AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL CROPS

Agriculture Building

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Agricultural and Horticultural Crops exhibits will be open to the public during building hours each day of the Fair.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department features the crops of Iowa farms, orchards and vegetable gardens. The several hundred contests and thousands of crops entered in this department testify to the great variety and vigor of crops grown in Iowa and to the popularity of the State Fair's competitive events.

In this department are exhibits by Iowa State University, the Iowa Corn Growers' and Iowa Soybean Growers' Associations and others. There also are two identification contests, one on weeds, the other on fruit, vegetables and nuts, plus other special or educational events.

Judging Schedule:

Thursday, August 13

9:15 a.m.	Corn Creations (Division 112) & Soybean Creations (Division 113)
9:15 a.m.	Farm Crops (Divisions 110-111, 114-117)
9:15 a.m.	Fruit Crops (Divisions 118-128)

Friday, August 14

9:00 a.m.	Weed Identification Contest (Division 148)
9:00 a.m.	Big Pumpkin Contest (Division 140)

Saturday, August 15

10:00 a.m.	Best Tasting Tomato (Division 150)

Tuesday, August 18

9:15 a.m.	Vegetables (Divisions 129, 134-137, 141, 143-147)
9:15 a.m.	Jumbo Exhibits (Divisions 138-139)
9:15 a.m.	Edible Nuts (Division 142)
9:15 a.m.	Salsa Basket (Division 132)
9:15 a.m.	Herbs (Divisions 133)
9:15 a.m.	Hot Peppers (Division 130)
9:15 a.m.	Hot Pepper Plant in Patio Container (Division 131)

Wednesday, August 19

12:30 p.m.	Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification Contest (Division 149)

For questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 243 or entryintern1@iowastatefair.org.

SPECIAL CONTESTS

The following contests require no prior registration and no entry fee. Persons need only show up with their entries or for the identification contests.

1. Most Unusual Vegetable Contest. See Division 147. Entries will be accepted from 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18. Judging begins at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday.
2. Weed Identification Contest. See Division 148. The contest will be held on Friday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
3. Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification Contest. See Division 149. The contest will be held on Wednesday, August 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
4. Best Tasting Tomato Contest. See Division 150. Entries will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 15. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Iowa Family Living general rules and regulations apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Agricultural & Horticultural Crops Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries may be submitted **online** or by **mail.** Online entry and a printable Iowa Family Living entry form are available at: https://www.iowastatefair.org/. If entering online, payment will be collected at time of entry. If entering by mail, complete entry form and return it with **full payment** of all fees to: Iowa State Fair, Iowa Family Living Entry Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003.

   EXCEPTION: No entry form is required for the Most Unusual Vegetable, Best Tasting Tomato, Weed Identification or Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification. There is no entry fee for these events and entries for them are accepted during the Fair. For more information, see the descriptions of these events on the pages to follow.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1**. Entries must be submitted online or postmarked on or before July 1.
4. **ENTRY FEES**. Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay a $10 department fee plus $.50 per entry. One tag will be issued for each entry.
5. **LATE ENTRIES.** An additional late fee of $10 will be charged for all entries submitted online or postmarked July 2 - July 8. No entries will be accepted after July 8.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

6. Exhibitors must be living residents of Iowa and all entries must have been grown by the exhibitor within the State of Iowa. Exhibitors must produce an affidavit to that effect if asked to do so by the Superintendent.
7. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class unless stated otherwise.
8. A youth (exhibitors age 16 and under) can enter an adult class only if there is not a comparable class for youth. If there is a youth class available in the Corn Creations Division, youth **must** submit their entries in the appropriate youth class. Entries in adult classes will be judged as adult.
9. All entries must be the product of the current calendar year, except as otherwise noted.
10. The Superintendent shall disqualify entries in which these rules have been violated.

ENTRY TAGS

11. **Entry tags and Exhibitor Entry List must be completed in full prior to arrival. They must show the correct division and class numbers and, except where the rules specify otherwise, the variety of the specimen must be written on the entry tag. If there is a class for the entry, it cannot be entered in an Any Other class. Entries that do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.**

12. **ENTRY PREPARATION. Entries are to be placed on the appropriate size white disposable plate furnished by the exhibitor. For example: a large cucumber should be displayed on a 10 inch plate, dill size on a smaller plate. Punch a hole in the edge of the plate and securely tie on the entry tag.**

ADMISSION TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

13. **DISCOUNT ADMISSION TICKETS.** Discount admission tickets can be purchased in advance for $11 each for adults and $7 each for children 6-11 years old. Discount admission and vehicle permits can be purchased from the Entry Department any time prior to the Fair or they can be purchased at the time you submit your entry and will then be mailed to you.

