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Gardening & Environmental Sciences

We are in need of a Gardening & Environmental Sciences Superintendent. If you are interest, please call the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds at (360) 482-2651, or e-mail elaina.marin@graysharbor.us.

Rules & Premium Information:

All entries are due to the Agriculture Barn on Tuesday, July 28th, before the Fair, from 2PM to 6PM. All entries and ribbons will be released on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, following the closing day of the Fair.

All useable produce remaining after 2PM will be donated to a local food bank.

Arrangements for picking up hay bales, wheelbarrows, container edible plants, and other large display items must be pre-arranged with the Superintendent prior to Sunday, July 26th, 2026.

1. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.
2. Exhibits will be judged according to blue, red, & white standards.
3. Threshed seeds shall be exhibited in pint jars.
4. Vegetables and fruits shall be exhibited on plates furnished by the fair.
5. Judging Factors: Type, quality, and uniformity are basic conditions that are used in judging. Type refers to specimens that are regular and typical of the variety. Quality includes primness for intended use: size, tenderness, cleanliness, and freedom from blemishes, damage, or defects. Uniformity relates to each specimen having the same shape, size, and colors as the others in the exhibit.
6. Multiple varieties may be entered in each class if they are different varieties and the variety is stated on the entry tag.
7. Exhibitor shall bring the correct number of exhibits as listed in each class.
8. No exhibits will be allowed that contain WSDA Prohibited/ Quarantined Plants and Washington State Noxious Weeds. Plant lists can be obtained from the Grays Harbor County Noxious Weed Control Board.
9. Exhibits will be removed by the superintendent, as needed, if spoilage occurs.

Refer to general rules for all official rules and regulations.



Special Department Rules for Youth:

1. Exhibits must be grown by exhibitor.
2. Youth under ten (10) years of age may have adult supervision as an aid to them in growing their exhibits.
3. Junior exhibitors 10 thru 16 must grow their exhibits without adult supervision.

Sub-Classes:

1. Youth (Ages 17 & Under)
2. Adult (Ages 18-61)
3. Seniors (Ages 62 & Over)
4. Commercial/Professional

Premium Awards*:

Blue - 4 points Red - 3 points

**Unless otherwise specified.*

Division 1 - Fruits & Berries

Classes:

1. Berries, any type, 1 cup, Name Variety
2. Fruit, any type, 3, Name Variety
3. Grapes, any type, 2 bunches, Name Variety
4. Melon, any type, 1, Name Variety
5. Other, any type, 3, Name Variety

Division 2 - Vegetables

Classes:

1. Beans, snap stage, 6
2. Beans, shelled, dried, 1 cup
3. Beans, other, 6
4. Beets, baby, 6 (under 1.5" diameter)
5. Beets, table, 3 (1.5" to 3" diameter)
6. Broccoli, 1 head or 6 florets

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Division 2 – Vegetables

Classes Continued:

