

HORTICULTURE

Department 300

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JUDGING SCHEDULE:

Classes 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 : Friday, September 8th - Noon
Corn, Hay & Tobacco (Classes 1-4): Saturday, September 9th - Noon
Senior Citizens Best Pair of Vegetables & Fruits (Class 8): Tuesday, September 12th - Noon

The Jacob Building will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 7th to receive entries for ALL
(except Senior Citizens) classes.

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. **ALL EXHIBITS ENTERED MUST BE GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR.**
2. No entry fee is charged in this department. You may pre-register online at www.tnvalleyfair.org beginning July 1st, or submit your entries in writing on the exhibitor entry form found in the back of this book. If you need assistance obtaining a form please call 865-215-1480. The form may be mailed to address at top of form, faxed to 865-215-1483, or emailed to contests@tnvalleyfair.org.
3. If entries are submitted on time, entry tags will be mailed to exhibitors. These tags should be attached to the exhibit before it is brought to the Fair. Entry tags are for the purpose of keeping track of exhibits and the bottom section of the tag serves as a receipt for the exhibit when it is claimed at the close of the Fair. If an entry is brought that has not been pre-registered you will have to fill out paperwork on-site and attach entry tags. This process can be time consuming especially when multiple people try to register at once.
4. Should there be no competition, the judge will have the authority to place awards according to the merits of the article. No premiums are awarded unless judge considers them worthy.
5. **All exhibits will be released at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17th and Monday, September 18th from 8:00am - 5:00pm ONLY. If entries are not picked up during the times listed above, they will be disposed of.**
6. In all production exhibits, the Fair reserves the right to check any entry in the field at maturity if conditions seem to warrant, and hold premium money until such production is verified.
7. All plants must be in the possession of the exhibitor at least 90 days prior to the show and should be exhibited in containers that are clean, pest/insect free.
8. Containers should weigh no more than 15 lbs. and be no larger than 12" in diameter.
9. Exhibitors should provide their own clear glass containers for cut specimens and label each specimen.
10. If needed, the exhibitor is permitted to use wedging material of their choice.
11. All containers should be show quality. If they are not, please place in a secondary container (double pot).
12. There should be no evidence of re-potting.
13. Judges may subdivide classes if needed.
14. If premium check is not picked up when exhibitor picks up their entries, checks will be mailed to the address on record within 7-10 days.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Fair will open to the public at 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 8th, and close at midnight, Sunday, September 17th. In order to open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, we must have as many exhibits as possible in place by this time. We are, however, aware that many of our entries are brought from county fairs that cannot release exhibits until late Friday night and from FFA Chapters that must assemble entries after school. To encourage entries from these fairs and from FFA, member entries will be received on Saturday morning, September 9th, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ONLY! **Please note that this exception applies only to entries from county or other fairs and FFA members as indicated.** All other entries must be delivered to the Jacob Building no later than 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7th. Late entries outside of the above mentioned exception will be disqualified immediately.

CLASS 1 - HAY IN FULL-SIZED BALES

Must be grown by exhibitor

Premiums for Class 1				
1st	2nd	3rd-5th	6th-8th	9th-10th
\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00

Hay Score Card

All hay will be judged on this basis

- I. Stage of Harvest (Total 30)
 1. Before blossom or heading.....27-30
 2. Early blossom or early heading.....22-26
 3. Mid-to-late bloom or head stage.....17-21
 4. Seed stage (stemmy).....11-16
- II. Leafiness (Total 30)
 1. Very Leafy.....27-30
 2. Leafy.....22-26
 3. Slightly Stemmy.....17-21
 4. Stemmy.....11-16
- III. Color (Total 15)
 1. Natural green color of crop.....14-15
 2. Light green to slightly brownish.....11-13
 3. Yellow to brownish.....8-10
 4. Brown or black.....0-7
- IV. Odor (Total 15)
 1. Clean - "crop odor".....14-15
 2. Dusty.....11-13
 3. Moldy - mousy.....8-10
 4. Burnt.....0-7
- V. Softness (Total 10)
 1. Very soft and pliable.....9-10
 2. Soft.....7-8
 3. Slightly harsh.....5-6
 4. Harsh, brittle.....0-4
- VI. Penalties
 1. Trash, weeds, dirt and other foreign materials.....0-35
- TOTAL.....100

Lot

- 01 - Bale of Grass Hay
- 02 - Bale of Mixed Legume and Grass
- 03 - Bale of Alfalfa
- 04 - Bale of Legume, other than Alfalfa or Annual Lespedeza
- 05 - Decorated Haybale - use square bales only - decorations must be in good taste and must include the 2023 Tennessee Valley Fair theme: "Ribbons, Roosters & Roller Coasters!"



