



YOU MAKE IT, WE TAKE IT!
YOU GROW IT, WE SHOW IT!
YOU RAISE IT, WE PRAISE IT!

VALLEY PRODUCE COMPETITION GUIDE

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ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 18, 2026

WALK-IN DEADLINE & ENTRY RECEIVING

The Largest Pumpkin Division 402
September 16, 2026
3 PM - 6 PM thru Gate 11
All other divisions
September 23, 2026
2 PM - 7 PM thru Gate 11

LOCATION

Agriculture Building

CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

September 25 - October 4, 2026

1301 S Fair Ave., Yakima, WA 98901
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2026 VALLEY PRODUCE CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
AUG 30	AUG 31	SEP 1	SEP 2	SEP 3	SEP 4	SEP 5
SEP 6	SEP 7	SEP 8	SEP 9	SEP 10	SEP 11	SEP 12
SEP 13	SEP 14	SEP 15	SEP 16	SEP 17	SEP 18	SEP 19
			<p>Large Pumpkin Div 402 Entry Receiving 3 PM - 6 PM</p>		<p>Online Registration Closes</p>	
SEP 20	SEP 21	SEP 22	SEP 23	SEP 24	SEP 25	SEP 26
			<p>Walk-In Registration Deadline & Entry Receiving 2 PM - 7 PM</p>		<p>FIRST DAY OF FAIR</p>	
SEP 27	SEP 28	SEP 29	SEP 30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3
OCT 4	OCT 5	OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10
<p>LAST DAY OF FAIR</p>		<p>Entry Release Day, Pick-Up 3 PM - 6 PM</p>				

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PLEASE NOTE

The Fair will not be responsible for exhibits after 6 PM on release day.

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



JUDGING & ENTRY INFORMATION

SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Danish, unless otherwise noted.

PROCESSING FEE - \$10

Online, you will need to add the entry fee "Valley Produce Entry Fee". One (1) Fair admission ticket will be given to each exhibitor who pays the fee. No crossovers to other departments.

ENTRY LIMIT

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

AWARDS

Best of class rosettes may be awarded to individual classes within the Fruit & Vegetable Divisions.

PREMIUMS

- 1st (Blue) - \$4
- 2nd (Red) - \$2
- 3rd (White) - Ribbon Only

SHOW DIVISIONS

Adult Fruit	Div. 400
Adult Vegetables & Grains	Div. 401
"The Largest Garden Item"	Div. 402
Adult Garden Creature	Div. 404
Adult Dried Gourds	Div. 404
Adult Scarecrow	Div. 404
Adult Herbs (<i>Potted or Cut</i>) ...	Div. 405
Youth Fruit	Div. 410
Youth Vegetables & Grains	Div. 411
Youth Garden Creature	Div. 412
Youth Dried Gourds	Div. 412
Youth Scarecrow	Div. 412

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Read below, then register entry information online before bringing items to the Fair. Walk-in registrations are still welcomed. Please print out the entry form, fill in the required information, and bring it with you to entry day.

STEP 1

- Go to **FAIRFUN.COM**
- Hover over the “Fair” tab in the green navigation bar at the top of the page.
- From the drop-down menu, select “Competitions & Contests.”



STEP 2

- Click the teal “Click Here to Enter” button. (Available May 1.)

We have transitioned to online registration for our contests and competitions. If you need help with entering online or are unable to, please contact the Agriculture and Exhibits Department at 509-248-7160 ext.104 or email jeem@fairfun.com for further assistance.

Registration opens May 1, 2026

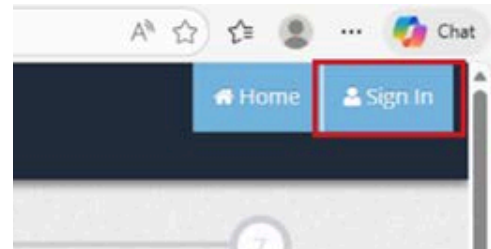
Click below to learn more about competition categories and how to enter.

CLICK HERE TO ENTER!



STEP 3

- In the top right corner, click the blue “Sign In” button to create your account.



STEP 4

- From the dropdown menu, select “Exhibitor.”

I am a...

