

2023 CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR VALLEY PRODUCE DEPARTMENT

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VALLEY PRODUCE DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT: Leah Dunn 509-248-7160 Ext 104

ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES: September 19, 2023,

WALK IN REGISTRATION AND ENTRY RECEIVING: Wednesday, September 20, 2023
from 4:00pm to 7:00pm Enter through Gate 11

LOCATION: Agriculture Building

RELEASING: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

* Fair will not be responsible for exhibits after 6:00pm.

Note: Any entry that deteriorates before the Fair closes will be removed from the display & disposed of.

SYSTEM OF JUDGING: Danish, unless otherwise noted.

PROCESSING FEE: \$10.00 will be charged. You will need to manually add the entry fee (Valley Produce Entry Fee). One (1) fair admission ticket will be given to each exhibitor who pays the \$10.00 fee. No crossovers to other departments.

ENTRY LIMIT: Exhibitors may enter any amount of fruit, vegetables, grains and herbs.

PREMIUMS: 1st (Blue) - \$4.00 2nd (Red) - \$2.00 3rd (White) – Ribbon Only

ADULT VALLEY PRODUCE DEPARTMENT RULES

Please also read the CWSF Rules and Regulations. All rules and regulations as stated apply to all exhibitors and entries

- Valley Produce Department is **open to all exhibitors 18 years and older.**
- All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor or their immediate family. Exhibits will be of the current year's crop and be properly labeled with the correct name.
- Selecting fruit for exhibit is judged according to size, quality, color, trueness to variety type, freedom from blemishes, uniform in size & mature. Quality should be of the highest. **Fruits should retain their stems and must be free from bruises and broken skin.** Color should be characteristic of the variety. Color may be brightened by polishing with a soft cloth. **Fruit that has been artificially oiled or waxed will not qualify for awards.** This includes fruit with Commercial Warehouse Wax. Prunes, plums, and grapes should never be polished and on these it is best to retain all the natural bloom possible.
- Selecting vegetables for exhibit. Any produce for display should be well-grown, of highest quality and as nearly alike as possible. The Fair strives for quality; therefore, we will reject entries that are not up to quality standards. **Please make sure there is no indication of disease or insects. Vegetables must be cleaned or will not be accepted.**
- Entries will be displayed space permitting. Entries may be displayed in other areas of the Ag Building or other buildings.
- You may enter any amount of fruit or vegetable as long as it is a different variety. List the varieties when registering each class.
- If the judges find no entry in a class that qualifies for a particular award, they may choose to omit that award.
- Ribbons will be handed out at release day. No ribbons will be mailed.

Lee Rosenkranz Memorial Award

The Central Washington State Fair will award a plaque in memory of Lee Rosenkranz, who for 15 years was our Horticulture Superintendent. This plaque will be awarded to the exhibitor who has grown the best display of apples from the Major Commercial Varieties. The Central Washington State Fair wishes to acknowledge an outstanding apple grower in honor of Lee, an outstanding apple orchardist himself.

Ken & Gen Duffield Award

The Central Washington State Fair would like to present the Ken & Gen Duffield Award to the open exhibitor that has the highest number of points in the Valley Produce Department. Ken was the Agriculture Building Superintendent for 15 years, and his wife Gen worked each fair with him. They both were great supporters and were involved with Fair activities since the 1940's.

A \$25.00 cash prize will be awarded along with a plaque.

(Points are calculated as follows: 1st Place = 5 points and 2nd Place = 3 Points)

VALLEY PRODUCE SPECIAL CONTEST "THE LARGEST GARDEN ITEM..."

Open to all persons, ages 5 and above. Entries are judged by weight & measurement unless otherwise noted. Each entry should include variety name under the description.

All largest and tallest exhibits will be judged on a Danish System and the tallest or largest of its class will be judged on an American System (one overall winner). **Produce cannot be entered in the largest and open divisions. It must be one or the other.** The winner of each class will receive a rosette and \$20.00 cash.