    Exhibitors who have exhibits or displays which must be monitored or maintained are encouraged to plan ahead and purchase the number of admission tickets they will need to keep their entries fresh and attractive.

14. **VEHICLE PERMITS.** All Ag & Hort Crops exhibitors will be given an Unload Permit that will allow a vehicle to unload in the designated area behind the Agriculture Building. Unload Permit allows for a maximum of 20 minutes to unload entries but does not provide parking. The Unload Permit is not valid for admission. Each person in the vehicle will need an admission ticket during the Fair, August 13-23. If purchased, Ag & Hort exhibitors will receive a parking pass for Lot A.

ACCESS TO THE AGRICULTURE BUILDING

15. The Agriculture Building is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day of the Fair. It is open for the benefit of exhibitors in the Agricultural and Horticultural Department from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 and 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

16. **Farm Crops, Fruit Crops and other exhibits due on the first day of the Fair:** Entries may be brought to the Agriculture Building between 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 and between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13.

    Big Pumpkin Contest: Entries may be brought to the weigh in area (in front of the Agriculture Building) from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14. Entries must be in the by 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors should use Gate 8 on Dean Avenue.

    Weed Identification Contest: Persons who wish to enter must register the day of the contest - Friday, August 14.

    Best Tasting Tomato Contest: Persons who wish to enter must register the day of the contest - Saturday, August 15.

    Open Class Vegetables and Potato entries: Entries may be brought to the Agriculture Building between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 17 and between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18.

    Jumbo Tomato Class and the Most Unusual Vegetables: Entries must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18.

    Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification Contest: Persons who wish to enter must register the day of the contest - Wednesday, August 19.

UNLOADING ENTRIES

17. All entries must be brought or mailed to the Agriculture Building at the Fairgrounds (see rule #18 below for mailing). Exhibitors of farm crops, fruit crops and special exhibits may unload their entries free of charge between 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12. After this date, admission tickets or wristbands and unload permit are required for unloading Open Class vegetables and other entries and exhibits. The unload permit will be mailed with your entry tag(s).

    When unloading at the Agriculture Building in the back alley, please park close to the building and not in front of the doorways.

18. Entries may be sent by mail. For standard mail, send to: Iowa State Fair, Ag & Hort Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317. For UPS or FedEx, send to: Iowa State Fair, Ag & Hort Department, 3000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317. Entries must be sent prepaid; the Iowa State Fair will not pay for postage or delivery of entries. Each entry must have an entry tag fully completed and properly affixed. All entries must arrive by the time specified for them to be in place. No more than six mailed or delivered entries will be accepted from an exhibitor.

REGISTERING ENTRIES

19. Exhibitors need to report in at the Registration Desk, located under the stairway in the south end of the Agriculture Building, to have their entry tags checked and receive instructions and assistance in displaying their entries.

JUDGING

20. Judging of entries will be done by persons selected for that purpose by the Iowa State Fair. When necessary, because of the illness of a judge or failure to show, the Superintendent may assign a substitute judge. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

    Unless otherwise specified, judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. See division rules for award ceremony times.

ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBITS

21. The arrangement of entries and exhibits will be directed by the Superintendent and staff.

    Tables holding entries to be judged will be roped-off during the time of judging to enable the judges and staff to work more efficiently. Exhibitors and Fairgoers may not enter the roped-off areas and shall not talk to the judges. Exhibitors may not change or remove their entries at this time.

    Staff may remove any exhibit or part thereof, which is damaged or deteriorated or which is not of quality for display. Exhibitors may replace deteriorating specimens in their exhibits at any time, except when the exhibits in that class are being judged or when the exhibit is in an area roped-off for judging.

    Entries may be moved by the Superintendent and staff for display purposes or for other reasons. **Exhibitors shall not handle entries other than their own.**

RECLAIMING ENTRIES

22. All entries and exhibits will be released at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23. Admission will be charged at the gate on Sunday, August 23 with no on-site ticket sales and no entry/re-entry allowed after 7:00 p.m. You must be on the Fairgrounds by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.

    Entries may also be removed from the Fair free of charge between 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Monday, August 24. Entries not picked up by Noon on Monday, August 24 become the property of the Iowa State Fair and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.

AWARDS

23. **Ribbons and awards can be picked up between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23 or between 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Monday, August 24 in the Agriculture Building.**

    Ribbons and awards not picked up Sunday or Monday will be mailed if a $5 minimum postage fee is paid to the Fair.

