

DEPARTMENT O - DAIRY, APIARY, AND CULINARY

Superintendents – Jenny Balensiefen-Hardin and MJ Langner

Total Premiums Offered - \$636

Exhibitor's Permit - \$6 per department with a maximum of \$10 per exhibitor

No entry fee required

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Exhibitors, please take notice and observe carefully.

There is no entry fee. After purchasing an Exhibitor's Permit, the exhibitor may make as many entries in each class number as they wish but can only place with two entries per class number.

Exhibitors may make one entry with each article.

******* PLEASE NOTE – ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE IN PERSON OR BY MAIL (POSTMARKED) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2026. ADDRESS ENTRIES TO MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR, P.O. BOX 114, HENRY, ILLINOIS 61537. WALK-IN ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE FAIR OFFICE MONDAY – THURSDAY FROM JUNE 15 THROUGH JULY 1, 2026. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM, PROPER RELEASE FORM SIGNATURES, AND PAYMENT OF THE EXHIBITOR'S PERMIT.**

Articles to be exhibited must be brought to the Art Hall from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

ENTRY FORMS –

Entries will be determined by class number given.

Entry forms may be photocopied if needed.

ARTICLE IDENTIFICATION TAGS WILL BE PRINTED ON THE COMPUTER BY THE FAIR OFFICE. BRING OR MAIL YOUR ENTRY FORMS IN EARLY TO AVOID WAITING IN LINE. ARTICLE IDENTIFICATION TAGS MUST BE SECURED ON EACH ENTRY BEFORE DELIVERING TO THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT. **FOR MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS PLEASE INCLUDE THE RECIPE NAME ON TAG.**

Exhibits must be labeled true to name. Variety or kind and date of canning must be placed on all glass containers. **Canning entries must be properly sealed or will be disqualified. No freezer jams, jellies, or other canning products.**

REMEMBER - Exhibits must be exhibitor's own work and made within the last year. No mixes allowed, except where specified. No bread machine bread, except where specified.

BAKED GOODS MUST BE ENTERED USING PAPER, PLASTIC, OR STYROFOAM CONTAINERS AND COVERED WITH CLEAR PLASTIC OR BAGGIES. PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS. DO NOT BRING ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE REFRIGERATED.

Exhibitors are not permitted to enter the exhibit area at any time to help place or remove any of the exhibits but only as they are waited upon by assistants appointed for that purpose. In entering and removing entries, the exhibitors should have their entries and article identification tags in order as the entry numbers are arranged in their respective order on the shelves and in the cases.

Competent judges will be secured. Their decisions will be considered final. This is not a public judging.

Judges are instructed that if they have reason to believe that an exhibitor falsified an entry or made other attempts to deceive and obtain an award by misrepresentation, said exhibitor shall not be awarded any prizes. No refund to non-winners.

Any article deemed unworthy by the judge will be disqualified.

Purple ribbons will be awarded to winners of outstanding exhibits. A special award will be presented to open class baked goods only for the largest number of points to an individual based on ribbons awarded. Blue - five points, red - three points, white - one point. Last year's winner is not eligible for the special award this year.

Exhibitors can remove their bread, pies, and cakes with the exception of decorated cakes, tea rings, and displays on Wednesday after 9:00 am. All other exhibits will be **released at 5:00 pm Sunday, July 19, 2026**. Leaving before release time will mean forfeiture of premium checks.

All entries will be under the care of the Superintendent and aides. Every care will be taken to prevent damage, but in no event will the Superintendent or Fair Board be responsible for any injury or loss that may occur.

Rules listed here, along with those listed in Regulations and General Arrangements that are applicable to this department, are to be followed.

SECTION 1 - BREAD AND ROLLS (USING YEAST)

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 1 - BREAD AND ROLLS (USING YEAST)	2500	White Bread (loaf)	\$3.50	\$2	\$1
	2501	Whole Wheat Bread (loaf)	\$3.50	\$2	\$1
	2502	Rye Bread (loaf)	\$3.50	\$2	\$1
	2503	Sour Dough Bread	\$3.50	\$2	\$1
	2504	Miscellaneous Yeast Bread (anything not listed)	\$3.50	\$2	\$1
	2505	Swedish Tea Ring decorated with confectioner's icing	\$4.50	\$3	\$1.50
	2506	Cinnamon Rolls, iced, half dozen	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1
	2507	Dinner Rolls, half dozen	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2508	Novelty Bread Dough Item	\$8	\$4	\$2

SECTION 2 - QUICK BREAD

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3 rd
SECTION 2 - QUICK BREAD	2509	Miscellaneous Bread (anything not listed)	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2510	Zucchini Bread (loaf)	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2511	Banana Bread (loaf)	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2512	Pumpkin Bread	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2513	Biscuits, Half Dozen	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2514	Miscellaneous Muffins (4 muffins) *Name of Muffin must be written on tag.	\$3	\$2	\$1.50

SECTION 3 - CAKES

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3 rd
SECTION 3 - CAKES	2515	Angel Food, no icing	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2516	Pound Cake	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2517	White Cake, iced	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2518	Applesauce, Carrott, or Spice Cake, iced	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2519	Chocolate Cake, iced	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2520	Variation Cake Mix Cake	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2521	Miscellaneous Cakes (anything not listed) *Name of cake must be written on tag.	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50

SECTION 4 - DECORATED DESSERTS

Decorated cakes not to exceed 15 inches in height. Forms may be used.