-- Choose a type --

-- Choose a type --

Exhibitor

Buyer

Passport

Administrator

STEP 5

- Enter the exhibitor’s first and last name.
 - If you are registering for a youth, use the exhibitor’s name.
 - Select “I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year.”
 - Click the blue “Continue” button.

1

First Name Mootilda

Last Name Fairfun

or sign in using ShowWorks Passport

It's free and lets you securely keep your information and entries year after year and reuse across different fairs and shows. Get instant notifications when it's time to show or entries have been judged and see your awards. Sign up now and begin keeping track of your own entries. Tell me more about ShowWorks Passport...

2

I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year I have previously registered this year

3

Continue

STEP 6

- Fill out all exhibitor information fields.
 - Choose a password you will remember (or write it down). Click **"Continue."**

First Name Mootilda
Last Name Fairfun
Password *
Re-type Password *
Pay premiums to (leave blank if same)
Address * 1301 South Fair Avenue
Address2
City * Yakima

STEP 7

- Review your exhibitor information.
 - Make sure your address is correct – this is where your premium check will be mailed. Click **"Continue."**

Phone (509) 248-7160
e-mail mootildaf@fairfun.com
Exhibitor Date of Birth 10/1/2023
Adult Exhibitor Yes
Youth Exhibitor No
[Continue →](#)



STEP 8

- Add your entries:
 - Select a department (example: Woodcarving).
 - Select a division (example: Amateur Relief Work).
 - Select a Class (example: Miscellaneous).
 - Fill in all additional information, such as title or description.
 - The light-yellow box will tell you which entry fees you will need to add later. Click **"Continue."**

MS tab. "Woodcarving Amateur Entry Fee" = \$10.00 for the first exhibit entry and \$2.00 for each additional exhibit entry after that.

1 Department Woodcarving
2 Division Amateur Relief Work
3 Class *
 01 : Animals
 02 : Human Figures
 03 : Abstract
 04 : Miscellaneous
4 Description A portrait of Apple Jack
5 [Add Entry to Cart ✓](#)

STEP 9

- If you have more entries:
 - Click "Add Similar Entry" for another item in the same department.
 - Click "Add Different Entry" for a new department.
 - Continue until all entries are added, then click **"Continue."**

se a Department --

[+ Add different Entry](#) [Add similar Entry](#) [Continue →](#)

STEP 10

- Add your entry fees by clicking the “+” button next to each fee. Click “Continue.”

Fee Items	Amount	Qty	Total
Crafts, Foods, Threads Entry Fee <small>May enter an entry items in each Department Fees, Threads, and Crafts with this single fee</small>	\$10.00	0	\$0.00
Fine Arts - Amateur Entry Fee <small>Your Exhibit Entry</small>	\$10.00	0	\$0.00
Fine Arts - Professional Entry Fee <small>Your Exhibit Entry</small>	\$13.00	0	\$0.00
Fine Arts - Youth Entry Fee <small>Youth Exhibitor Entry Fee</small>	\$10.00	0	\$0.00
Woodcarving - Amateur Entry Fee <small>Your Exhibit Entry</small>	\$10.00	1	\$10.00
Woodcarving - Professional Additional Entry Fee <small>Each Additional Exhibit Entry</small>	\$3.00	0	\$0.00
Woodcarving Professional Entry Fee <small>Your Exhibit Entry</small>	\$13.00	0	\$0.00
Youth Equine Entry Fee <small>Entry Fee for Exhibit</small>	\$12.00	0	\$0.00
Youth Equine Tack Room Fee <small>Fee for Tack Room</small>	\$8.00	0	\$0.00
Youth Poultry Entry Fee <small>Entry Fee for Great 10 Animals</small>	\$10.00	0	\$0.00
Youth Poultry Participation Fee <small>2023 CWAF Adult Heavy Turf Participation Fee</small>	\$10.00	0	\$0.00
Youth Rabbit Entry Fee <small>Entry Fee for Great 10 Animals</small>	\$10.00	0	\$0.00

STEP 12

- Enter your payment information and click “Continue.”
- Type “Yes” to agree to the terms and conditions in the Exhibitor’s Guidebook, then click “Submit.”