    Beginning Wednesday, August 26 and until Friday, September 4, ribbons and awards can be picked up in the Entry Department located on the lower east side of the Administration Building. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. (Please note: ribbons and awards are not available for pick up on Tuesday, August 25) **September 4 is the deadline to claim any ribbons or awards won during the 2026 Iowa State Fair.**

24. **AWARDS TO FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS**. All first time exhibitors in the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department will receive a ribbon recognizing that event. To qualify for this special ribbon, exhibitors must print "First Time Exhibitor" at the top of their entry tag(s). Only one special ribbon will be awarded to each first time exhibitor.
25. **SWEEPSTAKES.** Sweepstakes will be determined by the most premium money won (unless stated differently). Any overall premiums are excluded.
26. **OVERALL AWARDS.** Overall Awards (when given) will be determined by the judges as the best of the class winners in a division(s).
27. **TIE BREAKERS**. In the event of a tie in classes that award trophies, plaques or other sweepstakes type awards, the number of ribbon placings will be used as the tie breaker. If that does not break the tie, a lottery system will be used.
28. **PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS**. Checks are mailed to winning exhibitors after the Fair. Exception: The Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification Contest and the Best Tasting Tomato Contest awards may be claimed the day of the contest from the Superintendent or anytime during the Fair.

LIABILITY

29. The Management will use diligence in caring for the safety of entries after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

AGRICULTURAL CROPS - FARM CROPS

RULES

1. See General Rules and Regulations for the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department.
2. Farm Crop exhibits must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13. These entries may be brought to the Agriculture Building between 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 and between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13.
3. Judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 13.
4. Awards will be given at 3:00 p.m. on the day of judging.

FIELD CORN - DIVISION 110

SPECIAL AWARD

First Place Overall in Hybrid Commercial Corn (excluding class 2) will be awarded $100 from **Wyffels Hybrids**.

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Field Corn Classes. Scoring is based on ten points for each first place award and one point less for each successive lower placing.

RULES

1 This division is for entries of Commercial dent corn grown in Iowa by the exhibitor during the previous year. To guard against re-entry of previous exhibits, the Management may mark exhibits with a chemical before returning them to the owner.
2. Ears of corn must be in natural condition at both ends and have no more than 1% of kernels missing. Husks must be removed except Ornamental Corn Class.
3. Entries in the Full Gallon Shelled Corn Class are one full gallon of corn. Glass jars furnished by the Iowa State Fair will be used as containers. These containers will remain in the Ag Department. When entering, fill to about 1 ½ inches from the top and remove the grain after the Fair. Entries filled to the top may be disqualified by the judges.
4. Note: The name of the hybrid must be shown on the entry tag, except open-pollinated. Enter the hybrid name under the "Class Name" line on the entry tag. Do not use the "Variety" line; leave it blank.
5. Entries will be weighed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship weighmaster and will undergo visual judging for this contest.
6. The Corn Crop judges may disqualify any entry in Classes 1-10 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 in Iowa or has been previously shown at the Iowa State Fair.
7. Exhibitor may enter two different varieties or hybrids in each class (Classes 1-10).

HYBRID COMMERCIAL CORN

Premiums ..... $20, 15, 12 (except where indicated)

CLASS

1 Single Ear
2 Longest Ear Field Corn, hybrid or open-pollinated
3 Ten Ears, yellow corn, same variety or hybrid - **$25, 20, 15**
4 Ten Ears, white corn, same variety or hybrid - **$25, 20, 15**
5 Thirty Ears, same variety or hybrid - **$30, 25, 20**
6 Full Gallon Shelled Corn, any variety or hybrid (no popcorn)
7 Standard Bushel Basket Ear Field Corn, same variety or hybrid (Exhibitor must furnish own basket) - **$35, 30, 25**
8 First Time Exhibitors: Five Ears, yellow corn, same variety or hybrid (first time exhibitors ONLY)

OPEN-POLLINATED CORN

Premiums $20, 15, 12

CLASS

9 Single Ear
10 Ten Ears

NEW CROP HYBRID COMMERCIAL CORN

Premiums $25, 20, 15

RULES

1. Entries in the following classes consist of ten ears of commercial dent corn grown in Iowa this year.
2. Entries will not be disqualified for immaturity.

CLASS

11 Yellow Corn of any variety or hybrid
12 White Corn of any variety or hybrid

ORNAMENTAL CORN

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Included in this class are Indian Corn, Blue Corn, Red Corn and older and uncommon varieties of corn.
2. Entries in this division may not include yellow or white field corn, sweet corn or popcorn hybrids.
3. The variety or name of the corn must be shown on each entry tag (to qualify).
4. Exhibits must include five ears of corn with husks and shall be 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.

