

PRODUCE DISPLAY COMPETITION

SUPERINTENDENT

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ARRIVAL

HOME GARDEN

Thursday, September 14, 2023, before 9pm or
Friday, September 15, 2023, before 8am

FARM STAND

Thursday, September 21, 2023, after 10pm or
Friday, September 22, 2023, before 8am

RELEASE

HOME GARDEN

Thursday, September 21, 2023, after 9pm

FARM STAND

Sunday October 1, 2023, after 10pm

SPECIAL RULES

1. READ GENERAL RULES. All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.

2. Entry fee of \$5 per exhibit must accompany entry form. Each exhibitor must have sent in an entry form with a \$5 entry fee per display by August 31. We will not accept displays that we do not have entry forms for.

3. ELIGIBILITY. This competition is open to all persons who have grown, selected and arranged the fruits, flowers and vegetables. Entry form is located online at www.TheBigE.com/agriculture

4. SHOW LOGISTICS. Home Garden displays must be in place no later than 8am Friday, September 15, and can be removed after 9pm September 21. Vehicles may not enter the inner grounds until after 10pm but a cart will be available to assist exhibitors before 10pm. Farm Stand displays may be set up after 10pm September 21 and must be in place by 8am September 22 and can be removed after 10pm October 1. Vehicles may not enter grounds until after 11pm Sunday, October 1.

5. PASSES. Exhibitors will receive two people and one auto window hanger for initial passes. Additional passes will be distributed by the superintendent to maintain the exhibit. We encourage new exhibitors in all categories. Exhibits will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

6. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY. Exhibitors are expected to freshen up their displays every other day. This may be done before 9:30am or after 10pm. The superintendent will provide passes for this purpose. If exhibits are not freshened up regularly, premium money will be withheld.

7. EXHIBIT DESIGN. Appropriate containers such as salad bowls, mixed bowl classes, standard market packages, collections and decorations may be used. Exhibit designs must not be repeated from previous years. Exhibit materials must be flameproof and will be deemed so by the Exposition under the direction of the superintendent. No cornstalks, wood chips or burlap to be used in displays per fire marshal's orders. **Dark peat will be provided for use in your display. Home Garden** – may include varieties of vegetables, fruits and flowers grown in your own garden. **Farm Display** – may include products such as vegetables, fruits and flowers along with other products produced from agricultural related activities by your farm and/or family.

8. SIZE OF EXHIBIT. Please see web link on the Premium Book page for more information regarding size and layout.

9. FOR ASSISTANCE. If you are unable to set up a display, call (413) 205-5011 as soon as possible to allow us to plan space set-up or add another exhibitor who was refused due to space limitations.

10. Entries must be designated organic or traditional.

SCORECARD**HOME GARDEN**

Quality	50%
Arrangement & Design	30%
Utility Value	10%
Number of Kinds	10%
TOTAL	100%

FARM STAND

Quality	50%
Arrangement & Design	15%
Utility Value	20%
Number of Kinds	15%
TOTAL	100%

PREMIUMS

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
100	Farm Stand	\$130	105	80	65*
101	Home Garden	\$130	105	80	65*
102	Organic Farm Stand	\$130	105	80	65*
103	Organic Garden	\$130	105	80	65*

*All exhibits placing below 4th will be paid \$55.

A copy of organic certification must accompany entry or be emailed to aginfo@TheBigE.com or faxed to (413)205-5104.