

*Department D*

# HORTICULTURE

## 2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1**

### DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Dell Morgan

### DROP OFF DAY

Wednesday, September 30: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### PICK UP DAY

Monday, October 12: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

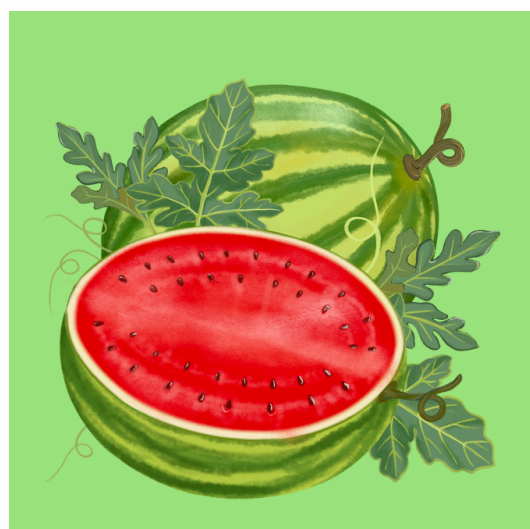
### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS OFFICE

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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# DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

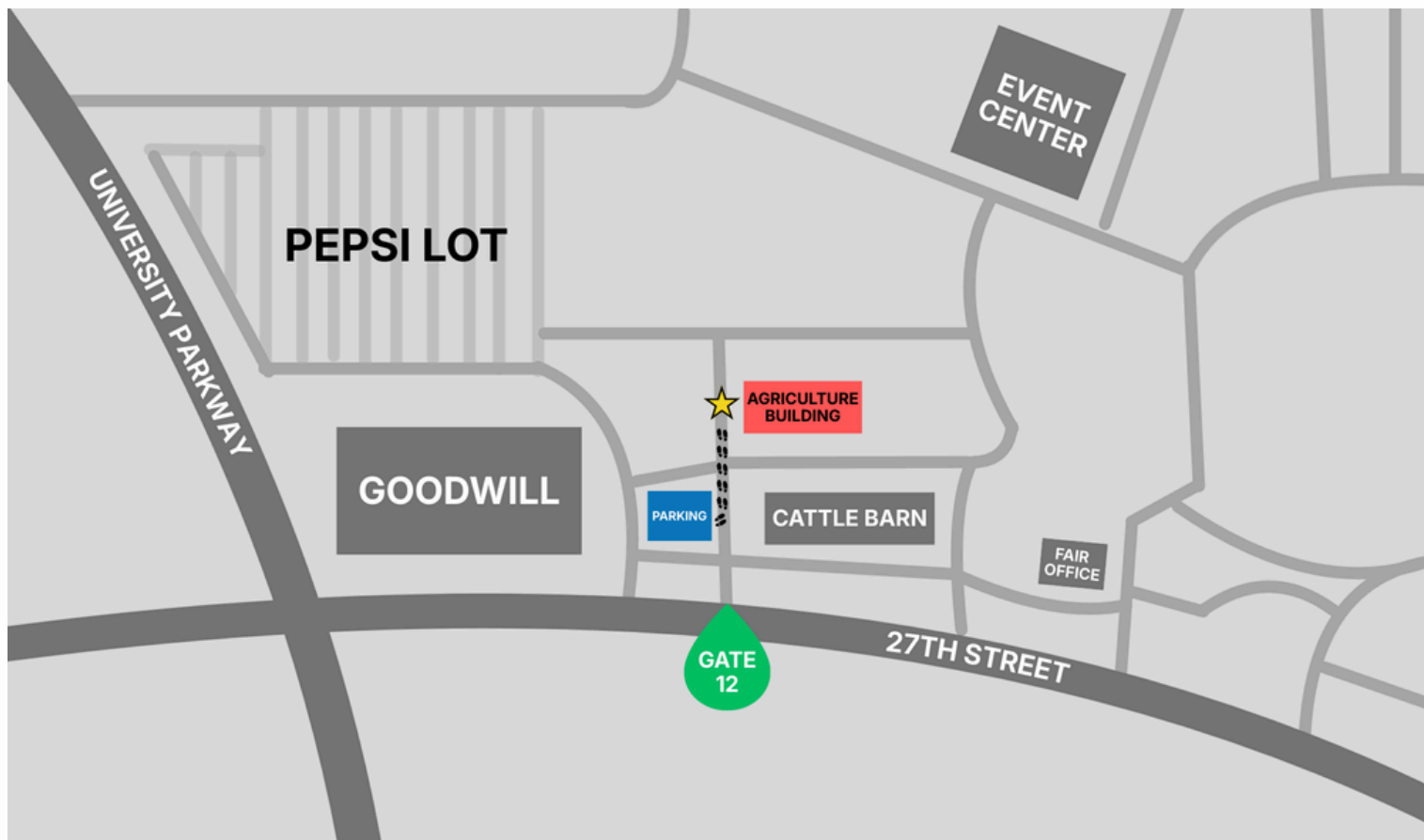
## DROP-OFF INFORMATION

- Drop-off for **HORTICULTURE** exhibits is:
  - **Wednesday, September 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- If you have entries for other departments, you may have a separate drop-off date. Please read each department's rules and guidelines when entering.
- Do **NOT** remove the claim check portion; you will need this to pick up your exhibit(s).