CLASS

13 Ornamental Corn

POPCORN - DIVISION 111

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the division. In case of a tie, the exhibitor having the highest number of entries in the Popcorn Classes shall be the winner.

COMMERCIAL POPCORN

Premiums $20, 15, 10

RULES

1. These Popcorn Classes require ten ear exhibits of last years' popcorn with husk removed and natural condition at both ends, grown from hybrid popcorn seed which is commercially available.
2. This popcorn may have been grown for home use or commercial purposes.
3. The variety or hybrid name and number (if any) must be shown on the entry tag.

CLASS

14 White Commercial Hybrid Popcorn
15 Yellow Commercial Hybrid Popcorn
16 Mushroom Hybrid Popcorn (Caramel or Ball Type)

ORNAMENTAL POPCORN

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Exhibits must include ten ears of last year's popcorn with husks removed and natural condition at both ends.
2. Gallon jars will be furnished for the Shelled Popcorn class. Fill to about 1 ½ inches from the top.

CLASS

17 Japanese Hulless or White Rice Popcorn
18 Strawberry Popcorn
19 Lady Finger Type Popcorn
20 Any Other Popcorn (include variety name on the entry tag)
21 Shelled Popcorn, any variety, one gallon (commercial or ornamental)

CORN CREATIONS - DIVISION 112

Premiums $25, 20, 15

AWARDS

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the overall winner and runner-up.

RULES

1. Entries should be interesting creations made with any part of the corn plant (cob, husk, ear, etc.).
2. Field corn, popcorn or other corn of any hybrid or variety that is grown in Iowa may be used.
3. The corn or corn cobs may be carved, painted, glued or strung in any manner and can be mounted on any surface.
4. Entries will be judged on General Appearance (25 points), Originality (25 points), Best Use of Product (40 points) and Degree of Difficulty (10 points).

CLASS

22 Natural Color
23 Dyed and/or Painted
24 All Natural Color (Youth, age 16 & under)
25 Natural, Dyed and/or Painted (Youth, age 16 & under)
26 Christmas Ornament - Natural and/or Colored, ready to hang
27 Fair Theme - Natural, Dyed and/or Painted

SOYBEAN CREATIONS - DIVISION 113

Premiums $25, 20, 15

RULES

1. Entries should be creations made with soybeans and/or soybean pods and must be grown in Iowa.
2. Entries may be painted, glued, etc. in any manner and can be mounted on any surface.
3. Entries in the Natural Class must be completely natural in color.
4. Entries will be judged on General Appearance (25 points), Originality (25 points), Best Use of Product (40 points) and Degree of Difficulty (10 points).

CLASS

28 Natural
29 All Painted or Painted & Natural

SMALL GRAINS AND LEGUMES - DIVISION 114

Premiums $20, 15, 10

RULES

1. One full gallon of product is required for each entry. Gallon jars are furnished by the Iowa State Fair.
2. Entries must fill the jar up to 1 ½ inches from the lid.
3. Clipped oats and barley will be excluded from competition.
4. The variety name is required on all entry tags. The variety can be one that is not listed. For the Any Other class, write variety at the top of the entry tag.
5. Entries will be weighed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship weighmaster and will be judged visually.

CLASS

30 Early Oats - e.g. Cherokee, Dane, Ino9201, Jim, Moraine, Reeves and Richland
31 Mid Season Oats - e.g. Baker, Blaze, Buff, Chaps, Classic, Esker, Jay, Jerry, Kame, Ogle and Spurs
32 Late Season Oats - e.g. Brawn, Drumlin, Jud, Gem, Kildeer, Sesqui and Wabasha
33 Red Clover Seed - any variety
34 Spring Wheat - any variety
35 Winter Wheat - any variety
36 Rye
37 Any Other

SOYBEANS - DIVISION 115

Premiums $20, 15, 12

SPECIAL AWARD

Best Overall Soybean will be awarded $100 from **Wyffels Hybrids**.

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Soybean Classes. Scoring is based on ten points for each first place and one point less for each successive lower placing.

RULES

1. Entries in this division are one full gallon of soybeans from last year's crop. Glass jars furnished by the Iowa State Fair will be used as containers. Fill to about 1 ½ inches from the top. Entries considered too full may be disqualified by the judges.
2. The name of the variety must be shown on the entry tag under the "Class Name" line. Leave "Variety" line blank at the top of the tag.
3. Entries will be weighed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship weighmaster.
4. An exhibitor may enter two different varieties in the Early, Mid and Late Soybeans Classes.
5. Entries will be judged on Condition (30 points), Single Seed Variety (30 points), Free of Weed Seeds (30 points) and Uniformity (10 points).

