



Youth Crops & Vegetables

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2021 Schedule

Deadline for Entries	Friday, Sept. 3, 2021
Deliver Crops and Vegetables	Wednesday, Sept. 22, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. ** Thursday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m. – Noon
Judging	Thursday, Sept. 23, 1:30 p.m.
Pick up	Monday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, Noon – 5p.m.

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR THE YOUTH DIVISION

ages 5 to 18 as of September 1

NO Sunday pick-up

**Please note that we are not responsible for crops & vegetables that are delivered on Wednesday and have deteriorated past their prime by judging time on Thursday. Judges will be instructed to rate entries on their condition at the time of judging and will not be told which items were delivered Wednesday & which were delivered on Thursday.

Please review all information in the Competition Guide before entering items in the competition.

Delivery instructions and maps will be provided online and by emails to those who share an email address.

Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org. Mail-in entries may be sent to State Fair of Virginia, Horticulture, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Tags will be picked up at delivery of products.

Guidelines:

1. All State Fair General Rules and Crops and Vegetables Department Rules apply. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules. Competitors must be age 5 to 18 as of September 1.
2. An email will be sent to all exhibitors who provide an email address reminding them of instructions for delivery. Tags will be held until delivery of items.
3. Each entry shall be composed of specimens of only one variety or strain except where indicated. All vegetable and fruit specimens should be mature. All fruit and vegetables should be in their natural state. No waxing or altering the product in any way will be allowed. Please enter the name and the plant variety in the "description" field online or paper entry form.
4. All produce must be grown by an individual competitor (no groups or teams) during the current calendar year, unless otherwise specified.
5. A competitor shall be permitted to make only one entry in each class, but may enter in as many individual classes as desired.
6. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits.
7. No crops may be removed until release time and must be checked out with Superintendent. Tag stubs (claim checks) must be presented before entries are released.
8. Prize-winning exhibits removed by the competitor prior to the official release time will forfeit monetary awards.
9. It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up or dispose of entries. After the last scheduled pick-up time, all remaining products will be considered abandoned and the Fair will in no way be responsible for them.
10. Perishable products may be removed from display by the Superintendent after judging if the product reaches a state of decomposition.

All entries are subject to spraying with fire retardant, as required by the Fire Marshall.

\$50 Sweepstakes Award for the Winner of the Most Blue Ribbons
in the Youth Crops & Vegetables Competition!

Awards	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Each Class	\$12	\$9	\$7	\$5	\$3

Division 1: Field Corn

- 1001. Field corn, best ten ears (any variety)
- 1002. Field corn, shelled (any variety) one gallon.
- 1003. Silage corn, five stalks, tied below ears
- 1004. Field corn, tallest stalk of corn with ear

Division 2: Cereals

- 2001. Wheat, 1 gallon
- 2002. Oats, 1 gallon
- 2003. Barley, 1 gallon
- 2004. Rye, 1 gallon

Division 3: Nuts

- 3001. Peanuts, six vines, Virginia Runner
- 3002. Peanuts, six vines, Bunch Peanuts
- 3003. Walnuts, 6 specimens
- 3004. Hickory, 6 specimens
- 3005. Pecan, 6 specimens
- 3006. Other, 6 specimens

Division 4: Mature Sheaf Grains

- 4001. Oats in straw, sheaf to be 2" in diameter at centerband
- 4002. Barley in straw, sheaf to be 2' in diameter at centerband
- 4003. Rye in straw, sheaf to be 2'in diameter at centerband
- 4004. Wheat in straw, sheaf to be 2' in diameter at centerband

Division 5: Hay*

- 5001. Hay, 100% Alfalfa, 12" sheaf from center
- 5002. Hay, 100% other Legume, 12' sheaf from center of bale
- 5003. Hay, cool season grass (fescue, orchard grass, Timothy, or mixed cool season, etc.) 12" sheaf from center of bale
- 5004. Hay, grass & legume 12" sheaf from center of bale
- 5005. Hay, small grain (oat, wheat, rye, Triticale or small grain mixed with grasses) 12" sheaf from center of bale
- 5006. Hay, warm season grass (Bermuda, sudex, millet, switch grass, tift or other) 12" sheaf from center of bale

**Judging of hay is based on visual observation and overall appearance. No testing is conducted.*

Division 6: Soybeans

- 6001. Soybeans, Utility and Certified, any oil variety, 1 gallon, variety must be designated
- 6002. Soybeans on Stalk, any variety (3 stalks per entry)

