

# FRUIT CROP (Citrus, and Blueberry)

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## CITRUS TREE CONTEST

### Rules and Regulations

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, of current 4-H year. Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA.
- No club/chapter trees will be permitted.

#### TREE REQUIREMENTS:

- All trees must be planted and grown in the original container issued to them in April of the prior year. If an identification tag is issued in April, it must be the original tag and present on tree at the time of fair.
- Plants will be examined upon check-in at the fair. Contest officials have the right to reject entries of inferior quality or diseased plants. Plants will be examined upon check-in at the fair.

#### REGISTRATION:

- All trees must be registered ONLINE (Please see Event Calendar for exact date & time.)
- By purchasing a tree in April, it DOES NOT automatically register you for fair.

#### SHOW LIMITATION:

- Entries shall be limited to one tree per individual. Contestants must only show the tree issued to them in April of the prior year. Replacement trees may only be obtained within the thirty days following the original issuing of trees, and only as long as trees from the original lot are still available.
- Record books are NOT required to show at the fair.

#### DRESS CODE:

- FOR THE SHOW:
  - All exhibitors must wear a white, sleeved, collared dress shirt or

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blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans.

- Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.

No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.

- **FOR SALE:**

- All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers.
- Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
- Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
- **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

## **TREE CARE:**

- Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his or her tree during the fair.

## **TREE JUDGING AND AWARDS:**

- Trees will be pre-judged and classified as blue, red, or white by qualified judges based upon a pre-established set of standards.
  - Trunk width and form, sturdiness of tree.
  - Sprouts and tree stake removed
  - Canopy size and form
  - Leaf shape and size
  - Free of insects and insect damage
  - Free from disease signs and symptoms
  - Overall tree appearance
- Trees rated as blue will be eligible to be “shown” by the exhibitor in the citrus show.
- Separate classes will be held for junior, intermediate, and senior exhibitors. Within these three groups, trees will be placed first through fifth place and winners will receive rosette ribbons. During this final judging process, exhibitors need to be prepared to answer questions concerning the care of their trees.
- First place winners from the three classes will be considered for overall grand champion tree. The class receiving the grand champion citrus tree will then be represented by the second-place tree of that class.
- Then from those three classes, the reserve grand champion will be chosen.
- Grand champion and reserve champion will receive trophies.
- Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting their own buyers.

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- Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon. They may enter one of each fruit crop plant into the fair. At the cloverbud show, participants may choose to bring one of their fruit crop plants (citrus, or blueberry) to the show arena.

## **TREE SALES:**

- Top 6 Exhibitors selling their tree at live auction Saturday night will be required to:
  - Provide written care instructions for the buyer.
  - Write a personalized thank-you letter to the buyer. **Your buyer thank-you letters (one per market entry) must be received in the Fair Office by 5 pm the first Friday after the Fair closes.**
  - It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per market animal, from your check and the check will be held until you do so.
  - **Any exhibitor that fails to submit their thank you letter(s) by the deadline for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show the next year.**
  - In addition, exhibitors are required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo, and buyer gift.
  - The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyer's signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check (mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office).
  - Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this by the determined due date.
  - Please allow 6 weeks from fair for photos and checks to become available.
  - Write a thank you letter for any add-ons received.
  - Five (5) percent of sale value of each tree will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the top six (6) trees sold.
  - Exhibitors will be required to accomplish delivering their buyer photo and gifts once the packets are available within 10 business days; any buyer plaque/picture delivery receipt turned in after the 10 business days will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per tree.
- All exhibitors that received a Blue ribbon (except the top 6, see above for
- info) can sell their tree at the Citrus Tree Sale on Thursday in the Small Animal Tent Arena immediately after the show.
  - Buyer will pay at the time of sale. Checks will be paid directly to KVLS.

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- Tree sale money will be paid out in your premium check. Please allow 6 weeks for checks.
- Write a thank you letter to your buyer. This is an honor policy, PLEASE SEND A THANK YOU!

## **PREMIUMS:**

- All premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors after the fair. Please allow up to 6 weeks.