## PICK-UP INFORMATION

- Pick-up for ALL exhibits is **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**:
  - **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- You **MUST** have your claim check tag to reclaim your entry, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Exhibits cannot be removed prior to October 12.
- **All items will be discarded after 6 p.m. October 12.**

**ADDRESS: 2532 FARMERS MARKET WAY, GATE 12**



# FAQs & ENTRY INFORMATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**When will I receive my entry tag(s)?** Entry tags will be mailed after September 1.

**Where do I go to drop off my exhibit(s)?** Exhibitors will enter Gate 12 off 27<sup>th</sup> street behind Goodwill. Please see the map on page 2.

**Where will my exhibit(s) be displayed at the fair?** Horticulture exhibits are displayed in the Agriculture Building.

**What if my items start to deteriorate during the Fair?** The Fair reserves the right to remove and discard exhibits that are deteriorating.

**Do I need to furnish containers for my display?** No, the Fair will furnish containers unless otherwise specified.

**How do I pick up my exhibit(s) after the fair?** All exhibits **MUST** be picked up by **Monday October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** No items will be removed before October 12. All items will be discarded after October 12. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## NEW CLASSES

### SECTION 109: YOUTH GARDENING

Any Variety Potatoes

Any Variety Onions

# PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A ribbon is a badge of merit, and in no case should be attached to an article or animal where meritorious qualities are lacking.
- The following colors will be used to designate awards:
  - **Judge's Choice:** Red, White and Blue
  - **First Place:** Blue
  - **Second Place:** Red
  - **Third Place:** White
  - **Fourth Place:** Pink
  - **Fifth Place:** Yellow
- If awarded, all ribbons must be picked up following the Fair (October 12-13).
- Premiums will be paid only from the judging results records and **NOT** from the ribbon or tags on exhibits.
- Errors or omissions in premium payments not reported to the Fair Administrative Office by December 31, 2026, will **NOT** be paid.



# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 100

## SMALL FRUITS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$10 | 2ND: \$9 | 3RD: \$8 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

### FRUITS

- 001. Pears - Any Variety (*Plate of 5*)
- 002. Grapes - Muscadine or Scuppernong - White (*Plate of 25*)
- 003. Grapes - Muscadine or Scuppernong - Black (*Plate of 25*)
- 004. Persimmons - Wild Variety (*Plate of 10*)
- 005. Persimmons - Japanese Persimmons (*Plate of 5*)
- 006. Figs (*Plate of 5*)
- 007. Most Unusual Small Fruit (*Ex: lemon, pineapple, lime, kiwi, etc.*) (*2 specimens*)

### NUTS AND SEEDS

- 008. Black Walnuts - New Crop in Shell (*25*)
- 009. Hickory Nuts - New Crop in Shell (*25*)
- 010. Pecans - New Crop in Shell (*25*)
- 011. Chestnuts - New Crop in Shell (*25*)
- 012. Other Nuts - New Crop in Shell (**NO ACORNS**) (*25*)
- 013. Sunflower Seeds - In Hull (*25*)



### JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE

*(Selected from 1st place winners of categories above)*



# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 101

## APPLES

Exhibitors should bring five (5) apples on a plate for each class entered. Named bud sports and variety name must be on entry blank. Crabapples are NOT allowed.

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$10 | 2ND: \$9 | 3RD: \$8 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

- 020. Red Delicious
- 021. Golden Delicious
- 022. Stayman
- 023. Cameo
- 024. Gold Rush
- 025. Rome Beauty
- 026. Gala
- 027. Granny Smith
- 028. Fuji
- 029. Jonagold
- 030. Arkansas Black
- 031. Pink Lady
- 032. Any Other Named Variety - Red
- 033. Any Other Named Variety - Yellow
- 034. Any Other Named Variety - Bicolor

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$12 | 2ND: \$11 | 3RD: \$10 | 4TH: \$9 | 5TH: \$8**

- 035. Largest Apple in Circumference
- 036. Most Unusual Apple



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

*(Selected from 1st place winners of categories above)*

# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 102

## VEGETABLES

Vegetables will be judged on quality, color, and uniformity of size. All vegetables must be grown by exhibitor. Variety must be named on entry blank.