Division 7: Tobacco

- 7001. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lemon Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7002. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Orange Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7003. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lemon Cutters, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7004. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Orange Cutters, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7005. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lemon Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7006. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Orange Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7007. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lug, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7008. Tobacco, Dark-Fired, Best Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7009. Tobacco, Dark-Fired, Best Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7010. Tobacco, Sun-Cured, Best Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7011. Tobacco, Sun-Cured, Best Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7012. Tobacco, Burley, Best Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied

Division 8: Cotton, Sorghum and Other

- 8001. Cotton, three stalks, open bolls with root structure
- 8002. Cotton, twenty-five locks of seed cotton
- 8003. Cotton, colored cotton, open bolls
- 8050. Sorghum, any variety, 5 stalks, tied
- 8051. Any field crop, not listed

Division 9: Vegetables & Fruits

- 9001 Apples, red 6 specimens (unwaxed)
- 9002 Apples, yellow 6 specimens (unwaxed)
- 9003 Beets, (six), one inch stems
- 9004 Cabbage, 1 head
- 9005 Carrots , orange , 6 roots, inch tops
- 9006 Carrots, colored, 6 roots, inch tops
- 9007 Corn, Sweet, (unhusked and trimmed), 4 ears
- 9008 Cucumber, Slicing, 4 specimens
- 9009 Cucumber, Small pickling, 8 specimens
- 9010 Eggplants, 2 specimens
- 9011 Fruit, any not listed
- 9012 Fruit, mixed basket, at least 3 colors/types
- 9013 Garlic, 3 bulbs
- 9014 Giant vegetable, any variety
- 9015 Gourds, 6 inches or larger, 1 specimen
- 9016 Gourds, Basket arranged attractively, 5 different types
- 9017 Gourds, smaller than 6 inches, 3 specimens
- 9018 Grapes, 1 cluster
- 9019 Heirloom vegetables, other than snap beans and tomatoes,3 specimens
- 9020 Indian corn, display of 3 ears
- 9021 Kale, Curly, 1 plant
- 9022 Lima Beans, (large, fresh, unshelled) 6 pods, greater than 4 inches
- 9023 Lima Beans, (small, fresh, unshelled) 6 pods, less than 4 inches
- 9024 Melon, Cantaloupe, 1 specimen
- 9025 Melon, Citron 1 specimen
- 9026 Melon, Honey Dew, 1 specimen
- 9027 Mini-vegetables, display
- 9028 Okra, 6 pods
- 9029 Onion sets, 10 sets
- 9030 Onions, (mature), 3 bulbs
- 9031 Other vegetable not listed
- 9032 Parsnips, tops removed, 6 roots
- 9033 Peaches, 3 specimens
- 9034 Pears, 3 specimens (non-waxed)

- 9035 Peppers, bell, colored 4 pods
- 9036 Peppers, bell, green, 4 pods
- 9037 Peppers, Hot Habanero, 6 specimens
- 9038 Peppers, Hot Jalapeno, 6 specimens
- 9039 Peppers, Hot Serrano, 6 specimens
- 9040 Peppers, Hot, any other not listed above greater than 4 inches, 6 specimens
- 9041 Peppers, Hot, any other not listed above smaller than 4 inches, 6 specimens
- 9042 Peppers, Sweet, any other not listed above, 4 pods
- 9043 Plums, 3 specimens (unwaxed)
- 9044 Pop Corn, six ears, husked
- 9045 Pumpkin, Basket of Peepers, arranged attractively, can be mixed varieties
- 9046 Pumpkin, large Jack-o-lantern 10 lbs or more, 5 sided stem, orange
- 9047 Pumpkin, Mammoth, greater than 30 lbs including "Pepo" and "Maxima"
- 9048 Pumpkin, Mini, less than 1 lb, 3 specimens, any color
- 9049 Pumpkin, Not White or Orange, any other
- 9050 Pumpkin, Pie, 1lb to less than 10 lbs., 5 sided stem, orange
- 9051 Pumpkin, White, 10 lbs or more
- 9052 Pumpkin, White, less than 10 lbs
- 9053 Radishes (six) one inch stems
- 9054 Salsify, bunched, tops removed, 6 roots
- 9055 Snap Beans (green), 10 pods
- 9056 Snap beans, Heirloom, 10 pods
- 9057 Southern Peas, (unshelled) 1 quart
- 9058 Spinach, 6 plants (cut at crown)
- 9059 Squash, Cushaw type
- 9060 Squash, Spaghetti, 2 specimens
- 9061 Squash, Summer, 3 specimens
- 9062 Squash, Summer, yellow, 3 specimens
- 9063 Squash, Summer, Zucchini, 3 specimens
- 9064 Squash, Winter, Acorns, 2 specimens
- 9065 Squash, Winter, Butternut, 2 specimens
- 9066 Squash, Winter, other not listed, 1 specimen
- 9067 Sunflower, largest head (dried or green)
- 9068 Sunflower, one head, best quality (dried or green)
- 9069 Tomatoes, cherry-type, 5 specimens
- 9070 Tomatoes, grape, 5 specimens
- 9071 Tomatoes, heirloom, 5 specimens
- 9072 Tomatoes, red ripe, 5 specimens
- 9073 Tomatoes, Roma, preserving type (small), 5 specimens
- 9074 Tomatoes, yellow ripe, 5 specimens
- 9075 Turnip salad, 6 plants with roots
- 9076 Turnip, 3 plants with roots
- 9077 Turnips, tops removed, 6 roots
- 9078 Vegetable, Alternative or "Trendy", not listed
- 9079 Vegetable, any other not listed
- 9080 Vegetable, mixed basket, at least 5 different species of vegetables
- 9081 Watermelon, 10 lbs or greater, 1 specimen
- 9082 Watermelon, less than 10 lbs, 1 specimen