CLASS

38 Early Soybeans - maturity groups 2.4 and earlier
39 Mid Season Soybeans - maturity groups 2.5 to 3.0
40 Late Season Soybeans - maturity groups 3.1 and higher
41 Soybean Bundles, five stems cut and tied, no roots

SHEAF GRAINS - DIVISION 116

Premiums $20, 15, 10

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque in memory of **Darrell Besco** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Sheaf Grains Division. Scoring is based on 10 points for each first place and one point less for each successive lower placing.

RULES

1. Entries must be shown in sheaves, three inches in diameter at the center band, use of three bands recommended. Zip ties may be used.
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 the Millet for Seed Class.
5. Exhibits previously shown at the Iowa State Fair will be disqualified.

CLASS

42 Barley in the Straw
43 Brome Grass for Seed "smooth bromegrass"
44 Millet for Seed
45 Early Oats
46 Mid Season Oats
47 Late Season Oats
48 Oats, any other
49 Orchard Grass
50 Rye in Straw
51 Grain Sorghum
52 Timothy for Seed
53 Spring Wheat in Straw
54 Winter Wheat in Straw

FORAGES, GRASSES AND LEGUMES - DIVISION 117

Premiums $20, 15, 10

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque in memory of **Darrell Besco** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Forages, Grasses and Legumes Division. Scoring is based on 10 points for each first place and one point less for each successive lower placing.

RULES

1. All entries in this division will be judged from the standpoint of their usefulness as hay.
2. Entries are to be shown in sheaves, three inches in diameter at center band, use of three bands recommended.
3. Variety name must be specified on each entry tag, except for those in the Alsike Clover Class. For the Any Other class, write name and variety at the top of the entry tag.
4. Must be cut at least 48 hours prior to entry. Cut 1" above ground level.

CLASS

55 Alfalfa
56 Alsike Clover
57 Birdsfoot Trefoil
58 Smooth Bromegrass
59 Medium Red Clover
60 Millet
61 Orchard Grass
62 Reed Canarygrass
63 Sudan
64 Sweetclover
65 Timothy
66 Any Other

HORTICULTURAL CROPS - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Horticultural Crops include the garden and orchard crops. These generally require intensive cultural methods and the use of multiple practices for soil preparation, planting, growing, harvesting and disease, weed and insect control.

RULES

1. See General Rules and Regulations for the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department.
2. Selection of Fruit and Vegetables for Exhibits and Entries:

   The main points to consider in selecting fruits and vegetables for entries or for exhibition are the quality, condition, representativeness and uniformity of the crops.

   The exhibitor should first select specimens that are as near physically perfect as possible, free from insect and disease injury and high in quality, then choose from this selection those specimens which combine the ideal characteristics of the fruit or vegetable and which are most uniform in size, color and other characteristics.

   The size of a specimen is only a major factor in the "jumbo" classes. Market standards for quality, condition, representativeness and uniformity are far more important.
3. It is highly recommended that exhibitors prepare their vegetables for exhibit as described in the publication 4H-462, entitled "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" available for a minimal charge at your local County Extension Office or online at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394. **Remember the numbers of items for entries must be as indicated in <u>this</u> book, rather than as suggested in the publication, 4H-462**.
4. ENTRIES MUST BE ON WHITE DISPOSABLE PLATES FURNISHED BY THE EXHIBITOR. SEE GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURE CROPS DEPARTMENT.
5. If there is a class for your entry, it cannot be entered in the Any Other class.
6. The judges will consider the following:
   (a) **Any exhibit lacking a variety name on the entry tag will be disqualified**. An exhibit incorrectly named may be renamed or reclassified by the judges.
   (b) Any plate of fruit or vegetable which does not have the correct number of specimens will be disqualified.
   (c) The judges may withhold premiums from exhibits they consider unworthy.
   (d) **Fruit classes will be judged by the following standard: Condition (50 points), Uniformity (35 points) and Form (15 points).**
   (e) **Vegetable classes will be judged by the following standard: Condition (30 points), Uniformity (20 points), Color (20 points), Form (15 points) and Size (15 points).**
   (f) All fruits and vegetables shall be exhibited in its natural state. Exhibitors shall not wax the fruit. This will disqualify the entry or exhibit.
   (g) The stems shall be left on all fruit exhibited, except for raspberries and blackberries. To do otherwise will disqualify the exhibit. Peaches and plums may be exhibited with or without stems.
7. Exhibitors shall not handle any entries or exhibits or materials on the display tables, except their own.