## **CHECK OUT:**

- All trees, except those sold during the citrus tree sales, must remain until the close of the fair.
- Exhibits removed before checkout time and date will result in forfeiture of premium money.
- Trees left post-fair will be forfeited.

### **Citrus Tree**

#### **CLASSES:**

01 Junior (8-10 yrs.) | 02 Intermediate (11-13 yrs.) | 03 Senior (14-18 yrs.)

### **Citriculture**

- Each exhibitor may enter **one tree** issued to them in April of the prior year.  
*(Spare Tree that was purchased in April 2025)*

#### **CLASSES:**

01 Junior (8-10 yrs.) | 02 Intermediate (11-13 yrs.) | 03 Senior (14-18 yrs.)

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## BLUEBERRY PLANT CONTEST

### Rules and Regulations

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, of current year. Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA.

#### PLANT REQUIREMENTS:

- All plants must be planted and grown in the original container issued to them in April of the prior year. If an identification tag is issued in April, it must be the original tag and present on tree at the time of fair.
- Contest officials have the right to reject entries of inferior quality or diseased plants.

#### REGISTRATION:

- All plants must be registered ONLINE (please see calendar for exact date & time.)
- By purchasing a tree in April, it does NOT automatically register you for fair.

#### SHOW LIMITATION:

- Each exhibitor (junior, intermediate, senior) may enter **two** plants.
- Contestants must only show the plant(s) issued to them in April of the prior year. Replacement plant may only be obtained in the thirty days following the original issuing of the plant and only as long as plants from the original lot are still available.
- **Record books are NOT required to show at the fair.**

#### PLANT CARE:

- Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his or her tree during the fair.

#### PLANT JUDGING AND AWARDS:

- *Plants will be pre-judged and classified as blue, red, or white by qualified*
- judges based upon a pre-established set of standards.
  - Canopy size and form
  - Leaf shape and size
  - Free of insects and insect damage
  - Free from disease signs and symptoms
  - Overall tree appearance

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- From the blueberry plants that receive blue ribbons, the judges will select a Best in Class from each age division. The judges will then select overall Grand and Reserve Champion trees. The three Best in Class plants will sell their trees at the Fruit Crop Auction on Saturday Night.
- Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon. They may enter one of each fruit crop plant into the fair. At the cloverbud show, participants may choose to bring one of their fruit crop plants (citrus, or blueberry) to the show arena.

## **PLANT SALES:**

- The Best in Class plants will be sold at live auction Saturday night.
- **DRESS CODE:**
  - All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers.
  - Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
  - Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
  - **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- **AFTER THE SALE:**
  - Exhibitors selling their blueberry plants at the live auction will be required to:
  - Provide written care instructions for the buyer.
  - Write a personalized thank-you letter to the buyer. **Your buyer thank-you letters (one per market entry) must be received in the Fair Office by 5 pm the first Friday after the Fair closes.**
  - It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per market animal, from your check and the check will be held until you do so.
  - **Any exhibitor that fails to submit their thank you letter(s) by the deadline for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show the next year.**
  - In addition, exhibitors are required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo, and buyer gift.
  - The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyer's signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check (mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office).
  - Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this by the determined due date.
  - Please allow 6 weeks from fair for photos, and checks to become available.
  - Write a thank you letter for any add-ons received.

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- Five (5) percent of sale value of each tree will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the top three (3) plants sold.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to put “FOR SALE” signs on plants not participating in the live auction. All sales are optional and between the exhibitor/parent and buyer.
- Exhibitors will be required to accomplish delivering their buyer photo and gifts once the packets are available within 10 business days; any buyer plaque/picture delivery receipt turned in after the 10 business days will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per plant.

## **PREMIUMS:**

- All premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors after the fair. Please allow up to 6 weeks.
  - Placings: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$5.00 | 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3.00 | 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00

## **CHECKOUT:**

- All plants must remain until the close of the fair.
- Exhibits removed before checkout time and date will result in forfeiture of premium money.
- Plants left post-fair will be forfeited.

## **Blueberry Plant**

### **CLASSES:**

*01 Junior (8-10 yrs.) | 02 Intermediate (11-13 yrs.) | 03 Senior (14-18 yrs.)*

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