VEGETABLES & FRUITS

All vegetables and fruits are subject to disqualification for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Entries that are not entered in the proper class (Cobblers in Kennebec class, squash in pumpkin, red pepper in a green class, etc.)
2. Entries that do not meet fair specifications in terms of numbers per entry, production procedure, or date requirements, etc.
3. Entries that are not of sufficient quality to merit consideration. This could include over maturity, size, soundness and disease and insect damage.
4. All entries must be grown by exhibitor. Disqualification will result if entries/items have been purchased from store.

CLASS 2 - IRISH POTATOES

Judging time: Friday, September 8th - Noon

Entry to consist of ten (10) selected potatoes. **All exhibits must be delivered to the Jacob Building on Thursday, September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Exhibits will only be released Sunday, September 17th at 8:00 p.m., and Monday, September 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Judging will usually be on the basis of:

1. Uniform of size, shape and color.
2. Freedom from defects due to insects, diseases and mechanical injury.
3. Trueness to type for the variety.
4. Attractiveness (should be washed).

Premiums for Class 5, Lots 2

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00

Lot

- 01 - Kennebec
- 02 - Any other white variety
- 03 - Any red variety

CLASS 3 - PERISHABLE VEGETABLES & FRUITS

To be judged on Friday, September 7th - Noon

All exhibits must be delivered to the Jacob Building on Thursday, September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

NEW: Open to all ages including Junior Youth!

1. Pre-entry deadline is Friday, August 25th.
2. Judging will usually be on the basis of:
 - a. Uniformity of size, shape and color.
 - b. Freedom from defects due to insects and disease
 - c. Trueness to type for the variety.
 - d. Proper stage of maturity for table use.
3. **MUST BE GROWN BY EXHIBITOR.**

Premiums for Class 3

1st - \$12.00	2nd - \$10.00	3rd - \$8.00
Best Exhibitor - \$25.00		



- Lot
- 01 - Four Copper, Orange or Red Skinned Sweet Potatoes
 - 02 - Four White Skinned Sweet Potatoes
 - 03 - Six Red Onions
 - 04 - Six White Onions
 - 05 - Six Yellow Onions
 - 06 - Two Eggplants
 - 07 - Ten Southern (Field) Peas in Pod (immature)
 - 08 - Ten Southern (Field) Peas in Pod (mature)
 - 09 - Ten Green (Snap) Beans in Pod
 - 10 - Ten Purple Hull (Snap) Beans in Pod
 - 11 - Ten Pole Beans (other than Lima) in Pod
 - 12 - Ten Horticultural (Cranberry) Beans in Pod
 - 13 - Ten Lima (Butter) Beans in Pod
 - 14 - Twenty Shelled Immature Lima (Butter) Beans
 - 15 - Twenty Shelled Immature Southern (Field) Beans
 - 16 - Twenty Shelled Immature Horticultural (Cranberry) Beans
 - 17 - Plate (10 pods) table size Okra
 - 18 - Six Hot Red Jalapeno Peppers
 - 19 - Six Hot Red Serrano Peppers
 - 20 - Six Hot Red Peppers (Other)
 - 21 - Six Hot Yellow Peppers
 - 22 - Six Hot Green Jalapeno Peppers
 - 23 - Six Hot Green Serrano Peppers
 - 24 - Six Hot Green Peppers (Other)
 - 25 - Six Hot Peppers (Any Other Color)
 - 26 - Three Bell Peppers (Green)
 - 27 - Three Bell Peppers (Red)
 - 28 - Three Bell Peppers (Any Other Color)
 - 29 - Six Habanero Peppers
 - 30 - Six Banana Sweet Peppers
 - 31 - Three Large Red Tomatoes
 - 32 - Three Large Yellow Tomatoes
 - 33 - Three Large Green Tomatoes
 - 34 - Three Large Yellow/Red Tomatoes
 - 35 - Five Red Roma Tomatoes
 - 36 - Plate (10) Red Cherry Tomatoes
 - 37 - Plate (10) Yellow Cherry Tomatoes
 - 38 - Plate (1 truss) Red Grape Tomatoes
 - 39 - Plate (1 truss) Yellow Grape Tomatoes
 - 40 - Plate (10) Red Pear Tomatoes
 - 41 - Plate (10) Yellow Pear Tomatoes
 - 42 - Three White Summer Squash (immature seeds)
 - 43 - Three Yellow Summer Squash (immature seeds)
 - 44 - Three Green Summer Squash (immature seeds)
 - 45 - Three Slicer Cucumbers (6-8 inches)
 - 46 - Six Pickle Cucumbers (less than 6 inches)
 - 47 - Plate of Three Red Apples
 - 48 - Plate of Three Yellow Apples
 - 49 - Plate of Three Pears
 - 50 - Plate of Grapes (2 bunches)
 - 51 - Sweet Corn (present 3 ear - left in shucks) - White
 - 52 - Sweet Corn (present 3 ear - left in shucks) - Yellow
 - 53 - Sweet Corn (present 3 ear - left in shucks) - Bi-Color
 - 54 - Best Display of Home Grown Fruit (min. 4 varieties)
 - 55 - Best Exhibitor - *Judged on point system 1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 4 pts, 3rd - 3 pt*

