome Beauty |
| 11. Ginger Gold | 21. Twenty Ounce |
| 12. Idared | 22. Any other variety – limited to 4 different varieties |

Erie County Fair Dates: August 7-18, 2024

BERRIES – 2

Premiums for Classes # 1 – 7 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

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

GRAPES – 3

Premiums for Class # 1 Blue - \$10.00 Red - \$8.00 Yellow - \$6.00

1. Best display of 5 named varieties of grapes, 5 clusters of each variety. Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your entry tag(s).

Premiums for Classes # 2 – 9 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

Five Clusters

2. Baco
3. Concord
4. Colebel
5. Catawba
6. Delaware
7. Fredonia
8. Niagara
9. Any other variety

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.**

Premiums for Class #1 Blue - \$10.00 Red - \$8.00 Yellow - \$6.00

1. Best display, 4 varieties, 1 quart each of cultivated nuts raised in Erie County.

Premiums for Classes # 2 – 8 Blue - \$6.00 Red - \$5.00 Yellow - \$4.00

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, raised in Erie County
7. 1 quart of American or Chinese Chestnuts
8. 1 quart of any other variety

PEACHES – 5

Premiums for Class # 1 Blue - \$10.00 Red - \$8.00 Yellow - \$6.00

1. Best Display of 5 varieties, 5 specimens on a plate. Be sure you know the exact variety of each and include this information on your entry tag(s).

Premiums for Classes # 2 – 8 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

2. Red Haven
3. Garret Beauty
4. Harbrite
5. Glo-Haven
6. Hale Haven
7. Canadian Harmony
8. Any other variety

PEARS – 6

Premiums for Classes #1 & 2 Blue - \$10.00 Red - \$8.00 Yellow - \$6.00

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

Premiums for Classes #3 – 8 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

Five Specimens

3. Bartlett
4. Empress
5. Clapp's Favorite
6. Seckle
7. Beurre Bosc
8. Any other variety

PLUMS & PRUNES – 7

Premiums for Classes # 1 – 2 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

1. Plums, 10 specimens on 1 plate; name variety exhibited
2. Prunes, 10 specimens on 1 plate; name variety exhibited

ANY OTHER FRUIT NOT LISTED – 8

Premiums for Class # 1 Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00 Yellow - \$3.00

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