Provide Payment Information

Your balance is \$10.00. Please complete the following for your purchase. You will confirm on the next page.

Amount Due \$10.00

Payment Method

Account Number

CVV

Expiration Date

Use my previous address

STEP 11

- Review your entries and fees.
 - Click the “X” to remove something.
 - Click the pencil icon to edit.
 - When everything looks correct, click “Check Out.”

✕ button next to the item that you want to remove. To edit an item, click the button.

⚠ You are not finished yet! You will still need to confirm in the upcoming steps.

Item	Description	Amount	Edit	Remove
Mooitida Fairfun's Items:				
	Amateur Relief Work Class: 04 - Miscellaneous Description: A portrait of Apple Jack	\$0.00		✕
	Woodcarving - Amateur Entry Fee \$10.00 x 1	\$10.00		✕
Total for Mooitida Fairfun with 1 entries		\$10.00		
2 TOTAL ITEMS IN CART:		\$10.00		
BALANCE DUE:		\$10.00		

NEED HELP?

- Contact Sophia at 509.248.7160 x112 or sophias@fairfun.com



VALLEY PRODUCE DEPARTMENT RULES

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

- The Adult Valley Produce Department is open to exhibitors 18 years and older.
- The Youth Valley Produce Department is open to exhibitors ages 5–17.
- All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor or their immediate family, be from the current year's crop, and be properly labeled with the correct variety name. Exception: dried gourds.
- **Judging Criteria – Fruit:** Fruit will be judged on size, quality, color, trueness to variety, uniformity, maturity, and freedom from blemishes. Fruit must retain stems and be free of bruises or broken skin. Color may be enhanced using a soft cloth only. Artificially oiled or waxed fruit (including commercial warehouse wax) will be disqualified. Prunes, plums, and grapes should not be polished and should retain their natural bloom.
- **Judging Criteria – Vegetables:** Vegetables must be well-grown, free of foreign materials, uniform, and of the highest quality, with no signs of disease or insects. The Fair reserves the right to reject entries that do not meet quality standards.
- Entries will be displayed as space allows and may be placed in the Ag Building or other fair facilities. The largest pumpkins will be displayed in the new Pumpkin Patch, West of the Ag building.
- Exhibitors may enter multiple varieties, but only one entry per variety per class. The exception is the "Largest" category, which is limited to one entry per exhibitor.
- Judges may withhold awards if no entry meets judging standards.
- Ribbons will be available on release day only and will not 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 at 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
- 2nd Place = 3 Points

ADULT FRUIT CLASSES DIVISION 400

Class

1. **Apples:** 3-4 of each variety
2. **Grapes:** 1 large cluster or 2 small clusters
3. **Melons:** 1 Melon
4. **Nuts:** 5-10 of each variety
5. **Pears:** 3-4 of each variety
6. **Other:**
 - a. **Large Fruit:** 3-4 of each variety
 - b. **Small Fruit:** 5-10 of each variety
 - c. **Berries:** ½ cup minimum



ADULT VEGETABLES & GRAINS DIVISION 401

Class

1. **Grains**
 - Sheaf: Any recognized common variety; approximately 4 inches in diameter at the base and tied in three (3) places.
 - Threshed: Grains must be plump, well-matured, and free of broken kernels. Exhibit in clean glass quart jars.
2. **Grasses**
 - Judged on leafiness, quality, and height. Sheaves should be a total of four (4), approximately one (1) inch in diameter at the base, and tied in three (3) places.
3. **Dried Legumes**
 - Exhibit in clean glass jars.
4. **Sunflower Head**
 - Must be entered without the root system. Sunflower heads must have a minimum 20-inch stem.
5. **Vegetables**
 - Any variety, including ornamentals. All vegetables must be named on the entry form.
 - Exhibitors may enter multiple varieties, but each entry must be a different variety.
 - **Special Requirements:**
 - **Large Vegetables:** (over 10 inches) such as pumpkins, squash, and gourds only: one (1) specimen required.
 - **Small Vegetables:** (under 4 inches): minimum of five (5) per entry.
 - **Corn:** Two (2) ears, husks pulled back or removed.
 - **Potatoes:** Uniform in size and shape; three (3) for large varieties or five (5) for small varieties.
 - **Root crops:** (carrots, beets, radishes, etc.) Washed and tops trimmed to 1 inch above the crown.
 - **Cabbage:** Root cut and outer leaves removed.
6. **Miscellaneous**
 - Items not listed above, including corn stalks and sunflower stalks.

