

CA • HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Superintendent: West District - NC Cooperative Extension

Entry Deadline: August 25, 2023, by 11:55pm.

Exhibits Received: Monday and Tuesday, September 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *Must Register for a Drop-off Time Slot*

Location: Gate 1, Expo Building

Exhibits Pick-up: Monday, September 18, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; *Must Register for a Pick-up Time Slot*

Large items needing to use the forklift to load need to be picked up **before 5:00 p.m.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read important information in the front section of this book.

- All exhibits must be this year's products. (Except for gourds and field corn.)
- Entries must be in good condition.
- Entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
- All entries will be discarded when unsuitable for display.
- Exhibitor must provide help to place heavy garden vegetables on display and also help to remove them when display is released.

Hints for good Horticultural fair entries:

1. Pay attention to maturity dates.
2. Control pests.
3. Select blemish-free produce.
4. Uniform size is the best selection. Example: Carrots, any type (all 3 carrots should be close to the same size).
5. Quality
6. Color
7. Make sure your entry is in the right class.
8. Be sure to prepare the exhibits according to catalog instructions.
9. Please indicate variety on entry tag.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING HORTICULTURAL PRODUCT EXHIBITS

Condition - freedom from blemish	= 30
Uniformity	= 25
Color and Finish	= 15
Size	= 15
Trueness to variety (or class)	= 15
TOTAL = 100	

AWARDS

Place	Premiums	Award Type / Color
First Place	\$10	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$6	Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$4	White Ribbon
Best of Show		Blue Rosette Ribbon
Judge's Choice		Red Rosette Ribbon

PRODUCE

FRUIT AND POD VEGETABLES

CLASS

CA001	Green Beans	10
CA004	Edible Soybean	10
CA005	Eggplant	3
CA006	Okra	6
CA007	Green Bell Pepper	3
CA008	Colored Ripe Bell Pepper	3
CA010	Pepper, Banana	5
CA011	Any other sweet pepper not listed(specify)	3

CLASS

CA012	Small Hot Pepper (3" long & under)	5
CA013	Large Hot Pepper (longer than 3")	5
CA014	Banana Hot Pepper	5
CA016	Slicing Tomatoes	3
CA017	Paste Tomatoes	3
CA019	Cherry/Grape/Pear type Tomatoes	10
CA020	Heirloom Tomatoes (specify variety)	3
CA023	Fruit or pod vegetable(specify) not already listed	3

LEAFY STEM AND HEADED VEGETABLES

CLASS

CA024	Cabbage	1 head
CA025	Sweet Corn, slip shuck do not cut off tips	3

CLASS

CA028	Popcorn	3
CA029	Leafy Stem/Headed vegetable not listed	3

ROOT, BULB AND TUBER VEGETABLES

Vegetable tops removed to 2" and onions left unskinned.

CLASS

CA030	Beets	3
CA032	Carrots, any type	3
CA033	Garlic	3
CA034	Potatoes (Washed)	4
CA039	Radishes, tops off to 1"	6

CLASS

CA040	Shallots	3
CA041	Onions, Large Bulb	3
CA044	Onions, Bunching (Do not cut off tops)	6
CA045	Parsnips	3
CA046	Sweet Potatoes, (washed)	3
CA048	Root, bulb or tuber vegetable (specify) not already listed	3

VINE VEGETABLES

CLASS

CA049	Cucumbers, Pickling	6
CA050	Cucumbers, Slicing/Burpless	3
CA052	Kershaw Squash	1
CA053	Pumpkin, Jack-o-lantern	1
CA054	Pumpkin, Pie	1
CA055	Squash, Yellow, Summer	3
CA056	Pumpkin, Miniature	3

CLASS

CA057	Squash, Zucchini	3
CA060	Squash, Acorn	1
CA061	Any other squash not listed	1
CA062	Watermelon, best of type	1
CA063	Any other edible vine crop (specify) not already listed – (1 if large)	3
CA064	Candy Roaster	1

UNUSUAL VEGETABLES

ORNAMENTAL VEGETABLES

Gourds may be green or dried, specify on entry tag.