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$10 | 2ND: \$9 | 3RD: \$7 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

- 040. Beans - Snap (12 specimen)
- 041. Beans - Lima or Butter (12 specimen)
- 042. Beans - October/Cranberry (12 specimen)
- 043. Beets - Any Variety - No Tops (5 specimen)
- 044. Cucumbers - Any Variety (Plate of 5)
- 045. Eggplant - Any Variety (3)
- 046. Field Peas - Any Variety - Unshelled (12 specimen)
- 047. Onions - White or Yellow - Any Variety (Plate of 5)
- 048. Onions - Red - Any Variety (Plate of 5)
- 049. Peppers - Sweet - Green Bell (Plate of 3)
- 050. Peppers - Habanero (10 pods)
- 051. Peppers - Jalapeño (5 pods)
- 052. Peppers - Banana (Yellow or red, hot or sweet) (5 pods)
- 053. Peppers - Hot - Any Variety Not Listed (12 pods)
- 054. Potatoes - Irish Red (Plate of 5)
- 055. Potatoes - Irish White (Plate of 5)
- 056. Potatoes - Sweet - Any Variety (Plate of 5)



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

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**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$17 | 2ND: \$14 | 3RD: \$12 | 4TH: \$11 | 5TH: \$10**

- 057. Potatoes - Irish Red (1 peck)
- 058. Potatoes - Irish White (1 peck)
- 059. Potatoes - Sweet - Any Variety (1 peck)
- 060. Largest Sweet Potato by Weight



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# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 102

## VEGETABLES CONTINUED

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$10 | 2ND: \$9 | 3RD: \$8 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

- 061. Tomatoes - Red - Any Variety - Any Size (5 specimen)
- 062. Tomatoes - Yellow - Any Variety - Any Size (5 specimen)
- 063. Tomatoes - Paste (5 specimen)
- 064. Largest Tomato by Weight - Any Variety
- 065. Squash - Summer - All Varieties - Choose Any One Variety to Exhibit (5 specimen)
- 066. Squash - Butternut (3 specimen)
- 067. Squash - Acorn (3 specimen)
- 068. Squash - Turban (1 specimen)
- 069. Squash - Any Other Variety Not Listed (1 specimen)
- 070. Okra - Table-size - One Plate (12 pods)
- 071. Most Unusual Vegetable in Shape, Size or Color (1 item)



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

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# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 103

## TURNIPS AND GOURDS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$12 | 2ND: \$10 | 3RD: \$8 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

### TURNIPS

- 075. Largest Turnip with Tops by Weight (*Tops will be removed before weigh-in*)
- 076. Any Other Variety (*Single plate of 5*)

### ORANAMENTAL GOURDS

- 077. Small Gourds - All One Variety (*3 specimen*)
- 078. Large Gourds - All One Variety (*3 specimen*)
- 079. Gourd with Longest Handle (*Long-handled gourds ONLY*)
- 080. Longest Gourd (*Ballbat, etc.*)
- 081. Gourd with Most Unusual Shape
- 082. Heaviest Gourd by Weight (*For gourds 100 pounds or more, place on pallet to unload*)



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

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## SECTION 104

## LARGEST SUNFLOWER

**Sunflowers MUST be in good condition with NO deterioration.**

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$14 | 2ND: \$12 | 3RD: \$10 | 4TH: \$9 | 5TH: \$8**

- 085. Senior Largest Sunflower (*Ages 19 and over*)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$12 | 2ND: \$10 | 3RD: \$8 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

- 086. Youth Largest Sunflower (*Ages 6-18*)



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

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# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 105

## PUMPKINS

For pumpkins 100 pounds or more, place on pallet to unload. Exhibitor is responsible for helping to unload/load pumpkins.

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$12 | 2ND: \$10 | 3RD: \$8 | 4TH: \$7 | 5TH: \$6**

**090.** Cushaw - Any Variety (1 specimen)

**091.** Neck Pumpkins

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$16 | 2ND: \$14 | 3RD: \$12 | 4TH: \$9 | 5TH: \$8**

**092.** Best Matched Pair of Miniature Pumpkins (Ages 6-18)

**093.** Best Matched Pair of Miniature Pumpkins (Ages 19+)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$125 | 2ND: \$100 | 3RD: \$75 | 4TH: \$60 | 5TH: \$55**