DIVISION 404

ADULT GARDEN CREATURE

Use your imagination. Create a creature from your garden using fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, nuts, seeds, grass, etc. No man-made materials allowed. Can use toothpicks, but no glue, tape or string.

ADULT DRIED GOURDS

Dried Gourd(s) – Gourd(s) can be any size. Must be from a previous crop year.

Gourd Basket, Gourd Bird House, Gourd Bowl, Gourd Shakers (*as used in percussion*), Miscellaneous

ADULT SCARECROW

Entries must be securely put together, and all needed props and supplies must be 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 themes, standing scarecrows must be well supported by a sturdy base and post.

ADULT HERBS DIVISION 405

No limit on herb entries, any variety, must be different types. Herbs must be potted or cut. Both potted and cut cannot be entered. Dried herbs can be entered in the Foods Department.

Class

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

“THE LARGEST GARDEN ITEM” DIVISION 402

This special contest is open to all people, ages 5 and above. Entries are judged by weight & measurement unless otherwise noted. Each entry should include the variety name under the description.

All the largest and tallest exhibits 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.

Large pumpkins must be presented on a pallet for weighing. Only one pumpkin per pallet is allowed.

Class

1. Apple
2. Beet
3. Cabbage
4. Carrot
5. Ear of Corn, Husk On
6. Cucumber
7. Eggplant
8. Pepper
9. Onion
10. Pear
11. Potato
12. Pumpkin
13. Squash – Summer
14. Squash – Winter
15. Sunflower Head
16. Tomato
17. Watermelon
18. Tallest Sunflower Stalk (*Must have roots removed.*)
19. Tallest Corn Stalk (*Must have roots removed.*)
21. Other (*Any other largest produce not listed above.*)



YOUTH FRUIT DIVISION 410

Class

1. **Apples:** 3-4 of each variety
2. **Grapes:** 2 large clusters
3. **Melons:** 1 total
4. **Nuts:** 5-10 of each variety
5. **Pears:** 3-4 of each variety
6. **Other:**
 - a. **Large Fruit:** 3-4 of each variety.
 - b. **Small Fruit:** 5-10 each
 - c. **Berries:** ½ cup to 1 cup

YOUTH VEGETABLES & GRAINS DIVISION 411

Class

1. Grains

- **Sheaf:** Any recognized common variety; approximately four (4) inches in diameter at the base and tied in three (3) places.
- **Threshed:** Grains must be plump, well-matured, and free of broken kernels and foreign matter. Exhibit in clean glass quart jars.

2. Grasses

- Judged on leafiness, quality, and height. Sheaves should be approximately one (1) inch in diameter at the base and tied in three (3) places.

3. Dried Legumes

- Must be of good quality, free from broken pieces and foreign matter. Exhibit in clean glass jars.

4. Sunflower Head

- Must be entered without the root system. Sunflower heads must have a minimum 20-inch stem.

5. Vegetables

- Any variety, including ornamentals. All vegetables must be named on the entry form.
- Exhibitors may enter multiple varieties; however, each entry must be a different variety.
- Good market size required.

- **Large Vegetables:** (over four (4) inches), including pumpkins, squash, and gourds: one (1) specimen required.
 - **Small Vegetables:** (under four (4) inches): minimum of five (5) per entry.
 - **Corn:** Two (2) ears, husks pulled back or removed.
 - **Potatoes:** Uniform in size and shape; three (3) for large varieties or five (5) for small varieties.
 - **Root crops:** (carrots, beets, radishes, etc.) Good market size, washed, free from blemishes, tops trimmed to one (1) inch above the crown.
 - **Cabbage:** Root removed; outer leaves trimmed.
 - **Rhubarb:** Leaves removed.
6. **Miscellaneous**
- Items not listed above, including corn stalks and sunflower stalks.



DIVISION 412

YOUTH GARDEN CREATURE

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