

FFA FARM CROPS DEPARTMENT

Supervisor of Exhibits - Ron Zelle, Nashua-Plainfield FFA (retired)
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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 11

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Entries may arrive

Thursday, August 12

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Entries may arrive

9:00 a.m. Entries must be in place

9:00 a.m. Judging begins

4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony (Participating FFA members are expected to attend and wear their exhibitor t-shirts.)

Friday, August 13

3:00 p.m. Entries released (All entries in **classes 1-55 and 59-62** receiving ribbon placing 1 through 3 will be required to be displayed until 7:00 p.m. release time on the last day of the Fair provided room for display exists.) **Removal of entries or ribbons placing 1 through 3 prior to the last day can result in loss of premiums.**

3:45 p.m. Entries not receiving ribbon placing must be removed or entries will be taken care of by supervisor of exhibits. The Sunday pick up of entries must be completed between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. or the supervisor of exhibits will take charge of them.

RULES

1. General rules and regulations listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging and Good Conduct Policy.
2. Entries in this department must be part of the exhibitor's SAE program. Students must have records on all crops exhibited and/or hours logged in learning and developing their SAE. Crop entries can be obtained as part of entrepreneurship, placement, independent study, exploratory or discovery types of SAE programs via working with employers, other producers, or utilizing the student's own production of the Farm Crops.
3. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Each exhibitor shall specify the number of entries they plan to exhibit. Division and class numbers do not need to be specified at the time of entry. Exhibitors are permitted **one entry per class.**
4. Each exhibitor in this department, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee.
Entry Fees
1-4 Entries \$5.00
Each additional entry \$0.50
5. Entry tags for the FFA Farm Crops Show will be sent from the Iowa State Fair directly to each exhibitor prior to the Fair.
6. Additional entries may be made the day of the show by exhibitors who are pre-entered in FFA Farm Crops for \$1 per entry.
7. Each entry tag must show variety name. If no variety is listed, the entry will not be placed.
8. First - eighth places will be designated for ribbons and premiums.
9. When there is only one exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if merited, will be awarded. When articles are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such as the articles merit. When there is competition, all prizes may be awarded so far as there are worthy entries. If two entries are equal, both place monies are to be totaled and divided equally.
10. **Premiums and Ribbons:** Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top 3 entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$6, 5, 4.
11. Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each division and will receive rosettes.
12. The individual exhibitor with the highest point total in the Farm Crops Department will receive a sweepstakes trophy and the top eight individuals will receive ribbons.
13. A Premier Exhibit will be selected by the judges to receive the Premier Exhibitor Trophy.

FIELD CORN - DIVISION 1

RULES

1. Ears of corn must be in natural conditions at both ends and have no more than 1% of kernels missing. Do not cut off or remove tips of ears.
2. Gallon Corn entries must be filled to 1 ½ inches from the lid of the container, do not over fill. Containers will be furnished by the Iowa State Fair.
3. The name of the variety or hybrid must be shown on the entry tag.
4. The judges may disqualify any entry in Classes 1-7 which they feel is not mature, exhibits insect or disease damage, is of poor quality, is not of the previous year's crop, has not been grown as an SAE project or has been previously shown at the Iowa State Fair.

CLASS

- 1 Single Ear, any variety or hybrid
- 2 Longest Ear Field Corn
- 3 Ten Ears, any variety or hybrid
- 4 Thirty Ears, any variety or hybrid
- 5 Full Gallon Shelled Corn, any variety or hybrid
- 6 Standard Bushel Basket Ear Field Corn, any variety or hybrid (exhibitor must furnish own basket)

New Crop Field Corn

RULES

1. Entries in the following class consist of five ears of commercial dent corn grown in Iowa this year.
2. Entries must be from seed purchased by the exhibitor as part of his/her SAE program and entry tags must show the names of the variety or hybrid.
3. Entries will not be disqualified for immaturity.

CLASS

- 7 Yellow or white corn of any variety or hybrid

POPCORN AND ORNAMENTAL CORN - DIVISION 2

RULES

1. Popcorn classes require ten ears of last year's popcorn grown by the exhibitor as part of his/her SAE program.
2. The variety or hybrid name and number (if any) must be shown on the entry tag.
3. Do NOT cut off the tips of the ears.
4. Ornamental Corn classes include Indian Corn, Blue Corn, Red Corn and older and uncommon varieties of corn.
5. Entries may not include yellow or white field corn or sweet corn.

CLASS

- 8 White Commercial Hybrid Popcorn
- 9 Yellow Commercial Hybrid Popcorn
- 10 Any Other Hybrid or Ornamental Popcorn
- 11 Miniature Ornamental Corn (ears smaller than 5 inches long)
- 12 Ornamental Corn - Single color each ear (5 ears, no husks)
- 13 Ornamental Corn - Multiple colors each ear (5 ears, no husks)
- 14 Ornamental Corn - Single Ear
- 15 Ornamental Corn Display (5 ears with husks joined at the husks with cord, wire or rubber bands so they can be exhibited either hanging from a wall or lying on a flat surface)

SMALL GRAINS, LEGUMES AND SPECIALTY CROPS - DIVISION 3

RULES

1. One full gallon of product is required for each entry. Containers are furnished by the Iowa State Fair.
2. Entries must fill the container up to 1 ½ inches from the lid, do not over fill.
3. Clipped oats and barley will be excluded from competition.
4. Entries previously shown at the Iowa State Fair may have been marked and will be disqualified.
5. **The variety name is required on all entry tags.**
6. Entries will be weighed and undergo visual judging.

