

# Agriculture Horticulture

ENTER ONLINE: <https://cmsfy.fairwire.com/> BY: TUESDAY, JULY 9  
NO ENTRY FEE

**\*NEW TIME - YOUTH AND 4-H/FFA ENTRIES ARE PART OF THE FIRST SHOW:**  
Tuesday, July 16 – Noon TO 4:00 pm

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RELEASED: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 9:00 am TO 6:00 pm

**Exhibitor Credential – See Credential page of this handbook, page 6.**

## Awards

(Awards allocated at Judge's Discretion)

**\*Best of Show - Youth and 4-H • Judges Awards  
Special Awards for Theme Division**

## DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All entries must be entered on-line by Tuesday, July 9.
2. Due to the perishable nature of the entries in this Department, the Agriculture - Produce Divisions will be incorporated into two shows, thus allowing the exhibits to remain fresh throughout the course of the Fair.
3. All entries in the Agriculture Horticulture Department must be locally grown by the exhibitor and must be of the current season's crop.
4. Variety of products must be correctly labeled. The quality desired in agricultural and horticultural product exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market. Exhibits must have reached that stage of ripeness which will insure the completion of the ripening process to a degree that will insure palatability after the removal of the product from the tree, plant or vine (Section 42513, Food and Agricultural Code) in order to be considered for premium awards.
5. All perishable items will be disposed of following the Fair in the interest of public health and safety. Non-perishable items may be picked up on Tuesday, August 1. Items not claimed will be disposed of properly.
6. Fair Management reserves the right to combine classes in divisions with less than five (5) entries and three (3) exhibitors, as well as, create classes from an Any Other Variety Class when a specific varieties' entries are in excess of three (3). These changes will be noted, and adjustments will be made for the following year. These procedures are intended to maintain industry standards and accommodate changing trends and varieties.

## YOUTH AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE

1. Open to exhibitors who are four (4) years old through eighteen (18) years old and are residents of San Luis Obispo County, the Santa Maria High School District in Santa Barbara County, the King City High School District in Monterey County. Exhibitors who enter Youth categories must not be older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
2. The date of birth of exhibitor and ingoing grade level must appear on the registration.
3. Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made online.
4. Exhibitors who enrolled in any junior organization. (4-H/FFA) for which classes are offered elsewhere, are not eligible to enter articles in this department that are eligible to be exhibited as part of their junior organization project. State and Local rules apply to all entries. Score cards in corresponding Adult and Youth Departments shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
5. Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits. The 16th District Agricultural Association (California Mid-State Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if it is desired. Furthermore, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the fair management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule. All entries will remain on display for the duration of the Fair.
6. All exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 30, will become the property of the California Mid- State Fair.

## 4-H/FFA AGRICULTURE HORTICUTLURE

1. Limited to members of San Luis Obispo County. All registration must be done through <https://cmsfy.fairwire.com/> and then checked by the project leader. Leader verification will be checked with the local 4-H office.
2. Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be registered online under 4-H & FFA categories. The date of birth of exhibitor, and ingoing grade level must appear on the registration.
3. Exhibitors who enrolled in any junior organization (4-H/FFA) for which classes are offered elsewhere, are not eligible to enter articles in this department that are eligible to be exhibited as part of their junior organization project. State and Local rules apply to all entries. Score cards in corresponding Senior and Junior Departments shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
4. PRIMARY MEMBERS: 4-H primary members are eligible to exhibit breeding animals and shall be judged separately as specified. The Danish System of judging shall be used, and primary ribbons will be awarded.
5. All precautions will be taken to protect entries; however, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage of entries submitted to this exhibition. Submitting work to this competition implies agreement on the part of the exhibitor to conditions set forth above. All entries will remain on display for the duration of the Fair. All exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 30, will become the property of the California Mid-State Fair.

Score Card for all Ag Horticulture		
Overall Perfection		60%
Color	20%	
Uniformity	20%	
Market Size	20%	
Correct Distinction		10%
Cleanliness & Freshness		30%
		100%

### THEME DIVISION

# Wide Open Spaces

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FIRST SHOW ONLY

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Special Themed Awards

No Premiums or Sweepstakes

Exhibit may not exceed tabletop space of 18" X 22". May use your container of choice. All produce and fruit must be grown by exhibitor. All items must fit in container. Must include at least 3 items from page 29.