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| 7. Cabbage, 1 head | 35. Peppers – green |
| 8. Carrots, baby, 6 (under 1" diameter) | 36. Peppers – mini |
| 9. Carrots, table, 3 (1" to 2" diameter) | 37. Peppers – other (Must name variety) |
| 10. Cauliflower, 1 head | 38. Potatoes, white, 3 |
| 11. Celery, 4 stalks | 39. Potatoes, yellow, 3 |
| 12. Celery, bunch | 40. Potatoes, blue, 3 |
| 13. Chard, 4 stalks | 41. Potatoes, red, 3 |
| 14. Corn, any stage, 3 | 42. Pumpkin, 1 |
| 15. Cucumber, pickling, 6 (under 3.5") | 43. Radishes, 5 |
| 16. Cucumber, slicing, 3 (over 3.5") | 44. Rhubarb, 2, Victoria (Rhubarb should be pulled not cut and Leaves trimmed to 2inches.) |
| 17. Cucumber, Lemon (under 3.5") | 45. Rhubarb, 2, Crimson Red (Rhubarb should be pulled not cut and Leaves trimmed to 2inches.) |
| 18. Cucumber, Lemon (over 3.5") | 46. Rhubarb, 2, Other varieties not listed. Must name variety (Rhubarb should be pulled not cut and Leaves trimmed to 2inches.) |
| 19. Cucumber, other, Name Variety | 47. Rutabagas, 3 |
| 20. Garlic, red, 3 | 48. Spinach, 1 potted |
| 21. Garlic, white skinned, 3 | 49. Squash, 1 |
| 22. Garlic, elephant garlic, 3 | 50. Squash, summer, 1 |
| 23. Gourds, 3 | 51. Squash, vegetable marrow, 1 |
| 24. Kale, 1 potted | 52. Squash, other, 1 |
| 25. Kohlrabi, 3 | 53. Tomatoes, cherry, 3 |
| 26. Lettuce, 1 potted | 54. Tomatoes, ripe, 3 |
| 27. Onions, green, 6 | 55. Tomatoes, green, 3 |
| 28. Onions, dry, 6 | 56. Tomatoes, cluster, at least 6 |
| 29. Parsnips, 3 | |
| 30. Peas, green, 6 | |
| 31. Peas, snow, 6 | |
| 32. Peas, other, 6 | |
| 33. Peppers – red | |
| 34. Peppers – bell | |

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| 57. Turnip, 3 | 60. Zucchini (2) – Green, 4-8 inches-Name Variety |
| 58. Zucchini (2) round less than 3 inches-Name Variety | 61. Zucchini (1)—Largest, Name Variety |
| 59. Zucchini (2) – Golden, 4-8 inches-Name Variety | 62. Other vegetables, 5 |
| | 63. Oddest Vegetable, 1 |

Division 3 – Nuts

Classes:

1. Nuts, any type, ripe, 1 cup shelled or 6 in shell
2. Nuts, any type, green, 1 cup shelled or 6 in shell

Division 4 – Herbs

Entry shall consist of three (3) stems of the herb. Entry shall be placed in container provided by the Fair.

Classes:

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| 1. Anise | 9. Fennel | 17. Parsley |
| 2. Basil | 10. Feverfew | 18. Rosemary |
| 3. Borage | 11. Chives | 19. Sage |
| 4. Catnip | 12. Hops | 20. Savory |
| 5. Chives | 13. Lavendar | 21. Thyme |
| 6. Cilantro | 14. Lemon Balm | 22. Any other herb |
| 7. Dill | 15. Marjoram | |
| 8. Echinacea | 16. Mint | |

Division 5 – Dried Herbs

Classes:

1. Potpourri Mixture, 1 cup
2. Kitchen Garnish, 1 cup
3. Herb Team Mixture, 1 cup
4. Herb Wreaths, 1 cup
5. Other, 1 cup

Division 6 – Forage Crops

All "other" exhibits must be neatly tied in 3" diameter bundles.

Classes:

1. Corn, Field – 1 Stalk
2. Sunflower – 1 Stalk
3. Other

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Division 7 – Giants

Only one blue and one red ribbon per class.

Classes:

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| 1. Novelty Display | 5. Largest Other Vegetable |
| 2. Largest Pumpkin | 6. Tallest Corn |
| 3. Largest Squash | 7. Tallest Sunflower |
| 4. Largest Potato | 8. Other |

Division 8 – Bale of Hay

Entries in the Bale of Hay Division will be displayed outside.