CLASS 4 - WINTER SQUASH, PUMPKIN, INDIAN CORN & WATERMELON DISPLAY*

**Any cucurbita containing mature seeds*

To be judged on Friday, September 8th - Noon

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Premiums for Class 4		
1st - \$10.00	2nd - \$8.00	3rd - \$6.00
Best Exhibitor - \$25.00		



- Lot
- 01 - Pair of Small Pie Pumpkins
 - 02 - Large Winter White Pumpkin
 - 03 - Large Winter Orange Pumpkin
 - 04 - Large Winter Squash
 - 05 - One Green Cushaw
 - 06 - One Golden Cushaw
 - 07 - One Watermelon - Long Type
 - 08 - One Watermelon - Round Type
 - 09 - One Watermelon - Ice Box (Max. Weight 12lbs.)
 - 10 - Three-Ear Exhibit of Indian Corn
 - 11 - Two Acorn Type Squash
 - 12 - Two Butternut Squash
 - 13 - Collection of Miniature Squash, Gourds & Pumpkins (min. 4 varieties)
 - 14 - Best Exhibitor - *Judged on point system 1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 4 pts, 3rd - 3 pts.*

CLASS 5 - BEST PAIR OF VEGETABLES & FRUITS SENIOR CITIZENS' SPECIAL

**Judging: Tuesday, September 12th - Noon
Senior Citizens' Day**

1. Competition is open to Senior Citizens (65 years and over).
2. Exhibits must be produced by exhibitor.
3. Exhibits must be received by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12th.
4. Judging will be on the basis of most nearly identical pair of marketable size horticultural products exhibited. Entries should be of sufficient quality (maturity, size, soundness, and free from disease and insect damage) to merit consideration.

Premiums for Class 5
1st - \$12.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$8.00
Best Exhibitor - \$25.00

- Lot
- 01 - Best Pair of Tomatoes
 - 02 - Best Pair of Cherry Tomatoes
 - 03 - Best Pair of Pear Tomatoes
 - 04 - Best Pair of Corn Ears in Shucks
 - 05 - Best Pair of Okra Pods
 - 06 - Best Pair of Summer Squash (Yellow)
 - 07 - Best Pair of Summer Squash (Green)
 - 08 - Best Pair of Summer Squash (White)
 - 09 - Best Pair of Winter Squash (Butternut)
 - 10 - Best Pair of Winter Squash (Acorn)
 - 11 - Best Pair of Cucumbers
 - 12 - Best Pair of Green Beans in Pod
 - 13 - Best Pair of Lima Beans in Pod
 - 14 - Best Pair of Field Southern Peas in Pod - immature
 - 15 - Best Pair of Field Southern Peas in Pod - mature
 - 16 - Best Pair of Bell Peppers (Green)
 - 17 - Best Pair of Bell Peppers (Red)
 - 18 - Best Pair of Bell Peppers (any other color)
 - 19 - Best Pair of Hot Peppers (Green)
 - 20 - Best Pair of Hot Peppers (Red)
 - 21 - Best Pair of Hot Peppers (any other color)
 - 22 - Best Pair of Sweet Banana Peppers
 - 23 - Best Pair of Rhubarb (Stalks)
 - 24 - Best Pair of Onions (any color)
 - 25 - Best Pair of Irish Potatoes
 - 26 - Best Pair of Sweet Potatoes
 - 27 - Best Pair of Eggplants
 - 28 - Best Pair of Apples
 - 29 - Best Pair of Pears
 - 30 - Best Pair of Grapes (Bunches)
 - 31 - Veggie Creatures
 - 32 - Best Exhibitor - *Judged on point system 1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 4 pts, 3rd - 3 pts.*

~Youth Horticulture~

CLASS 6 - FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS YOUTH: **(17 AND UNDER)**

Exhibitors must bring three (3) of each item entered.

Exhibits will be judged Friday, September 8th, at noon
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Premium for Class 6
1st - \$20.00 2nd - \$15.00 3rd - \$9.00



- Lot
- 01 - Tomatoes
 - 02 - Peppers (any color)
 - 03 - Any other vegetable

CLASS 7 - JUNIOR GARDEN PRODUCTS

Judging: Friday, September 8th - Noon

1. Open to boys and girls under the age of 18, who are not members of FFA.
2. Entries must be grown by exhibitor.
3. Should there be no competition, the judge will have the authority to place awards according to the merits of the article. No premiums are awarded unless judge considers them worthy.
4. Judging is based on the following: Uniformity, Freedom from defects due to insects, disease & mechanical injury, Trueness to type for the variety, proper stage of maturity for table use.