FRUIT CROPS

SPECIAL AWARD

The **Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Premium Fruit Award** will be presented to exhibitors winning the most premium money in Single Plate of Apples (Div. 118), Apple Collection (Div. 120) and Grapes (Div. 123). Trophies will be awarded to an exhibitor in each of the North and South Districts.

RULES

1. See General Rules and Regulations for the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department.
2. Fruit Crop exhibits must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7. These entries may be brought to the Agriculture Building between 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 and between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13.
3. Fruit Crops judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 13.

4. Awards will be given at 3:00 p.m. on the day of judging.
5. The Fruit Crop Classes are open to all growers, including commercial, home and amateur growers except for the Apples in Commercial Containers Division which is open to commercial growers only. All crops must be grown in Iowa by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family.
6. The State is divided into a North and a South district for the entry and judging of all grape and some of the apple classes. These districts are separated by U.S. Highway 30 and they roughly approximate the U.S. Department of Agriculture Hardiness Zones 4 (North) and 5 (South). Instructions for the Fruit Divisions in this book will indicate when these districts are to be used.
7. Where exhibits are to be entered by district, the fruit shall be entered only in that district in which it was grown.
8. The following is a key to the abbreviations used in the fruit crops: When following the name of a variety of apple, "W" means winter crop; "S" means summer crop; "F" means fall crop. Summer matures before September 1; Fall matures between September 1 and October 1; Winter matures after October 1. When following the class number, "N" means Northern District of Iowa; "S" means Southern District of Iowa.

The Northern District Counties are:

Allamakee	Butler	Clayton	Fayette	Hardin	Linn	Palo Alto	Webster
Benton	Calhoun	Clinton	Floyd	Howard	Lyon	Plymouth	Winnebago
Black Hawk	Carroll	Crawford	Franklin	Humboldt	Marshall	Pocahontas	Winneshiek
Boone	Cerro Gordo	Delaware	Greene	Ida	Mitchell	Sac	Woodbury
Bremer	Cherokee	Dickinson	Grundy	Jackson	Monona	Sioux	Worth
Buchanan	Chickasaw	Dubuque	Hamilton	Jones	O'Brien	Story	Wright
Buena Vista	Clay	Emmet	Hancock	Kossuth	Osceola	Tama	

The Southern District Counties are:

Adair	Cedar	Des Moines	Iowa	Lee	Marion	Page	Scott	Wapello
Adams	Clarke	Fremont	Jasper	Louisa	Mills	Polk	Shelby	Warren
Appanoose	Dallas	Guthrie	Jefferson	Lucas	Monroe	Pottawattamie	Taylor	Washington
Audubon	Davis	Harrison	Johnson	Madison	Montgomery	Poweshiek	Union	Wayne
Cass	Decatur	Henry	Keokuk	Mahaska	Muscatine	Ringgold	Van Buren	

SINGLE PLATE OF APPLES - DIVISION 118

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Overall Winner will be awarded a plaque by the **Iowa State Fair**.
The top three winners in each district will receive $10.

RULES

1. Entries in this division are a single plate of five apples of the same variety.
2. Color sports are allowed in the classes.
3. The variety name of the apples must be shown on all entry tags.
4. Exhibits must be entered according to class and the district ("N" for Northern District or "S" for Southern District) in which the fruit was grown.
5. In each of the Any Other classes, an exhibitor may enter up to three different varieties.
6. For Overall Winner, the judges will select the top three plates of apples from each district. The Overall Winner will be selected from these six plates.

PLATE OF APPLES

Premiums $15, 10, 7

CLASS		
	67S	Chieftain (W)
68N	68S	Cortland (F)
69N	69S	Delicious, Golden (W)
70N	70S	Delicious, Red (W)
71N	71S	Gala (F)
72N	72S	Honeycrisp
73N	73S	Jonagold (W)
74N	74S	Jonathan (F)
75N	75S	McIntosh (F)
	76S	Paula Red (S)
77N	77S	Any Other Summer
78N	78S	Any Other Fall
79N	79S	Any Other Winter
80N	80S	Any Other
81N	81S	First Time Exhibitor - This class is for first time apple exhibitors. A special ribbon will be awarded.
82N	82S	Judges Top Three Plates of Apples (The Overall Winner is selected from these.)