- Entry will consist of one standard size bale of hay (40lbs-80lbs max)
- Each entry must be labeled with species
- Entries will be divided into two categories: First Cutting and Second Cutting
- Shouldn't be more than 16% moisture content

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| 1. Grass Legume Hay (at least 10% grass and 10% legume) | 3. Grass |
| 2. Legume Hay (not more than 10% grass) consists of alfalfa, clover, or a mixture | 4. Alfalfa |
| | 5. Timothy |
| | 6. Oat |
| | 7. Other |

Premium Awards:

Blue – 6 points Red – 4 points

Division 9 – Bees & Honey

Classes:

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| 1. Display of live bees, Italian worker and queen | 7. Comb honey, white, three sections |
| 2. Display of live bees, other breeds | 8. Comb honey, light amber, three sections |
| 3. Super White | 9. Comb honey, dark amber, three sections |
| 4. Super Light Amber | 10. Extracted honey, white, one pint |
| 5. Super Dark Amber | 11. Extracted honey, light amber, one pint |
| 6. Display of molded wax, two or more molds | |

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| 12. Extracted honey, dark amber, one pint | 14. Chunk honey, light amber, one quart |
| 13. Chunk honey, white, one quart | 15. Chunk honey, dark amber, one quart |

Premium Awards:

Blue – 6 points Red – 4 points

Division 10 – Critter Creatures

All critters must be the work of the exhibitor. The entry must be made primarily of produce items listed for each class. Use your imagination to combine fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc. to create your favorite critter. Produce items may be purchased for this class. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class.

Classes:

1. Critter made primarily from vegetables
2. Critter made primarily from fruit
3. Critter made primarily from nuts
4. Critter made in any combination of the above

Division 11 – Environmental Sciences

Classes:

1. Any educational display related to natural resources, the environment, or other scientific subject (maximum size 3'x3')

Premium Awards:

Blue – 6 points Red – 4 points

Division 12 – Container Grown Edible Plants

Edible container gardens must be rooted in the container to be displayed. Wheelbarrow containers must contain no fewer than five vegetables and no more than twelve. All wheelbarrows must be operational.

Classes:

1. Growing Vegetables in a Wheelbarrow
2. Other Edible Gardens

Premium Awards:

Blue – 10 points Red – 8 points

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Division 13 – Harvest Display

All entries will be judged for blue and red ribbons. The entry judged as the Best Entry will receive prize and a rosette. Only one entry per exhibitor allowed and each exhibitor must create their own design.

1. This contest is open to everyone
2. You may place your harvest display items in a cornucopia, a large shallow basket, or a shallow tray. The Fair will provide the mat for your display that measures 20" x 20" x 18" high. You must stay within this space.
3. Your display must be in place by Tuesday evening 7:00 PM before the fair.
4. All produce in your display must come from your garden or a family garden in which you worked.
5. Judging will be based on:
 - Artistic Arrangement
 - Quality of Produce
 - Good Use of Space
 - Variety of Produce
6. Flowers, canned goods or artificial produce will not be allowed in the display. Only edible fruits, herbs, and vegetables may be included in your display.

Division 14 – Scarecrow Display

All entries will be judged for blue, red, and white, placings. The entry judged as the best of each section will receive 100 premium points. The overall best entry in the entire contest will receive 50 additional premium points.

Scarecrows, in one form or another, have been around for thousands of years. As long as people have raised crops for food, they have needed to keep birds and other pests from devouring the plants before harvest. Making these traditional figures is becoming popular once more as an art form, and as a colorful and nostalgic addition to backyard gardens and orchards. To assist in keeping this tradition alive, we are offering this special contest.

- All participants should use their creativity in developing their exhibits.
- Entries may be displayed throughout the Fairgrounds (including outside locations) during the fair. The display location of each entry will be determined by the superintendent.

The following sections will be used:

1. Youth – persons 16 years of age or under
2. Adult – persons 17 years of age or older
3. Groups – more than one persons contributing to the design and development of the entry

Classes:

1. Traditional Scarecrows
2. Contemporary or Modern Scarecrows

Division 15 – Picture from Seeds

All entries must be created/made by exhibitor. All entries will be judged for blue, red ribbons. Only one entry per exhibitor.

1. This contest is open to everyone
2. Your creation must be framed and ready to hang
3. Judging will be based on:
 - Artistic Arrangement
 - Use of Space
 - Variety
 - Quality
 - All entries must be 8"x10" or 12"x16"