Class

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| 1. Apple | 13. Pumpkin |
| 2. Beet | 14. Squash |
| 3. Cabbage | 15. Squash–Zucchini |
| 4. Carrot | 16. Squash–Banana |
| 5. Ear of Corn, Husk On | 17. Sunflower Head |
| 6. Cucumber | 18. Tomato |
| 7. Eggplant | 19. Watermelon |
| 8. Green Pepper | 20. Tallest Sunflower Stalk (Must have roots removed.) |
| 9. Novelty (Any unusual naturally shaped vegetable, e.g., multi-eyed potato.) | 21. Tallest Corn Stalk (Must have roots removed.) |
| 10. Onions | 22. Other (Any other largest produce not listed above.) |
| 11. Pear | |
| 12. Potato | |

DIVISION 400
ADULT FRUIT CLASSES
Please list the varieties on the entry form.

Class

1. Apples - 3-4 of each variety
2. Grapes – 2 large clusters each variety
3. Melons – 1 melon
4. Nuts – 5-10 each variety
5. Pears – 3-4 of each variety
6. Other – larger 3-4 of each variety, smaller 5-10 of each variety, berries – minimum ½ cup

DIVISION 401
ADULT VEGETABLES & GRAINS CLASSES

Class

1. Grains
 - Sheaf – Any recognized common variety.
 - Sheaves should be about four (4) inches in diameter at the base and tied in three (3) places.
 - Threshed – Grains should be plump & well-matured, free from broken kernels & any foreign matter. Please use clean glass quart jars.
2. Grasses – Judges will consider leafiness & quality in addition to height. Sheaves should be about four (4) inches in diameter at the base and tied in (3) places.
3. Dried Legumes – Should be of good quality, free from broken pieces & foreign matter. Please use clean glass quart jars.
4. Sunflower Head – Must be entered without root system, please **cut off prior to entry.** Sunflower must have at least a 20-inch stem on the heads.
5. Vegetables – Any variety including ornamentals. All vegetables must be named on entry form. May enter as many as desired, **however each entry must be a different vegetable.** Amounts required vary
 - Vegetables larger than four (4) inches (pumpkins, squash, gourds, etc.) – only one (1) required.
 - Small Vegetables – must have at least five (5) of each.
 - Corn will be two (2) ears husk pulled back or removed.
 - Potatoes – Should be uniform in size & shape. Must have 3 of larger varieties entries & five (5) of smaller varieties.
 - Root crops should be good market size; free from blemishes, **washed & top trimmed** to about one (1) inch above the crown example carrots, beets, radish.
 - Cabbage – Should have the root cut & a few of the outer leaves removed.
 - Rhubarb – Must have leaves removed.
6. Miscellaneous – Anything not covered above and includes corn stalks and sunflower stalks

ADULT HERBS - POTTED

May enter as many herbs, any variety, must be different types. Herbs must be potted.
Dried herbs can be entered in the Foods Department.

Class

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| 1. Basil | 6. Fennel | 11. Rosemary |
| 2. Bay Leaf | 7. Lavender | 12. Sage |
| 3. Chives | 8. Marjoram | 13. Thyme |
| 4. Cilantro | 9. Mint | 14. Other Not Listed |
| 5. Dill | 10. Oregano | |

DIVISION 404

ADULT GARDEN CREATURE, DRIED GOURDS, SCARECROW



Class

1. Garden Creature Made from Your Garden Items – Use your imagination. Create a creature from your garden using fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, nuts, seeds, grasses, etc. No man-made materials allowed - can use toothpicks, but no glue, tape or string.
2. Dried Gourd(s) – Gourd(s) can be any size. Please choose one of the following.
 - Gourd Basket
 - Gourd Bird House
 - Gourd Bowl
 - Gourd Shakers (as used in percussion)
 - Miscellaneous
3. Scarecrow – Entries must be securely put together and all needed props and supplies brought with the scarecrow for setting up. All possible care will be taken to safeguard the entries, but no responsibility will be taken for loss or damage. Scarecrows must be 3 feet tall or larger and fit in a 3 feet x 3 feet area on the floor. Additional Requirements: Family friendly theme, standing scarecrows must be well supported by a sturdy base and post.

YOUTH VALLEY PRODUCE DEPARTMENT RULES

Please also read the **General Information, Rules and Regulations of the Fair.**

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DIVISION 410 YOUTH FRUIT

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4. Nuts – 5 -10 of each variety
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6. Other – large fruit 3-4 of each variety. Small fruit 5-10 each, berries – ½ cup to 1 cup

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