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3 rd
SECTION 4 - DECORATED DESSERTS	2522	Decorated Cake	\$13	\$9.50	\$6
	2523	Decorated Cupcakes, six	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2524	Display of Cookies, six	\$4	\$3	\$2
	2525	Decorated "Stars & Stripes-A-Fair" cake (form may be used)	\$13	\$9.50	\$6

SECTION 5 - PASTRIES

(Use disposable pie pans and place in clear plastic bag with twister.)

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3 rd
SECTION 5 - PASTRIES	2526	Cherry Pie, double crust	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2527	Apple Pie, double crust	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2528	Pecan Pie, single crust	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50
	2529	Miscellaneous Pastries, not listed *Name of Pastry must be written on tag.	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$1
	2530	All Other Double Crust Fruit Pies *Please identify type of pie on the tag.	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.50

SECTION 6 - COOKIES

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3 rd
SECTION 6 - COOKIES	2531	Sugar Cookies, 4 cookies	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2532	Oatmeal Cookies, 4 cookies	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2533	Chocolate Drop Cookies, 4 cookies	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2534	Chocolate Chip Cookies, 4 cookies	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2535	Chocolate Brownies, 4 pieces	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2536	Peanut Butter Cookies, 4 cookies	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2537	Filled Cookies, 4 cookies	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2538	Miscellaneous Cookies, 4 cookies (anything not listed) *Name of cookie must be written on the tag.	\$3	\$2	\$1.50
	2539	Miscellaneous Dessert Bar, 4 pieces *Name of dessert bar must be written on the tag.	\$3	\$2	\$1.50

SECTION 7 - CANDY
(Four pieces on plate unless specified.)

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 7 – CANDY	2540	Chocolate Fudge	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2541	Divinity, drop	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2542	Caramels, light, omit nuts	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2543	Peanut Brittle, (clear covered glass container)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2544	Any other Miscellaneous Candy	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50

SPECIAL FOOD PRESERVATION AWARDS

Special awards will be presented in two canning areas only. One award for Preserves - Jams - Jellies and one award for Fruits - Vegetables - Pickles - Relishes. Awarded by the largest number of points to an individual, based on ribbons awarded. Blue - 5 points, Red - 3 points, White - 1 point.
Last year's winner is not eligible for special award this year.

SECTION 8 - PRESERVES

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 8 - PRESERVES	2545	Strawberry Preserves	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2546	Cherry Preserves	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2547	Apple Butter	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2548	Miscellaneous Preserves (anything not listed)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2549	Miscellaneous Fruit Butter (anything not listed)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50

SECTION 9 - JAMS

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 9 - JAMS	2550	Raspberry Jam, (black or red)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2551	Peach Jam	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2552	Miscellaneous Jam (anything not listed)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2553	Miscellaneous Marmalade	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50

SECTION 10 - JELLIES

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 10 - JELLIES	2554	Grape Jelly	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2555	Raspberry Jelly, black or red)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2556	Blackberry Jelly	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2557	Apple Jelly	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2558	Miscellaneous Jelly (anything not listed)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50

We advise all exhibitors to read the suggested USDA guidelines for fairs and competitive judging events. This guideline can be found online at www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/nchfp/tech_bull/0Judging_Preserved_full.pdf or contact our fair office at (309) 364-2814 and we will mail one to you.

SECTION 11 - PICKLES AND RELISHES
(No artificial coloring.)

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 11 - PICKLES AND RELISHES	2559	Cucumber Pickle, sweet	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2560	Bread and Butter (cucumber chip)	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2561	Dill Pickles	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2562	Beet Pickles	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2563	Chili Sauce	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2564	Miscellaneous Pickles, Relish, or Sauce (not listed above)	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2565	Salsa	\$2	\$1.50	\$1

SECTION 12 - CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
(No artificial coloring.)

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 12 - CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	2566	Cherries, red sour, pitted	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2567	Blackberries	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2568	Peaches	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2569	Miscellaneous Fruit or Vegetable (anything not listed)	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2570	Raspberries, red or black	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2571	Beans, green	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2572	Beets	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2573	Carrots	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2574	Tomatoes	\$2	\$1.50	\$1

SECTION 13 – MISCELLANEOUS CANNED ITEM
(No artificial coloring.)

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 13 – MISCELLANEOUS CANNED ITEM	2575	Pie Filling (Any flavor)	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2576	Tomato Juice	\$2	\$1.50	\$1
	2577	Natural Sweetener Honey or Maple Syrup	\$2	\$1.50	\$1

SECTION 14 - COLLECTIONS

Uniformity and appearance of jars to be considered in judging as well as appearance of the product.

SECTION	CLASS		1st	2nd	3rd
SECTION 14 – COLLECTIONS	2578	Collection of at least six jars of Canned Fruits	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2579	Collection of at least six jars of Canned Vegetables	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2580	Collection of at least six jars of Pickles and Relishes	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2581	Collection of at least six jars of Jellies (in jelly glasses)	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50
	2582	Collection of at least six jars of Preserves	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50