CLASS	CLASS
CA068 Gourd, Small, (Best) under 8" diameter 3	CA071 Ornamental Corn 3
CA069 Gourd, Large, (Best) over 8" diameter 1	CA074 Ornamental vegetable (specify) 1
CA070 Bird House Gourds 1	not already listed

ODDITIES OF THE GARDEN (Open to All Ages)

(NOTE: ON A 3" X 5" CARD GIVE YOUR ENTRY A NAME AND/OR TITLE)

CLASS	CLASS
CA076 Most Unusual Fruit 1	CA080 Tallest Stalk of Corn (Cut off Roots) 1
CA077 Most Unusual Vegetable 1	CA081 Tallest Stalk of Cane (Cut off Roots) 1

LARGEST VEGETABLE OR FRUIT

(This is for large produce, not Giants. Open to All Ages.)

** Entries should be larger than normal. Judges will decide if an entry merits an award. **

AWARD PREMIUM FOR LARGEST VEGETABLE OR FRUIT

Place	Premiums	Award Type / Color
First Place	\$10	Blue Ribbon

CLASS	CLASS
CA087 Gourd	CA098 Sunflower
CA093 Potato, sweet	CA099 Tomato (any type)
CA095 Pumpkin (not Giant)	CA100 Watermelon (not giant)

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

DECIDUOUS FRUITS AND NUTS

Three per plate; apples should be polished but not waxed.

CLASS	CLASS
CA107 Apple (specify) 3	CA110 Grapes 3 bunches
CA108 Pears, specify type 3	CA114 Nuts 1 pint
CA109 Deciduous fruit 3	

SMALL FRUITS AND BERRIES

1 pint in glass container.

CLASS	CLASS
CA119 Small fruit or berry (specify) not already listed 1 pint	

FRUIT, VEGETABLE & GOURD ARRANGEMENTS

- Prepare a basket that you would take to a neighbor or friend sharing your garden harvest.
- Any type of basket or garden container is acceptable.
- Accessories are permitted; however, the main objects are the fruits and vegetables.
- Prepare 8 or more pieces in a decorative arrangement. No artificial fruits, vegetables or gourds can be used in arrangements. Size limit 24" by 24" by 24" and under 40 pounds.

AWARDS

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First Place	\$10	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$6	Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$4	White Ribbon
Best of Show		Blue Rosette Ribbon
Judge's Choice		Red Rosette Ribbon

CLASS

CA133 Best Garden Harvest Arrangement

GIANTS OF THE GARDEN COMPETITION

- This competition is for all ages.
- **All Pumpkins or Watermelons weighing over 100 lbs. MUST be on a pallet when arriving at the Fair.**
- Exhibitor must provide help to place these garden vegetables on display and also help to remove them when display is released.
- **Weigh-in will be from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th only.**
- Items needing to be loaded by forklift must be picked up before 5:00 pm on Monday, September 18th.
- Product must be in good condition.
- If the entries become unsuitable for display, the exhibitor will be notified concerning the removal of the product.
- Placing is based on weight of entry.

AWARDS FOR GIANTS OF THE GARDEN COMPETITION

Place	Premiums	Award Type / Color
First Place	\$100	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	\$75	Red Ribbon
Third Place	\$25	White Ribbon

- There shall not be more than one ribbon awarded and one award paid for each placement in a class.

GIANTS

CLASS

CA136 Giant Pumpkin or Squash Vegetable
(by weight) (minimum weight 200 pounds)

CLASS

CA137 Giant Watermelon (by weight)
(minimum weight 50 pounds)

BEST DECORATED PUMPKIN /GOURD DECORATING CONTEST

• **EXHIBITOR MAY ENTER ONLY ONE PUMPKIN AND / OR One GOURD**

- If entry is delicate and/or accessories or pieces attached, it should be securely mounted on a plate, tray, or piece of wood (no greater than 10"x 10"), so that Fair staff does not have to handle the exhibit. DO NOT PUNCTURE VEGETABLE!
- Product must be in good condition.
- No artificial produce can be used.
- Judging will be based on originality, creativity, neatness, and appeal.
- Exhibitor must show creativity in the design.
- The exhibit will be discarded when unsuitable for display.

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CLASS

CA138 Decorated Pumpkin (6-8 years old)
 CA140 Decorated Pumpkin (9-11 years old)
 CA142 Decorated Pumpkin (12-14 years old)
 CA144 Decorated Pumpkin (15-19 years old)
 CA146 Decorated Pumpkin (Adult 20 and older)

Class

CA147 Decorated Gourd (6-8 years old)
 CA148 Decorated Gourd (9-11 years old)
 CA149 Decorated Gourd (12-14 years old)
 CA150 Decorated Gourd (15-19 years old)
 CA151 Decorated Gourd (Adult 20 and older)