Each exhibitor is limited to One (1) Entry Per Class.

**DIVISION 630 – YOUTH THEME BASKET**

**DIVISION 638 – 4-H/FFA THEME BASKET**

Class

1. Salsa Basket
2. Dried Fruit & Herb Basket
3. Pickling Basket

## **YOUTH DIVISIONS 631 – 638**

### **4-H DIVISIONS 639 – 649**

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Danish System of Judging

Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Premiums Offered per Class

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

#### **DIVISION 631 – YOUTH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

#### **DIVISION 639 - FFA FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

#### **DIVISION 640- 4-H FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Class

1. Beans, Any Variety -12 Pods
2. Eggplant - 2
3. Peas, Any Variety - 12 Pods
4. Peppers, Bell - 2
5. Peppers, Hot - 3
6. Tomatoes, Cherry - 15
7. Tomatoes, Any Other Variety - 3
8. Any Other Fruit or Vegetable, Please Specify - 3

#### **DIVISION 632 – YOUTH LEAFY AND STEM VEGETABLES**

#### **DIVISION 641 - FFA LEAFY AND STEM VEGETABLES**

#### **DIVISION 642 - 4-H LEAFY AND STEM VEGETABLES**

Class

1. Cabbage, Any Variety - 1 Head
2. Corn, Any Variety - 4 Ears (Husk Off)
3. Lettuce, Any Variety - 1 Head
4. Onions, Green - 1 Bunch
5. Rhubarb - 6 Stalks
6. Romaine - 1 Plant
7. Herbs, Fresh - 1 Bunch or Dry – 1/2 Ounce in Jar
8. Any Other Leafy & Stem Vegetable, Please Specify

#### **DIVISION 633 – YOUTH ROOT, BULB, AND TUBER VEGETABLES**

#### **DIVISION 643 - FFA ROOT, BULB, AND TUBER VEGETABLES**

#### **DIVISION 644 - 4-H ROOT, BULB, AND TUBER VEGETABLES**

Class

1. Beets, Garden - 4 Topped
2. Carrots, Bunch - 4 Topped
3. Onions, Brown - 4
4. Onions, Red - 4
5. Onions, White - 4
6. Potatoes, Any Variety - 4
7. Radishes, Topped - 10
8. Turnips, Topped - 4
9. Any Other Root, Bulb, & Tuber Vegetable, Please Specify

#### **DIVISION 634 – YOUTH VINE CROPS**

#### **DIVISION 645 - FFA VINE CROPS**

#### **DIVISION 646 - 4-H VINE CROPS**

Class

1. Cucumbers, Slicing - 3
2. Cucumbers, Pickling - 6
3. Cucumbers, Lemon - 3
4. Melon, Any Variety - 1
5. Pumpkins - 1
6. Squash, Mature - 1
7. Squash, Green Summer - 3
8. Squash, Yellow Summer - 3
9. Squash, Zucchini - 3
10. Squash, Yellow Crookneck - 3
11. Watermelon - 1
12. Any Other Vine Crop, Please Specify

**DIVISION 635 – YOUTH HOME POULTRY-EGGS GRADES K-3**  
**DIVISION 636 – YOUTH HOME POULTRY-EGGS GRADES 4-12**  
**DIVISION 647 – FFA HOME POULTRY-EGGS**  
**DIVISION 648 – 4-H HOME POULTRY-EGGS**  
LIVE JUDGING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 4:30 PM  
Eggs must be identified by breed of hen

Class

1. Chickens (6 White Eggs)
2. Chickens (6 Colored Eggs)
3. Duck (4 Eggs)
4. Goose (4 Eggs)
5. Gamebird (4 Eggs)
6. Any Other Bird (6 Eggs)
7. Small Flocks (represent no more than 3 breeds with 4 eggs from each - one carton of eggs)

**DIVISION 637 – YOUTH LARGEST PRODUCE**  
**DIVISION 649 – 4-H/FFA LARGEST PRODUCE**

Class

1. Tomato
2. Apple
3. Avocado
4. Cucumber
5. Lemon
6. Onion
7. Pumpkin
8. Radish
9. Zucchini
10. Watermelon
11. Squash

For Other 4-H and FFA Entries, please see 4-H & FFA Projects Within Each Department: Farm Art, Arts & Crafts, Home Arts, Fine Art, Photography and Floriculture.