APPLE TRAY DISPLAY - DIVISION 119

Premiums $20, 15, 10

SPECIAL AWARD

The overall winner will be awarded a plaque by the **Iowa State Fair**.

RULES

1. Entries in this division are trays of apples of the same variety displayed in a single layer in trays.
2. Trays will be provided by the Iowa State Fair and are approximately 11 x 18 inches.
3. The trays may contain apples ONLY; no filler material or ornamentation is allowed.
4. Each exhibitor may enter up to three different varieties in the Any Other classes.
5. This division is not by district.

CLASS

83 Delicious, Red

84 Delicious, Golden
85 Any Other Green/Yellow Varieties
86 Any Other Red Varieties

APPLE COLLECTION - DIVISION 120

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries in this division should be four varieties of five each displayed in trays.
2. Trays will be provided by the Iowa State Fair and are approximately 11 x 18 inches.
3. List the four varieties on the entry tag.
4. State districts are considered in this division.

CLASS

87N	87S	Summer Varieties
88N	88S	Fall Varieties
89N	89S	Winter Varieties

APPLES IN COMMERCIAL CONTAINERS - DIVISION 121

Premiums $20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Exhibitors in this division are commercial growers.
2. Entries in this division are apples of any variety shown in a peck commercial container that they use.
3. Exhibitor may have only one entry per variety. No limit on the number of varieties.
4. Judging in this division is based on the attractiveness, convenience for handling and sales appeal of the entry.
5. All entries are without regard to state district or the variety or season of the fruit.

CLASS

90 Peck of Apples in Commercial Containers

CRAB APPLES - DIVISION 122

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries in this division are a plate of eight crab apples of the same variety.
2. Entries in this division are not classified according to state district or season of the fruit.

CLASS

91 Crab Apples

GRAPES - DIVISION 123

SPECIAL AWARDS

The overall winner will be awarded $50 and a plaque from the **Iowa State Fair**.

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the most premium money (excluding any overall money) in the Grapes Division.

RULES

1. Entries in this division are grapes in bunches and on their natural stems.
2. Loose fruit is not allowed.
3. North and South Districts are observed in all classes in this division.
4. The same variety cannot be entered in more than one Any Other class. If entered in Wine Grapes, it cannot be entered under regular Grapes or vice versa.
5. Exhibitors may enter two different varieties in the Any Other classes.

PLATE OF GRAPES

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries consist of three bunches of grapes, arranged on an appropriate sized white disposable plate furnished by the exhibitor.

CLASS

92N	92S	Concord
	93S	Fredonia
	94S	Niagara
	95S	Any Other Blue Variety
96N	96S	Any Other Red Variety
97N	97S	Any Other White Variety
98N	98S	Any Other Seedless Variety
Wine Grapes		
	99S	Foch
100N	100S	Any Other Red Wine Variety
	101S	Edelweiss
	102S	Any Other White Wine Variety

BASKETS AND COLLECTIONS OF GRAPES

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries in the Basket of Grapes Class consist of an open, four quart grape basket, level full of grapes of any variety or several varieties. Plastic liners can be used to prevent any leakage.
2. Entries in the Collection of Grapes Class, consist of three bunches of each of three varieties of grapes, with each variety on a separate plate.
3. An entry tag must be attached to each plate.

CLASS

103N	103S	Basket of Grapes
	104S	Collection of Grapes

PEACHES - DIVISION 124

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries are a plate of five peaches.
2. State districts are not considered in this division.

CLASS

105	Any Variety, Yellow Peach
106	Any Variety, White Peach

PEARS - DIVISION 125

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries are a plate of five pears.
2. State districts are not considered in this division.

CLASS

107	Bartlett
108	Bosc
109	Kieffer
110	Any Other Red
111	Any Other Green

PLUMS - DIVISION 126

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries are a plate of five plums.
2. State districts are not considered in this division.

CLASS

112	Damson
113	Green Gage
114	Wild
115	Any Other Variety

SMALL FRUITS - DIVISION 127

Premiums $15, 10, 7

Premiums in the Aronia Berries Class are sponsored by the **American Aronia Berry Association.**

RULES

1. Entries are one pint of fruit.
2. Exhibitor must furnish the container, which shall be a standard commercial container for small fruits.
3. State districts are not considered in this division.
4. In the Aronia Berries Class, any variety may be entered, up to two different varieties per exhibitor. Remove stems.
5. In the Any Other class, each exhibitor may enter up to three different kinds of fruits.