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Premiums for Class 7
1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$8.00 3rd - \$6.00

- Lot
- 01 - Pumpkin
 - 02 - Sunflower
 - 03 - Long Gourd
 - 04 - Tomato (any color) (2)
 - 05 - Onions (any color) (4)
 - 06 - Cucumbers (3)
 - 07 - Squash, any variety (1 large or 3 small)
 - 08 - Peppers, bell (any color) (4)
 - 09 - Peppers, other than bell (4)



CLASS 8 - VEGGIE CREATURES

Play with your food!

Must contain at least two different vegetables.

Judging: Friday, September 8th - Noon

1. Open to youth ages 13 & younger.
2. Any combination of vegetables is allowed. No fruit. No artificial vegetables of any kind.
3. Vegetables do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.
4. Vegetables can not be cut open. They must be able to last the full length of the Fair.
5. Exhibitors may use toothpicks or glue to attach the vegetables. No tape is allowed.
4. Creatures will be judged for creativity, color and eye appeal.

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Premiums for Class 8
1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$8.00 3rd - \$6.00

- Lot
- 01 - Veggie Creatures
 - 02 - Mr./Mrs. Potato Head (must have potato as the body)

CLASS 9 - PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!

Monday, September 11th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 15th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. Limited supplies and pumpkins. Open to all fairgoers.
2. Decorating will be held on the 2nd floor of the Jacob Building beside the Giant Growing exhibits.
3. All pumpkins, paint, and decorating supplies will be provided by the fair. 1 pumpkin per person.
4. Prizes will be given for best decorated pumpkin

Lot

01 - Elementary - Ages 4 - 11

02 - Junior - Ages 12 - 17

03 - Senior - Ages 18+

WHERE THE GIANTS GROW

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CLASS 10 -

JUDGING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - 1:00 P.M.

1. This competition is governed and sanctioned by the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and is open to all growers. Please visit www.gpc1.org to REVIEW ALL RULES.
2. Entries must be delivered to the back entrance of the Jacob Building Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Judging will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Exhibits will be released on Monday, September 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You may enter and exit thru Gate #5 on Lakeside St.
3. All entries placing 1st-5th place must leave exhibit on display for



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the duration of the Fair or otherwise forfeit cash winnings. (*Exception, rotting fruit will be removed without penalty).

4. One official entry allowed per lot, additional entries will be judged as an exhibition fruit. Please note that Pumpkins and Squash will compete for the same prize money but will compete for different awards.
5. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to pre-register by completing an entry form or registering online at www.tnvalleyfair.org. After registration, you will receive an entry tag via mail for all items entered.
6. Weight will be the deciding factor for all lots except 04, 06, and 11.
7. In the event of a tie, the prize money will be added together for the 2 places and divided equally among exhibitors.
8. Only pumpkins 300 pounds and over will qualify for the Howard Dill Award. Fruit deemed exhibition or damaged do not qualify.
9. All judges' decisions are final.
10. As exhibitors remove their exhibits, the provided proper containers for waste must be used. If not, premium money will be forfeited. Do **NOT** leave smashed pumpkins, water-melons, etc. in the parking lot.

Premiums for Class 10, Lot 1					
1st - \$2000.00	2nd - \$400.00	3rd - \$200.00	4th - \$100.00	5th - \$75.00	6th - 10th - Ribbon

Premiums for Class 10, Lot 2	
1st - \$125.00 - Biggest Squash	(Entry must have placed in pumpkins)

Premiums for Class 10, Lot 3					
1st - \$2000.00	2nd - \$400.00	3rd - \$200.00	4th - \$100.00	5th - \$75.00	6th - 10th - Ribbon

Premiums for Class 10, Lot 4-14		
1st - \$40.00	2nd - \$10.00	3rd - Ribbon

Lot

- 01 - Pumpkins
- 02 - Squash
- 03 - Watermelon
- 04 - Long Gourd
- 05 - Tomato
- 06 - Sunflower
- 07 - Field Pumpkin
- 08 - Bushel Gourd
- 09 - Marrow
- 10 - Cantaloupe
- 11 - Tall Corn
- 12 - Cucumber
- 13 - Bell Pepper
- 14 - Sweet Potato

Class 10 - Lot 15 - \$50.00 Best of Show Award - Best giant fruit of any kind across all 14 lots. Only one Best of Show will be awarded.

**The Tennessee Valley Fair:
Home of the 2nd heaviest pumpkin
weight in the World!
2017 - 341 lbs.**