**094.** Largest Pumpkin by Circumference - Best Condition

**PREMIUMS (PAID BY POUND): 1ST: \$2 | 2ND: \$1.50 | 3RD: \$1 | 4TH: \$0.75 | 5TH: \$0.50**

**095.** Heaviest Pumpkin - Minimum 100 lbs. (Ages 19+)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$120 | 2ND: \$85 | 3RD: \$75 | 4TH: \$60 | 5TH: \$55**

**096.** Heaviest Pumpkin (Ages 6-18)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$22 | 2ND: \$18 | 3RD: \$12 | 4TH: \$10 | 5TH: \$9**

**097.** One Pumpkin - True to Type in Best Shape & Condition - Any Variety Under 50 lbs. (Ages 19+)

**098.** One Pumpkin - True to Type in Best Shape & Condition - Any Variety Under 50 lbs. (Ages 6-18)

**099.** One Pumpkin - True to Type (50-100 lbs.)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$26 | 2ND: \$22 | 3RD: \$15 | 4TH: \$10 | 5TH: \$9**

**100.** Best Matched Pair of Pumpkins Under 50 lbs. (*No miniatures*)

**101.** Best Matched Pair of Pumpkins (50-100 lbs.)



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# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 106

## WATERMELONS

For watermelons 100 pounds or more, place on pallet to unload. Exhibitor is responsible for helping to unload/load watermelons.

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$35 | 2ND: \$28 | 3RD: \$20 | 4TH: \$15 | 5TH: \$10**

105. Watermelon in Best Shape & Condition - Any Variety (50-100 lbs.)

106. Watermelon in Best Shape & Condition - Any Variety (Under 50 lbs.)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$45 | 2ND: \$40 | 3RD: \$35 | 4TH: \$30 | 5TH: \$25**

107. Largest Watermelon by Circumference - Best Condition

**PREMIUMS (PAID BY POUND): 1ST: \$1 | 2ND: \$0.75 | 3RD: \$0.50 | 4TH: \$0.25 | 5TH: \$0.25**

108. Heaviest Watermelon - Minimum 75 lbs. (Ages 19+)

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$45 | 2ND: \$35 | 3RD: \$30 | 4TH: \$25 | 5TH: \$20**

109. Heaviest Watermelon (Ages 6-18)



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# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 107

## ADULT DECORATIVE DISPLAYS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$25 | 2ND: \$20 | 3RD: \$15 | 4TH: \$10 | 5TH: \$8**

Displays must not exceed 18" x 24." All gourds must be in good condition and be current year's crop except 0003 and 0004.

- 115. Vegetable Basket or Bowl
- 116. Most Functional Use of Gourds (*Ex: birdhouse, toy, lamp, bowl, etc.*)
- 117. Most Decorative Use of Gourds (*Not functional*)
- 118. Most Decorative Display of Current Season's Gourds
- 119. Decorative Pepper Basket - Any Variety
- 120. Decorative Cornucopia - **Patriotic** Theme



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## SECTION 108

## YOUTH DECORATIVE DISPLAYS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$20 | 2ND: \$15 | 3RD: \$10 | 4TH: \$8 | 5TH: \$6**

**Displays must not exceed 18" x 24."**

- 125. Vegetable Basket Display
- 126. Most Decorative Use of Gourds
- 127. Decorative Pepper Basket - Any Variety
- 128. Decorative Cornucopia - **Patriotic** Theme



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# CATEGORIES

## SECTION 109

## YOUTH GARDENING

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$8 | 2ND: \$7 | 3RD: \$6 | 4TH: \$5 | 5TH: \$4**

### PRE-SCHOOL THRU 2ND GRADE

- 130. Cucumbers (*Plate of 3*)
- 131. Pepper - Any Variety (*Plate of 5*)
- 132. Tomato - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 133. Squash - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 134. Okra (*Plate of 6*)
- 135. Potatoes - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**
- 136. Onions - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**

### GRADES 3-5

- 137. Cucumbers (*Plate of 3*)
- 138. Pepper - Any Variety (*Plate of 5*)
- 139. Tomato - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 140. Squash - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 141. Okra (*Plate of 6*)
- 142. Potatoes - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**
- 143. Onions - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**

### GRADES 6-8

- 144. Cucumbers (*Plate of 3*)
- 145. Pepper - Any Variety (*Plate of 5*)
- 146. Tomato - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 147. Squash - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 148. Okra (*Plate of 6*)
- 149. Potatoes - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**
- 150. Onions - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**

### GRADES 9-12

- 151. Cucumbers (*Plate of 3*)
- 152. Pepper - Any Variety (*Plate of 5*)
- 153. Tomato - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 154. Squash - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*)
- 155. Okra (*Plate of 6*)
- 156. Potatoes - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**
- 157. Onions - Any Variety (*Plate of 3*) **NEW**



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