CLASS

- 16 Barley - any variety
- 17 Early Oats - Cherokee, Dane Ino9201, Jim Moraine, Reeves and Richland
- 18 Mid Season Oats - Baker, Blaze, Buff, Chaps, Classic Esker, Jay, Jerry, Kame, Ogle and Spurs
- 19 Late Season Oats - Brawn, Drumlin, Jud, Gem, Kildeer, Sesqui and Wabasha
- 20 Oats - any other officially recognized variety
- 21 Red Clover Seed - any variety
- 22 Rye - any variety
- 23 Sweetclover - any variety
- 24 Spring Wheat - any variety
- 25 Winter Wheat - any variety
- 26 Other Grains, Forages and Specialty Crops (can include popcorn, grains and other crops for seed, feed or food and raised by the exhibitor)

SOYBEANS - DIVISION 4

RULES

1. Entries in this division are one full gallon of soybeans from last year's crop. Jars furnished by the Iowa State Fair will be used as containers.
2. The name of the variety or hybrid must be shown on the entry tag.
3. Entries will be weighed and undergo visual judging.
4. Entries must fill the jar up to 1 ½ inches from the lid, do not over fill.
5. Entries previously shown at the Iowa State Fair may have been marked and will be disqualified.

CLASS

- 27 Early Soybeans - maturity groups 2.4 or earlier
- 28 Mid Season Soybeans - maturity groups 2.5 to 3.0
- 29 Late Season Soybeans - maturity groups 3.1 and higher
- 30 Food Grade Soybeans - any maturity group

SHEAF GRAINS - DIVISION 5

RULES

1. Entries must be shown in sheaves, three inches in diameter at the center band.
2. Judges will penalize over and undersized sheaves.
3. Heads must be left in natural condition.
4. Variety name must be specified on each entry tag except for Millet for Seed.
5. Exhibits previously shown at the Iowa State Fair may have been marked and will be disqualified.

CLASS

- 31 Barley in Straw
- 32 Brome Grass for Seed "smooth brome grass"
- 33 Millet for Seed
- 34 Early Season Oats
- 35 Mid Season Oats
- 36 Late Season Oats
- 37 Orchard Grass
- 38 Rye in Straw
- 39 Grain Sorghum

- 40 Timothy for Seed
- 41 Spring Wheat in Straw
- 42 Winter Wheat in Straw

FORAGES, GRASSES AND LEGUMES - DIVISION 6

RULES

1. All entries in this division will be judged from the standpoint of the usefulness as hay.
2. Entries are to be shown in sheaves, three inches in diameter at the center band.
3. Variety name must be specified on each entry tag except for Millet and Alsike Clover.
4. All sheaves must be dried. The exhibit is to be dry hay quality for the show.

CLASS

- 43 Alfalfa
- 44 Alsike Clover
- 45 Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 46 Smooth Bromegrass
- 47 Ladino Clover
- 48 Red Clover
- 49 Millet
- 50 Orchard Grass
- 51 Reed Canarygrass
- 52 Sudan
- 53 Sweetclover
- 54 Timothy
- 55 Any Other Forage, Grass or Legume

CROP DISPLAY - DIVISION 7

RULES

1. Crops in this division will be displayed as space is available.
2. Plant roots of corn and soybeans must be washed clean and dry. No water pails or other containers will be used. Soybean plants should be tied in a bundle. Corn plants should have both stalks tied together.
3. The exhibits in this division must be grown by the exhibitor as part of his/her SAE program or part of the work experience of the FFA member.
4. The display will be judged on quality of the exhibit for production and marketability of the final product and should represent the entire field or harvest.
5. No modification of the displays should occur.
6. Variety name must be specified on each entry tag.
7. Hay slices should not exceed 24 inches by 24 inches by 4 inches. The slice should be taken from a bale of hay. If the bales are larger than 24 inches by 24 inches, a slice cut from a larger bale is permitted. Care should be taken to try to maintain the actual quality and condition of the stored forage. The hay sample must be wrapped tightly in clear plastic. You can use shrink wrap, garbage bags, clear plastic food wrap or other suitable material. A hole will be made in the wrap for judges access to the sample.

CLASS

- 56 Five Soybean Plants, roots washed clean and dry, securely tied in a bundle
- 57 Two Field Corn Plants, roots washed clean and dry, securely tied together
- 58 One Stalk Tallest Corn Plant, root washed and dry - will be measured from root ground line to tip of tassel (even if not emerged)
- 59 Dry Hay Slice Alfalfa
- 60 Dry Hay Slice Any Grass
- 61 Dry Hay Slice Any Grass Alfalfa Mixture
- 62 Dry Hay Slice Any Other Hay or Mixes not listed above

CHAPTER AWARD

THE SUPREME FARM CROPS EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The banner/ribbons are awarded to the chapters with outstanding overall exhibits of Farm Crops Classes. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The awards are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award - Banner, 1st; Ribbons, 2nd through 10th place

FFA FARM CROPS SPECIALS

Steven C. Burman and Grace C. Burman are offering the following in FFA Farm Crops: Sweepstakes Winner - \$25, Premier Exhibitor - \$25, Division Champions - \$10 and Division Reserve Champions - \$5. A Division Champion and Reserve will be selected in each of seven divisions.