

## Premiums

1. Premiums will not be awarded simply because the item is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge retains the right to refuse to award a premium of any kind.
  2. If there is a class with no competition, the judge must sign a statement that the article is worthy of first place money: otherwise, a blue ribbon will be awarded but second money will be awarded.
  3. **Premiums will be paid according to the records turned in to the Fair office by superintendents, not by ribbons presented.**
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## General Rules and Regulations

1. All exhibitors will be charged a \$5 entry fee. Please make checks payable to the State Fair of West Virginia
  2. Exhibits will not be accepted or released outside of normal check-in and check-out times. No exceptions will be made to this rule.
  3. All limited classes MUST be entered by paper.
  4. Fair officials will take reasonable precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits after their final arrival and arrangement in the building but will NOT be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.
  5. Fair officials reserve the right to dispose of any decomposing or deteriorating exhibits. Ribbons will be available during check-out time.
  6. The Judge maintains the right to dismiss exhibits that do not conform to the class description.
  7. All exhibits must be the product of 2023, unless otherwise stated.
  8. Entry tags must be securely attached to exhibits prior to arrival.
  9. No professional exhibitors shall be allowed to exhibit. If discovered that an exhibitor receives more than 10% of their income from practicing the craft they enter, all premiums will be withheld, and the exhibitor will no longer be able to exhibit at the State Fair of West Virginia.
  10. Exhibitors are limited to ONE (1) entry per class unless otherwise noted.
  11. Fair officials retain the right to reclass exhibits based on size and class description.
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## DEADLINES

**Paper entries are due by 12 Noon Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Online entries are due by Midnight Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Entry forms will be accepted beginning May 5<sup>th</sup>. Any entry forms received before May 5<sup>th</sup> or after July 14<sup>th</sup> will not be processed. No exception will be made.

The Fair office will accept paper entry forms from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Online entries will be accepted at [www.statefairfowv.com](http://www.statefairfowv.com) until 12 Midnight on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Department I – Agricultural Products

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – 7 am – 10 am Dept. I Check-In

Noon – Judging

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 9 am Fair Opens

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm – 4 pm Dept. I Check-Out

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**Please Note:** Exhibits with excessive spray residue may be downgraded. No wash or oil may be applied to any exhibit.

Baskets will be provided for display.

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### Premiums for Division 1-11

1<sup>st</sup> - \$8.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$7.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$6.00 Best of Show - \$25

#### **Division 1 – Corn**

*In stalk classes, stalk to be cut 6” above ground level*

1. Field Corn for Ensilage, 5 stalks
2. Field Corn for Grain, 5 stalks
3. **Best of Show (Classes 1-2)**  
(Do not enter)
4. Field Corn, husked, 10 ears
5. Bloody Butcher Corn, husked, 10 ears

#### **Division 2 – Potatoes**

*Potatoes are to be exhibited unwashed, named, and true to type*

1. Russet Potatoes, 6
2. Kennebec Potatoes, 6
3. Red Bliss Potatoes, 6
4. Yukon Gold Potatoes, 6

5. Blue Potatoes, 6

6. **Best of Show (Classes 1-5)**  
(Do not enter)

#### **Division 3 – Organic Vegetables**

*Growers may only use materials approved by the OMRI. Visit their website [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org) for more information.*

1. Beans, green snap, 24
2. Onions, yellow or white, dry, unpeeled, 5
3. Peppers, any variety, 5
4. Potatoes, any variety, 6
5. Tomatoes, any variety, 5

#### **Division 4 – Herbs**

*Pots can be a maximum of 8” and must have a saucer.*

1. Basil, red leaf
2. Basil, green leaf
3. Chives
4. Dill, 5 stems
5. Mint
6. Parsley
7. Rosemary
8. Thyme
9. Pepper, hot

#### **Division 5 – Fruits**

1. Grapes, any color, 3 bunches
2. Blackberries, 1 pint
3. Blueberries, 1 pint
4. Watermelon, long, 1
5. Watermelon, round, 1

