

CA • HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Superintendent: West District - NC Cooperative Extension

Entry Deadline: August 23, 2024, by 11:55pm.

Exhibits Received: Monday and Tuesday, September 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *Requested to Register for a Drop-off Slot*

Location: Gate 1, Expo Building

Exhibits Pick-up: Monday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; *Requested to Register for a Pick-up Time Slot*

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

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read important information on preceding pages 4, 8, and 9.

- All exhibits must be this year's products. (Except for gourds)
- Entries must be in good condition.
- **Each entry must be grown, cared for from seed to harvest, and exhibited by the grower.**
- 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.
- ***Superintendents or their family members are not eligible to enter exhibits in the department(s) they are overseeing for competition but can be used for Display Only**
- **The Fair will not be liable for any damage caused to Horticultural Products.**

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
CA002	Edible Soybean	10
CA003	Eggplant	3
CA004	Okra	6
CA005	Green Bell Pepper	3
CA006	Colored Ripe Bell Pepper	3
CA007	Pepper, Banana	5
CA008	Any other sweet pepper not listed(specify)	3

CLASS

CA009	Small Hot Pepper (3" long & under)	5
CA010	Large Hot Pepper (longer than 3")	5
CA011	Banana Hot Pepper	5
CA012	Slicing Tomatoes	3
CA013	Paste Tomatoes	3
CA014	Cherry/Grape/Pear type Tomatoes	10
CA015	Heirloom Tomatoes (specify variety)	3
CA016	Fruit or pod vegetable(specify) not already listed	3

LEAFY STEM AND HEADED VEGETABLES

CLASS

CA017	Cabbage	1 head
CA018	Sweet Corn, slip shuck do not cut off tips	3

CLASS

CA019	Popcorn	3
CA020	Leafy Stem/Headed vegetable not listed	3

ROOT, BULB AND TUBER VEGETABLES

Vegetable tops removed to 2" and onions left unskinned.

CLASS

CA021	Beets	3
CA022	Carrots, any type	3
CA023	Garlic	3
CA024	Potatoes (Washed)	4
CA025	Radishes, tops off to 1"	6

CLASS

CA026	Shallots	3
CA027	Onions, Large Bulb	3
CA028	Onions, Bunching (Do not cut off tops)	6
CA029	Parsnips	3
CA030	Sweet Potatoes, (washed)	3
CA031	Root, bulb or tuber vegetable (specify) not already listed	3

VINE VEGETABLES

CLASS

CA032	Cucumbers, Pickling	6
CA033	Cucumbers, Slicing/Burpless	3
CA034	Kershaw Squash	1
CA035	Pumpkin, Jack-o-lantern	1
CA036	Pumpkin, Pie	1
CA037	Squash, Yellow, Summer	3
CA038	Pumpkin, Miniature	3

CLASS

CA039	Squash, Zucchini	3
CA040	Squash, Acorn	1
CA041	Any other squash not listed	1
CA042	Watermelon, best of type	1
CA043	Any other edible vine crop (specify) not already listed – (1 if large)	3
CA044	Candy Roaster	1

UNUSUAL VEGETABLES

ORNAMENTAL VEGETABLES

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

CLASS

CA045 Gourd, Small, (Best) under 8" diameter 3
 CA046 Gourd, Large, (Best) over 8" diameter 1
 CA047 Bird House Gourds 1

CLASS

CA048 Ornamental Corn 3
 CA049 Ornamental vegetable (specify) 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

CA050 Most Unusual Fruit 1
 CA051 Most Unusual Vegetable 1

CLASS

CA052 Tallest Stalk of Corn (Cut off Roots) 1
 CA053 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

CA054 Gourd
 CA055 Potato
 CA056 Pumpkin (not Giant)

CLASS

CA057 Sunflower
 CA058 Tomato (any type)
 CA059 Watermelon (not giant)

FRUIT AND NUT CROPS

DECIDUOUS FRUITS AND NUTS

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

CLASS

CA060 Apple (specify) 3
 CA061 Pears, specify type 3
 CA062 Deciduous fruit 3

CLASS

CA063 Grapes 3 bunches
 CA064 Nuts 1 pint

SMALL FRUITS AND BERRIES

1 pint in glass container.

CLASS

CA065 Small fruit or berry (specify) 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.

Criteria for Judging

- Originality = 25
 - Creativity = 25
 - Neatness = 25
 - Appeal = 25
- Total = 100

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CLASS

CA066 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 3rd only. Any item placed on the scale must be displayed until the end of the Fair.**
- Items needing to be loaded by forklift must be picked up before 5:00 pm on Monday, September 16th.
- 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.
- **If an item is placed on the scale, it must be displayed until the end of the fair, otherwise ALL premiums received by the exhibitor will be forfeited.**
- **The Fair will not be liable for any damage caused to the giants of the garden unloading, display, during the fair or loading after the fair.**

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

CA067 Giant Pumpkin or Squash Vegetable
(by weight) (minimum weight 200 pounds)

CLASS

CA068 Giant Watermelon (by weight)
(minimum weight 50 pounds)

BEST DECORATED PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

• EXHIBITOR MAY ENTER ONLY ONE PUMPKIN

- If entry is delicate and/or accessories or pieces attached, it should be securely mounted on a solid base such as 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.
- Exhibitor must show creativity in the design.
- The exhibit will be discarded when unsuitable for display.

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CLASS

CA069 Decorated Pumpkin (6-8 years old)
 CA070 Decorated Pumpkin (9-11 years old)
 CA071 Decorated Pumpkin (12-14 years old)
 CA072 Decorated Pumpkin (15-19 years old)
 CA073 Decorated Pumpkin (Adult 20 and older)