Division 11: Potatoes

- 1101. Potatoes, Irish, Red, 5 specimens
- 1102. Potatoes, Irish, Kenebec, 5 specimens
- 1103. Potatoes, Irish, any other white skin, 5 specimens
- 1104. Potatoes, Irish, any other color than red or white, 5 specimens
- 1105. Sweet Potatoes, any variety, 5 specimens

Division 12: Culinary Herbs

- 1201 Basil, Green - container grown
- 1202 Basil, Purple - container grown
- 1203 Chives - container grown
- 1204 Herb, any other not listed - Container Grown
- 1205 Herbs, display of dried
- 1206 Herbs, display of fresh cut
- 1207 Herbs, display of potted (3 or more kinds)
- 1208 Mint - container grown
- 1209 Oregano - container grown
- 1210 Parsley - container grown
- 1211 Rosemary - container grown
- 1212 Sage - container grown
- 1213 Sage, fresh cut (in water)
- 1214 Stevia - container grown
- 1215 Thyme - container grown

Division 13: Special Contests

Vegetable Come Alive! Get a durable vegetable (something that will not likely rot, sitting out at the Fair for 10 days!) Deck it out to make it look like it is a living creature. Maybe like a person or an animal. Any materials may be used. For this contest only, a purchased vegetable may be used as well. The Vegetable creature must be constructed by the youth.

Class 1301: Ages 5 – 12

Class 1302: Ages 13 – 18

(Ages as of Sept 1.)

Corn Creation Contest:

Construct an amazing corn creation utilizing any parts of a dried corn plant (cob, husk, stalk, silk, roots...) The corn parts do not need to be grown by the contestant, but the creativity and construction should be the contestant. Adults may help and supervise for class 1303 where any danger is involved such as in cutting.

Class 1303: Ages 5 – 12

Class 1304: Ages 13 – 18 (Ages as of Sept. 1)

Judging Criteria

1. Quality

- a. **Color—deep, clear, intense**
- b. **Marketable size—size most consumers want at the supermarket or average size**
- c. **Trueness to type or shape—as true as possible to the type or shape of the variety**
- d. **Maturity or stage development—in prime condition for eating**

2. Condition

- a. **Freshness—shows no signs of shriveling or decline**
- b. **Cleanliness—clean and bright in appearance**
- c. **Trimming—neatly and properly trimmed, much like market produce**

3. Freedom from injury

- a. **Insects, diseases—no damage shown from either**
- b. **Mechanical injuries—caused by weather or rough treatment during harvest**
- c. **Transportation—pack carefully to transport to the fair.**

4. Uniformity

- a. **Size—the size of all specimens should be similar**
- b. **Shape—shape most typical of that vegetable variety**
- c. **Color—uniform for all vegetables in grouping**
- d. **Maturity—all specimens should be at the same level of maturity**
- e. **Type—vegetables should all be of the same variety unless the class requires a mixed variety**