#### **Division 6 – Fresh Vegetable**

1. Beans, green snap, 24
2. Beans, wax, 24
3. Beans, pole, 24
4. Beans, October, 24
5. Beets, 5
6. Cabbage, white, round, 1 head
7. Cabbage, flat, 1 head
8. Cabbage, red, 1 head
9. Cantaloupe
10. Carrots, tops cut, 5
11. Cauliflower, 1 head
12. Cucumbers, slicing, 5
13. Cucumbers, pickling, 12
14. Garlic, 5 bulbs
15. Elephant Garlic, 3 bulbs
16. Kale, 1 plant, planted in 8” container
17. Okra, red or green, 10 specimens
18. Onions, red, dry, unpeeled, 5
19. Onions, yellow, dry, unpeeled, 5
20. Onions, white, dry, unpeeled, 5
21. Onion sets, on paper plate, 1 pint
22. Peppers, green, bell-type, 5
23. Peppers, any other color, bell-type, 5
24. Peppers, banana, 5
25. Peppers, jalapeno, 12

26. Pumpkin, field, 8” or larger
27. Pumpkin, sweet, 7” or smaller
28. Pumpkin, jack-be-little, 3
29. Rhubarb, 12 stalks
30. Squash, summer, scallop variety, 3
31. Squash, crooked neck, summer, yellow, 3
32. Squash, straight neck, summer, yellow, 3
33. Squash, winter, butternut, 3
34. Squash, winter, acorn, 3
35. Squash, Hubbard, any variety, 1
36. Squash, zucchini, green, 3
37. Squash, zucchini, yellow, 3
38. Sweet corn, yellow, husked, wrapped in plastic wrap, 5 ears
39. Sweet Potatoes, any variety, 5
40. Tomatoes, red, 5
41. Tomatoes, yellow, 5
42. Tomatoes, Cherokee, 5
43. Tomatoes, beefsteak, any color, 5 (Includes Mr. Stripey)
44. Tomatoes, cocktail, red, preserving or dwarf, 5
45. Tomatoes, cocktail, yellow, preserving or dwarf, 5
46. Tomatoes, Italian or paste type, 5
47. Best of Show Tomatoes  
**(Classes 40-46) (Do not enter)**

#### **Division 7 – Beginners Gardening**

*For children aged 5-10 by July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

1. Beans, green snap, 24
2. Tomatoes, red, 5
3. Squash, straight neck, yellow, 3
4. Squash, Zucchini, green, 3
5. Cucumbers, 3
6. Corn, 3 ears
7. Peppers, any, 5
8. Plant or herb in a planter made of recycled material no larger than 10”

#### **Division 8 – Gourds**

*May be 2022’s or 2023’s crop*

1. Gourds, bottle, 1
2. Gourds, apple/rounded/elongated, 1
3. Gourds, turbans cap, 1

- Ornamental Gourds – an exhibit of at least 3, but no more than 6 same or mixed collections of gourds. Gourds are to be judged on the quality and attractiveness of the display. No plastic or artificial decoration allowed in display. The display may not exceed 15” in length or 8” in width.

#### **Division 9 – Nuts**

*May be 2022’s or 2023’s crop*

- Black walnuts in shell, ½ gallon, displayed in ½ gallon jar
- Chestnuts in shell, ½ gallon, displayed in ½ gallon jar
- Hickory nuts in shell, ½ gallon, displayed in ½ gallon jar

#### **Division 10 – Funny Stuff**

*Exhibitors are responsible for all props used in Division 10. Exhibits must not exceed 10”x10” base Vegetables and fruits must be*

*recognizable. Only one fruit or vegetable may be used in each display*

- Best Decorated Apple (5-10 years of age)
- Best Decorated Apple (11-18 years of age)
- Best Decorated Apple (adults 19+)
- Best Decorated Potato (5-10 years of age)
- Best Decorated Potato (11-18 years of age)
- Best Decorated Potato (adults 19+)
- Best Decorated Unmentioned Vegetable
- Most Unusual Vegetable or Plant
- Best Decorated Vegetable Showing the State Fair’s Theme “Cue the Fun”

#### **Division 11 – Eggs**

- Dozen eggs, white
- Dozen eggs, brown
- Dozen eggs, pastel

### **Premiums for Division 12-14**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$11.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$9.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$8.00 Best of Show - \$25**

#### **Division 12 – Forage Crops**

*All exhibits must be the equivalent of about one-fourth of a standard square bale taken from the middle of a bale of hay. No loose or uncured hay will be accepted.*

- Alfalfa Hay (less than 10% grass)
- Alfalfa Hay (20-80% grass)

Orchard Grass – First Cutting (less than 10% legumes, less than 20% other species)

- Timothy – First cutting (less than 10% legumes, less than 20% other species)
- Aftermath Grass (regrowth grass less than 10% legumes)

- Mixed Species Hay – First Cutting, more than 20% each of three (3) or more species (grass and/or legumes)
- Best of Show (**Classes 1-7**) (Do not enter)

#### **Division 13 – Honey**

*Please see page 44 for detailed information on judging protocols.*

- Three 1 lb. jars of honey, extracted, light
- Three 1 lb. jars of honey, extracted, amber
- Three 1 lb. jars of honey, extracted, dark
- Three division boxes or three circular sections of comb honey

5. Three packages of cut comb honey, 4" square, displayed in 4"x4" plastic box, no plastic bags.

#### **Division 14 – Maple Products**

*All entries must be a product of 2022. For more information on*

*judging protocols, please reference page 47.*

1. Maple Syrup, light, 500ml
2. Maple Syrup, dark, 500ml
3. Maple Sugar Cakes
4. Maple Candy, 6 pieces, cannot be crystal coated

### **Premiums for Division 15A-15B**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$25.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15.00 4<sup>th</sup> - \$10.00**

*For detailed information on how to prepare your wool exhibits, please reference page 44.*

#### **Division 15A – Natural Colored Fleece**

1. Fine Merino, Rambouillet, and crosses with counts of 60 and above
2. Medium Dorset, Suffolk, etc. And crosses with counts of 48's to 58's
3. Long Romney, Lincoln, etc. and crosses with counts of 47 and below
4. Coarse or Carpet-Karakul, Scottish Blackface
5. Champion Fleece (Do Not Enter)
6. Reserve Champion Fleece (Do Not Enter)
7. Spinner's Choice (Do Not Enter)

#### **Division 15B – White Fleece**

1. Fine Merino, Rambouillet and crosses with counts of 60 and above
2. Medium Dorset, Suffolk, etc. And crosses with counts of 48's to 58's
3. Long Romney, Lincoln, etc. and crosses with counts of 47 and below
4. Coarse or Carpet-Karakul, Scottish Blackface
5. Champion Fleece (Do Not Enter)
6. Reserve Champion Fleece (Do Not Enter)
7. Spinner's Choice (Do Not Enter)

### **Division 16 – Big Stuff**

1. Largest Pumpkin, by circumference

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$65.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$40.00**

2. Largest Tomato, by weight

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$8.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$6.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.00**

3. Largest Potato, by weight

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$8.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$6.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.00**

## Division 17 – Department I Special Contests

### Remembering When Garden and Farm Implement Arrangement

Show off the invaluable tools your parents and grandparents passed on to you in this contest!

#### Rules:

1. Implements include anything you use in the garden, i.e. hoes, rakes, spades, etc.
2. Arrangements must hang and be fixed with a hanger able to support its weight.
3. Implement arrangement must not exceed 6' tall
4. Arrangements must be decorated with dried or fresh material.
5. Arrangements will be judged for aesthetic appeal and creativity.

**Please Enter Department I, Division 17, Class 1**

#### Premiums

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15.00**

### Basket Load of Blue-Ribbon Veggies

Any kind of vegetables and any amount, displayed in ½ bushel basket. Judged for quality.

**Please Enter Department I, Division 17, Class 2**

#### Premiums

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$35.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$25.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15.00**

## Veggie 500

**When:** Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Three (3) races beginning at: 11:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm

**Where:** West Virginia Building, Department I

**Entrants:** Children ages 5-12

Pick your favorite vegetable and see if it is the first to the finish line! All materials will be provided to entrants.

Limited to the first (6) fairgoers who sign up.

**NO PRE-REGISTRATION**

## **Traditional Vegetables in Unique Containers**

Join the party and bring your best vegetable in the most unique container\*.

### **Rules:**

1. Vegetables must be in bloom or actively producing.
2. Container may be no larger than 30" tall.
3. Exhibits will be judged for creativity of container, aesthetic appeal, and health and vigor of vegetable plant.
4. Vegetable must be actively growing in container and not recently transplanted.
5. You may have more than one (1) plant in the container, but the plants must be of the same species and variety. This includes coloring.

**Please Enter Department I, Division 17, Class 3**

### **Premiums**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15.00**

\*Unique containers include things like boots, watering cans, pitchers, or whiskey barrels.

## **Garden Scarecrow Contest**

Help our farmers scare off the crows. Create the scariest scarecrow you can for this contest!

### **Rules:**

1. Scarecrows must be between 3'-6' tall with total arm span not exceeding 4'.
2. Scarecrow must be secured to or combined with a 6' pointed stake. The Fair will provide a 5-gallon bucket filled with sand to secure your scarecrow.
3. Scarecrow is to be traditional farm or garden variety made of hay, straw, or other natural materials. A pumpkin, melon, or traditional head may be used but must be securely fastened to the scarecrow's body. If material is used, faces may be painted, sewn, or drawn on burlap, cotton, or muslin mat.
4. Clothing for scarecrow should be traditional with optional hat, gloves, and shoes. Additional decoration should reflect the 2023 Fair theme "Cue the Fun."
5. Contest is limited to the first five (5) entries.

**Please Enter Department I, Division 17, Class 4**

### **Premiums**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$10.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$8.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$7.00**

## **Edible Window Box**

*Grow your favorite fruits or vegetables in a window box.*

**Rules:** Grow as many edible plants in one window box as possible for this contest! Exhibits will be judged on quality of plants and use of the window box.

**Please Enter Department I, Division 17, Class 5**

### **Premiums**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$25.00 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15.00**

## Department I Special Awards

### Forage Crops Sweepstakes

A **\$50.00 award and a plaque** will be awarded to an exhibitor who gains the most points in Division 11, classes 12-17. Points will be awarded as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3 points 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2 points 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1 point**

### Victor Tessaro Award

**BEST OVERALL VEGETABLE – JUDGES' CHOICE**

An exhibitor for 20 years, Victor Tessaro was known for his gardening knowledge. At 70 he still lived to garden and spent much of his time digging in the dirt.

Victor passed away October 2, 2005.

**Prize**

**\$50.00 + Rosette**

### Jan Chase Premier Gardener Award

In memory of longtime exhibitor, Jan Chase, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Jan Chase Premier Gardener Award shall be given to the exhibitor receiving the greatest number of first places in Division 2 Potatoes, and Division 6 Vegetables.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be the tying exhibitor receiving the most second places: should a tie still exist, the winner will be tying the exhibitor with the most third places.

**Prize**

**Rosette + Special Blenko Glass Award**

### Dr. Rodebaugh's Monster Tomato Bonus

The largest tomato exhibited in Division 16, Class 2 will receive a \$100 bonus. If this tomato surpasses WV record the exhibitor will be awarded an extra \$150.

(at the time of publication the WV record is 7.46 lbs. but is subject to change.

Award will be based on record at day of judging)



## **Additional Exhibit Guidelines**

### **Honey**

**Scoring for honey will be as followed:**

Density 20 points

Absence of Crystals 10 points

Cleanliness 24 points

Flavor 8 points Color 8 points

Container appearance 10 points

Accuracy/ Uniformity of filling 20 points

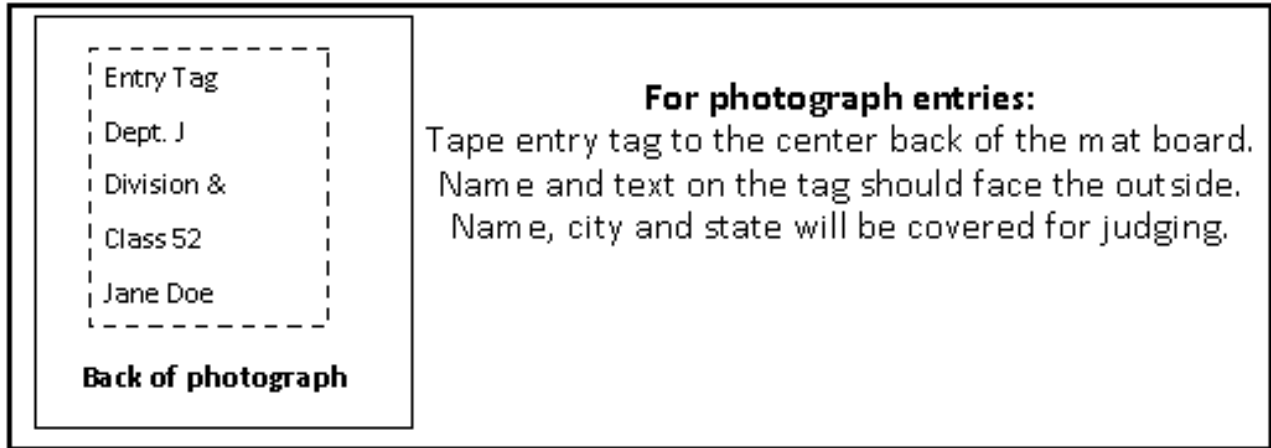
**Total 100 points**

### **Wool**

1. Fleeces must be entered in the name of the grower.
2. All wool will be placed in a clear plastic bag. (Exhibitor must provide their own bag). Please indicate the breed in which the wool came from on your entry.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in any class; however, no fleece can compete in more than one (1) class.
4. Each fleece must have been shorn in 2021 and represent no more than 12 months growth, except yearling fleeces, which 16 month growth will be allowed.
5. Any fleece entered in the competition should be clean, free of vegetable contamination, dung locks or tags and show no evidence of moths. It should be properly skirted and tied with a paper twine, flesh side out, in a manner to allow it to be handled without falling apart.

### **Photography**

1. Exhibitors are limited to ONE (1) ENTRY PER CLASS AND THREE (3) TOTAL photographs per exhibitor.
2. Judging will be done by the usual standards of subject matter, composition, and photographic excellence. Composition and exposure must be the work of exhibitor, however the developing and finishing may be done by anyone.
3. Photos must be 5"x7" inches and matted on a BLACK 8"x10" RECTANGLE MAT BOARD. No staples on mats.
4. If photo or mat does not meet requirements, the photo will not be judged. Mat must be made like the example provided.
5. Failure to mount prints will result in disqualification.
6. Mats will be sold at check in for \$2.00 each.
7. Photos may be taken with a 35mm camera or a digital camera.  
**NO FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHS ACCEPTED**



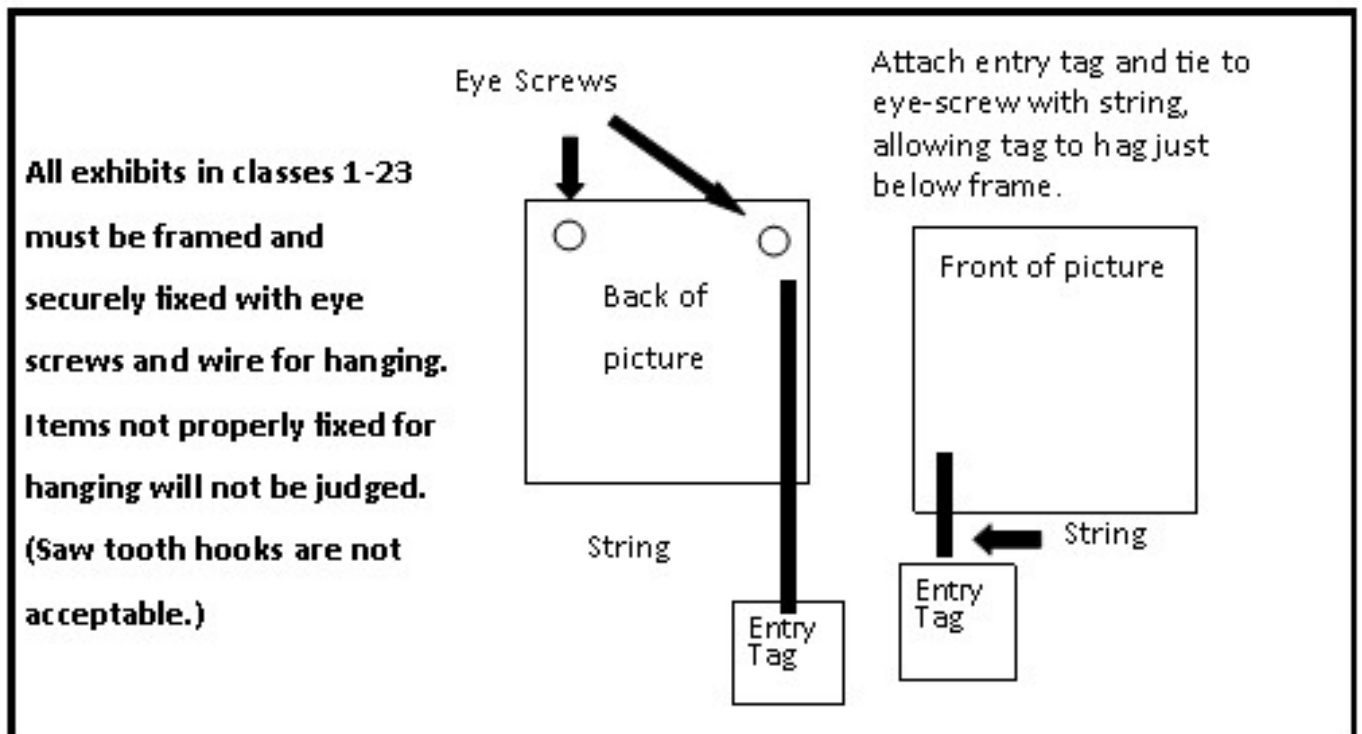
**PEOPLE:** Adults, children, babies, portraits and character studies or entire figures, alone or in a group where the main subject is the person or persons rather than the environment, close-ups or as a part of a larger composition.

