

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

ENTRY FEE - \$20

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

CHECK IN/CLASSIFYING – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

JUDGING – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11

JUDGING FOR GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11

RELEASE OF PROJECTS – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19

REGULATIONS

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H club, FFA chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must be residents of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties
2. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in 3rd grade or nine years old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
3. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 9, 2022 and must have not been rooted and seeded before the previous year's livestock show. Exception is projects in class seven.
4. Each exhibitor may register only one plant to exhibit
5. Each entry will consist of the following
 - a. A total of 2 photos must be submitted along with each entry
 - i. First photo needs to be taken on or before December 9, 2022
 - ii. Second photo needs to be taken within one week of the entry deadline, January 6, 2023.
 - b. All plants should be in the official show pots by the January photo, with the exception of bulbs
 - c. No student, student name or club name will be allowed in the photo
 - d. Photos must be attached to the RGVLS Horticulture Worksheet. These can be found on the website, www.rgvls.com, under "Exhibitor Forms"
 - i. These same photos will need to be in the exhibitor's record book as well, duplicate copies are recommended
 - e. Plants only
6. All projects must be grown in a home or school facility under the supervision of as AST or 4-H leader
7. No accessories on the outside or inside of the pots or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse except for the trellises bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil except for the succulent division. Aggregates no larger than 2 cm in diameter will be allowed. Gravel

larger than 2cm will be disqualified at the judge's discretion. See show container section of this book for more details

8. All plants must be living
9. Plants must be wiped clean. No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage. Only soap and water may be used
10. All plants must be watered prior to entry. Exhibitors must water their own plants during the show
11. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show
12. No entry may be re-potted within 60 days of the Show. Pots showing evidence of this will be subject to removal from the show. All pots are subject to the re-potting test. Pots will not be sold after January 6, 2023
13. Violation or failure to comply with any of these rules could cause a project to be sifted. The committee has the right to enforce that any sifted project must be immediately removed from the showgrounds
14. Check in time will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023. Judging of Horticulture entries will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Judging for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at the greenhouse
15. Entries will be classified upon arrival at the Show. The Horticulture Chairman will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries. Entries that meet all rules and regulations will be placed in one of the ten divisions
16. Horticulture Record Books – Each exhibitor shall prepare a written record book of his/her entry to be submitted with each entry at check in time
 - a. Horticulture Record Books may be typed, printed, or neatly written by the exhibitor
 - b. Horticulture Record Book worksheets can be obtained from the Livestock Show Office or online at www.rgvls.com
 - c. Record book is used for validation and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie.
 - d. At least 3 photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book
 - i. First photo should be taken before December 9, 2022
 - ii. Second photo by January 6, 2023
 - iii. Third photo to be taken at least 2 weeks prior to the March event
 - e. Committee will meet to review and validate or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 13, 2023, entry deadline
17. Any entry identification card must be attached to each project at check in time
18. Exhibitors must be present with their plant entries and record book during judging. If any exhibitor cannot be present during this time, substitution rulings will apply

19. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into mind in general
- a. Maturity Stage
 - b. New Growth
 - c. Symmetry, Fullness, and Balance
 - d. Insect Damage
 - e. Disease
 - f. Leaf Color
 - g. General appearance and size for age
 - h. Record Book, if good, could improve placing
20. All contestants must be prepared, if necessary, to answer questions from the judge about planting dates, watering, fertilizing, and/or other care and management questions about their projects at entry time
21. Exhibitors must be responsible for getting their plants from greenhouse to judging area and back to the greenhouse if they have a division winner
22. After judging, all plants may be tagged for sale in the greenhouse area. Plants will be released to student or buyers on Sunday, March 19, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Any plants not picked up by this time will become property of the Show

SHOW CONTAINERS/TERRARIUMS/TRELLIS/TOMATO CAGES

All containers, terrariums, trellises, and tomato cages will be provided and sold by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Entries that arrive at the Show in anything other than the official show containers, terrariums, trellises, or tomato cages will not be accepted. Containers, terrariums, trellises, and tomato cages must be paid for by the exhibitor, 4-H club manager or AST when they are picked up at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Container, terrarium, trellis, and tomato cage prices will be based on the actual cost of the containers when they are purchased by the Show

CONTAINERS AND SUPPLIES PRICES

Containers will not be sold after January 6, 2023

- 10" Hanging Basket - \$2.00
- 10" Round Pot - \$3.00
- 14" Round Pots (Edible plants only) - \$7.00
- Tomato Cage - \$1.00
- Oval Planter - \$4.00
- Trellis - \$8.00
- Terrarium - \$15.00

PLANT DIVISIONS

Division 1 – Foliage Plants

Division 2 – Succulents – none older than 3 years – judge’s discretion – three or more varieties

Division 3 – Trailers and Vines

Division 4 – Flowering Plants

Division 5 – Ferns

Division 6 – Bulbs – Corm, Rhizome, Tubers and Pseudo Bulbs

Division 7 – Terrariums – All terrariums must have a lid which can be removed. No colored sand

Division 8 – Collection of Herbs – three or more varieties

Division 9 – Combination Plants – must contain 2 or more different plant species

Division 10 – Edible Plants – only one vegetable in a pot at a time

AWARDS

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Class Champion – Rosette

Reserve Class Champion – Rosette

3rd through 10th place will be awarded ribbons

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

- 1st place - \$22
- 2nd place - \$21
- 3rd place - \$20

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply