



2024

**HOME ARTS & GARDEN
EXHIBITOR'S GUIDE**

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. **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 July 2023- August 2024, 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 12th

Online entries are due by Midnight Friday July 12th

Entry forms will be accepted beginning June 3rd. Any entry forms received before June 3rd or after July 12th 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 12th.

Online entries will be accepted at www.statefairfowv.com until 12 Midnight on July 12th.

Department I – Agricultural Products

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 7th – 7 am – 10 am Dept. I Check-In

Noon – Judging

Thursday, August 8th – 9 am Fair Opens

Sunday, August 18th – 1 pm – 4 pm Dept. I Check-Out

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.

All exhibits must be grown by exhibitor.

Preparing for the 2025 SFWV? We have new classes, divisions, and contests coming your way! New items to prepare for:

Popcorn in pint jars, ornamental corn (braided or joined at the husks), Grains division (including Amaranth and sheaves of grain), and Allegheny chinquapin nuts.

Premiums for Division 1-14

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

Division 1 – Corn

In stalk classes, stalk to be cut 6” above ground level or with root ball attached.

*In classes 4-5, corn must be in natural condition on **both** ends. Cutting off or removing kernels will result in disqualification. Sweet Corn can be found in the fresh vegetables section (**Division 8**). New biggest stalk exhibit found in Big Stuff Section (**Division 15**)*

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

Division 2 – Gourds

May be 2023's or 2024's crop

1. Gourds, bottle, 1
2. Gourds, apple/rounded/elongated 1
3. Gourds, turbans cap, 1
4. 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. *Natural Materials ONLY*

Division 3– Melons

1. Cantaloupe
2. Watermelon, long, 1
3. Watermelon, round, 1
4. Any other type of melon

Division 4 – Pumpkins

1. Pumpkin, field, 8 inch or larger
2. Pumpkin, sweet, 7 inch or smaller
3. Pumpkin, jack-be-little, 3

Division 5 – Squash

1. Squash, summer, scallop variety 3
2. Squash, crooked neck, summer, yellow, 3
3. Squash, straight neck, summer, yellow, 3
4. Winter squash, 3
5. Squash, Hubbard, any variety, 1
6. Squash, zucchini, green, 3

Division 6- 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. Any other color Potatoes (blue, purple, etc.), 6

7. Sweet Potatoes, any variety, 6

6. Best of Show (Classes 1-7) (Do not enter)**Division 7- Tomatoes**

1. Tomatoes, red, 5
2. Tomatoes, yellow, 5
3. Tomatoes, Cherokee, 5
4. Tomatoes, beefsteak, any color, 5 (Includes Mr. Stripey)
5. Tomatoes, cocktail, red, preserving or dwarf, 5
6. Tomatoes, cocktail, yellow, preserving or dwarf, 5
7. Tomatoes, Italian or paste type, 5
8. Tomatoes, Heirloom or any other variety, 5

9. Best of Show Tomatoes (Classes 1-8) (Do not enter)**Division 8- Fresh Vegetables**

1. Beans, green snap/ bush/ half-runner/ pole, 24
2. Beans, October, 24
3. Beans, any other color or type, 24
4. Beets, 5
5. Cabbage, any color, flat, 1 head
6. Cabbage, any color, round, 1 head
7. Carrots, tops attached or cut, 5
8. Cucumbers, slicing, 5
9. Cucumbers, pickling, 12
10. Garlic, 5 bulbs
11. Elephant Garlic, 3 bulbs
12. Okra, red or green, 10 specimens
13. Onions, red, dry, unpeeled, 5
14. Onions, yellow, dry, unpeeled, 5
15. Onions, white, dry, unpeeled, 5
16. Onion sets, on paper plate, 1 pint
17. Peppers, green, bell-type, 5
18. Peppers, any other color, bell-type, 5
19. Peppers, banana, 5
20. Peppers, hot jalapeno, 12
21. Pepper, hot, any other type. 8
22. Shallots, 5

23. Sweet corn, any color, husked, wrapped in plastic wrap, 5 ears

**Corn must be in natural condition on both ends. Cutting off or removing kernels will result in disqualification*

Division 9 – Organic Vegetables

Growers may only use materials approved by the OMRI. Visit their website 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 10 – Fruits

1. Grapes, any color, 3 bunches
2. Blackberries, 1 pint
3. Blueberries, 1 pint
4. Berries, any other variety, 1 pint

Division 11- 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
10. Lavender
11. Lemon Balm
12. Cilantro
13. Oregano
14. Sage
15. Stevia
16. Savory
17. **Best of Show Herbs (Classes 1-16) (Do not enter)**

Division 12 – Beginners Gardening

For children aged 5-10 by July 5th, 2024

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 any decorated pot no larger than 10”

Division 13 – Eggs

1. Dozen eggs, white
2. Dozen eggs, brown
3. Dozen eggs, any other color

Division 14 – 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

1. Best Decorated Apple (5-10 years of age)
2. Best Decorated Apple (11-18 years of age)
3. Best Decorated Apple (adults 19+)
4. Best Decorated Potato (5-10 years of age)
5. Best Decorated Potato (11-18 years of age)
6. Best Decorated Potato (adults 19+)
7. Best Decorated Unmentioned Vegetable
8. Most Unusual Vegetable or Plant
9. Best Decorated Vegetable Showing the State Fair’s Theme “Mountain Memories”

Division 15 – Big Stuff

1. Largest Pumpkin, by circumference
1st - **\$65.00** 2nd - **\$50.00** 3rd - **\$40.00**
2. Largest Tomato, by weight
1st - **\$8.00** 2nd - **\$6.00** 3rd - **\$5.00**
3. Largest Potato, by weight
1st - **\$8.00** 2nd - **\$6.00** 3rd - **\$5.00**
4. Tallest Cornstalk, by height
1st - **\$8.00** 2nd - **\$6.00** 3rd - **\$5.00**

Division 16 – Nuts

May be 2023's or 2024's crop

1. Black walnuts in shell, ½ gallon, displayed in ½ gallon jar
2. Chestnuts in shell, ½ gallon, displayed in ½ gallon jar
3. Hickory nuts in shell, ½ gallon, displayed in ½ gallon jar

Premiums for Division 17-19

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

Division 17 – 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.

**Check the Special Contests for the Forage Crops Sweepstakes! **

1. Alfalfa Hay (less than 10% grass)
2. Alfalfa Hay (20-80% grass)
3. Orchard Grass – First Cutting (less than 10% legumes, less than 20% other species)
4. Timothy – First cutting (less than 10% legumes, less than 20% other species)
5. Aftermath Grass (regrowth grass less than 10% legumes)
6. Mixed Species Hay – First Cutting, more than 20% each of three (3) or more species (grass and/or legumes)
7. **Best of Show (Classes 1-6) (Do not enter)**

Division 18 – Honey

**All honey will be displayed in a locked display after judging*

1. Three 1 lb. jars of honey, extracted, light
2. Three 1 lb. jars of honey, extracted, amber
3. Three 1 lb. jars of honey, extracted, dark
4. 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 19 – Maple Products

All entries must be a product of 2023-2024.

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

Maple Scoring

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.

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

Premiums for Division 20A-20B

1st - \$25.00 2nd - \$20.00 3rd - \$15.00 4th - \$10.00

Bring a clean (free of debris) bundle that is tied.

Division 20A – 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 20B – 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)**

Dept. I- Additional 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 must be a clean bundle that is tied. 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 2024 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 debris, dung locks or tags and show no evidence of moths***. It should be properly skirted and tied, flesh side out, in a manner to allow it to be handled without falling apart.

Length	25%
Quality/Fineness	10%
Strength	10%
Purity	10%
Character/Color	10%

DEPT. I- Special Contests

Divison 21

REMEMBERING WHEN GARDEN & FARM IMPLEMENT ARRANGEMENT

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

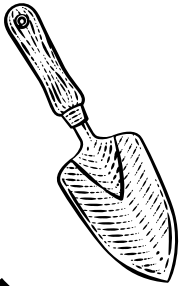
Rules:

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.
No artificial fruits, vegetables, or plants
5. Arrangements will be judged for aesthetic appeal and creativity.

Please Enter Department I, Division 21, Class 1

Premiums

1st - \$30.00 2nd - \$20.00 3rd - \$15.00



BASKET LOAD OF BLUE-RIBBON VEGGIES

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 21, Class 2

Premiums

1st - \$35.00 2nd - \$25.00 3rd - \$15.00

DEPT. I- Special Contests

Division 21

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 21, Class 3

Premiums

1st - \$30.00

2nd - \$20.00

3rd - \$15.00

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

*Unique containers include things like watering cans, pitchers, or whiskey barrels.
Please no boots, shoes or fabric items.

**VEGGIES IN
UNIQUE CONTAINERS**

GARDEN Scarecrow

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 2024 Fair theme "Mountain Memories"
5. Contest is limited to the first five (5) entries.

Please Enter Department I, Division 21, Class 4

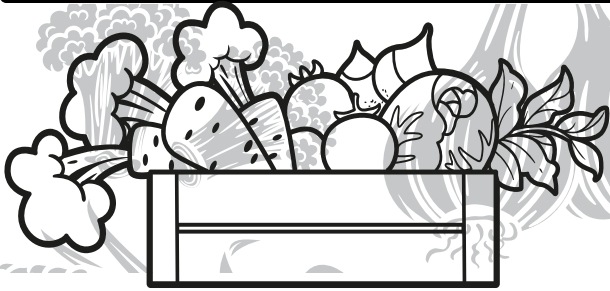
Premiums

1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$8.00 3rd - \$7.00



DEPT. I- Special Contests

Division 21



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!*

1. Boxes must be able to fit into the window box display (32"x 6 ½ x 6 ½ in.)
2. Window box must contain at least 5 different varieties of vegetables, fruits, or herbs. Edible flowers may be grown in the box for attractiveness, but will not count towards the minimum number of varieties required.
3. All plants must have been grown together in the window box and not recently transplanted for show.
4. No accessories/decorations permitted
5. Small plant markers are permitted to label varieties, but not required.
6. A list of all plants used in the window box must be written/typed and included with exhibit upon entry.
7. Exhibits will be judged based on above rules, quality of plants used, attractiveness, and creativity.

Premiums 1st - \$25.00 2nd - \$20.00 3rd - \$15.00

Please Enter Department I, Division 21, Class 5

When: Saturday August 10th and August 17th

Time: Three (3) races beginning at: 11:00 am
2:00 pm 4:00 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

**VEGGIE
500**

DEPT. I- Special Awards

Forage Crop SWEEPSTAKES

A \$50.00 award and a plaque will be awarded to an exhibitor who gains the most points in Division 17, classes 1-6. Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st - 3 points
- 2nd - 2 points
- 3rd - 1 point

VICTOR TESSARO



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 19th annual Jan Chase Premier Gardener Award shall be given to the exhibitor receiving the greatest number of first places in Division 6 Potatoes, and Division 8 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

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)

DEPT. I- Special Awards

Champion HERB GARDENER

A \$50.00 bonus will be awarded to an exhibitor who gains the most points in Division 11.

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A \$50.00 bonus will be awarded to the best item from gourds, melons, pumpkins, squash, and cucumbers divisions.

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Grand Champion EGGS

A \$25.00 bonus will be awarded to the best item from Division 13, Eggs.

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