**NATURE:** Any subject found in nature, plants or flowers, close-ups, etc.

**SCENIC:** Landscapes, seascapes, architectural and industrial scenes, or any scene that has a fundamental unit of design or mood of such magnitude that all else is subordinate to it.

**STILL LIFE:** Table top photography, flowers, etc. Subject matter must be arranged by the photographer. **ANIMALS:** Any animal or animals (pets, livestock, zoo, marine) in a natural setting. No posed, official show type photos. **CANDID:** Not posed, informal.

## FRAMING



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<b>Bar Cookie Score Card</b>	
<b>Appearance:</b> Uniform, well cut shape ..	25
<b>Texture:</b> Rich, moist eating quality .....	25
<b>Tenderness:</b> A thin delicate crust .....	25
<b>Flavor:</b> Appealing flavor .....	25

<b>Drop Cookie Score Card</b>	
<b>Appearance:</b> Fairly uniform, mound shape ..	25
<b>Texture:</b> Interesting or novelty texture.	25
<b>Color :</b> Delicately browned exterior.....	25
<b>Flavor:</b> Good flavor .....	25

<b>Pressed Cookie Score Card</b>	
<b>Appearance:</b> Well-shaped and well defined pattern of cookie. Interesting assortment of sizes and shapes.....	25
<b>Texture:</b> Very tender and crisp.....	25
<b>Color :</b> Delicately browned exterior.....	25
<b>Flavor:</b> Rich and buttery .....	25

<b>Rolled Cookie Score Card</b>	
<b>Appearance:</b> Retains shape of cutter.....	25
<b>Texture:</b> Crisp, thin cookie or soft, thick cookie depending on variety .....	25
<b>Color :</b> Lightly browned surface .....	25
<b>Flavor:</b> Rich, delicate flavor.....	25
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Canned Fruit and Vegetables</b>	
<b>Quality of Product.....</b>	<b>40</b>
Maturity.....	15
Color.....	10
Condition.....	15
<b>Pack.....</b>	<b>30</b>
Proportion of Solids to Liquids.....	10
Uniformity of Product.....	10
Correct Head Space .....	10
<b>Cleanliness and Appearance .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Pickle Foods Score Card</b>	
Sealing and Container	15
Pack	10
Color	15
Uniformity	15
Texture	15
Flavor	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Soft Spread Score Card</b>	
Sealing and Container	10
General Appearance	10
Color	15
Clearness and Sparkle	15
Texture	25
Flavor	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## Knitting and Crocheting

### Knitting and Crocheting Scorecard

Knitting or Crocheting Technique.....	33.3	Finishing.....	33.3
Suitability of yarn to the article.....	33.3	Total.....	100

## Horticultural Definitions

**Stalk** is the stem of the plant.

**Spike** is a lengthened flower cluster (gladiolus).

**Spray** is a main stem with wide side branches and blooms on all sides.

## Maple Syrup Scoring

**Density**– Should be greater than or equal to 66.0° Brix and less than or equal to 68.9° Brix. The Brix will be determined by judges using a refractometer.

**Color**– All entries must conform to the new grading standards and will be judged accordingly.

**Clarity**– Should be clean and clear with no visible impurities (cloudy, sugar sand, etc.)

**Flavor**– Should be free of off-flavors

## Maple Candy Scoring

**Appearance**– color, form good no separation or white areas.

**Texture**– Hardness, crystallinity, surface texture.

**Flavor**– Representative of maple candy with no off flavors.