CLASS

116	Gooseberry
117	Aronia Berries
118	Any Other domestic or wild (edible small fruit)

JUMBO APPLE EXHIBIT - DIVISION 128

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. The apples in this class will be placed and awarded premiums on the basis of weight, as ascertained by official Iowa Department of Agriculture certified scales, provided entry is of exhibition quality in the opinion of the official judge.

CLASS

119	Jumbo Apple

VEGETABLE CROPS

SPECIAL AWARD

The **Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Premium Vegetable Award** will be presented to the exhibitors winning the most premium money in Garden Vegetables (Div. 129) and Hot Peppers (Div. 130). A trophy will be presented to the winner and the runner-up.

RULES

1. See General Rules and Regulations in the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department and Horticultural Crops Rules.
2. Open Class vegetables and potato entries (excluding Big Pumpkin and Best Tasting Tomato) may be brought to the Agriculture Building between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 17 and between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18. They must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18. See specific divisions for Big Pumpkin and Best Tasting Tomato delivery times.
3. Awards will be given at 4:00 p.m. on the day of judging.
4. Refer to publication 4H-462, available at your county extension office, for criteria used in judging. **Remember the numbers of items for entries must be as indicated in this book, rather than as suggested in the publication, 4H-462**.
5. Small type of tomatoes (cherry, grape) should use a 6 inch plate or small bowl.
6. Anyone may exhibit in the Most Unusual Vegetable division without pre-registration. Arrangements for this may be made by registering the entry in the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18. (See General Rules and Regulations of the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department.)
7. NOTE: Make sure to include the "VARIETY NAME" on the entry tag, not just the name of the class.

GARDEN VEGETABLES - DIVISION 129

Premiums $15, 10, 7

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Overall Cabbage will be awarded $50 **in memory of Gary Hefty, a long time exhibitor**.

CLASS
Vegetables

120 Beans, snap, green, edible stage, 12 specimens
121 Beans, yellow wax, 12 specimens
122 Beans, black or purple, 12 specimens
123 Beans, any other, 12 specimens
124 Beans, Lima, edible stage, 12 specimens
125 Beans, Dried, quart size container
126 Beets for table use, six specimens, tops trimmed to 1½ inches
127 Cabbage, round, green, one head
128 Cabbage, flat, green, one head
129 Cabbage, red, one head
130 Cabbage, savoy, one head
131 Cabbage, any other, one head
132 Carrot, half long type, five to eight inches, six specimens, tops trimmed to 1½ inches
133 Carrot, long variety, six specimens, tops trimmed to 1½ inches
134 Cucumbers, for slicing, six specimens
135 Cucumber, dill, size three to five inches, six specimens
136 Cucumbers, pickling, three inches and under, 12 specimens
137 Cucumbers, Burpless, six specimens (cannot be entered in slicing)
138 Cucumbers, white, six specimens
139 Cucumbers, Asian, six specimens
140 Cucumbers, any other, six specimens
141 Eggplant, standard variety, oval type, one specimen
142 Eggplant, Oriental type, long slender, one specimen
143 Eggplant, Black Beauty, one specimen
144 Eggplant, purple/white stripe, one specimen
145 Eggplant, white, one specimen
146 Eggplant, any other, one specimen
147 Garlic, six specimens, any variety
148 Garlic, braided including tops minimum 18" long, maximum 36", no decorations, trim top to 5" or less
149 Garlic, elephant, 6 specimens
150 Kale, three specimens, in a jar
151 Kohlrabi, white, six heads, tops trimmed to 1½ inches
152 Kohlrabi, purple, six heads, tops trimmed to 1½ inches
153 Leeks, with tops, five specimens
154 Okra, any variety, six specimens
155 Onions, red, five, any variety
156 Onions, white, five, any variety
157 Onions, yellow, five, any variety
158 Peppers, sweet, green, bell type, four specimens
159 Peppers, sweet, yellow and orange, bell type, four specimens
160 Peppers, sweet, red, bell type, four specimens
161 Peppers, sweet, any other red, four specimens
162 Peppers, sweet, mini bell type, four specimens
163 Peppers, sweet, banana, four specimens
164 Peppers, sweet, gypsy, four specimens
165 Peppers, sweet, purple, four specimens
166 Peppers, sweet, any other kind, four specimens

167 Potatoes, white, five specimens
168 Potatoes, red, five specimens
169 Potatoes, yellow, five specimens
170 Potatoes, Russet, five specimens
171 Potatoes, Fingerling, 10 specimens
172 Rutabaga, four specimens
173 Shallots, six specimens
174 Sweet Potatoes, three specimens
175 Sweet Corn, yellow, six ears, exhibited with no husks
176 Sweet Corn, yellow and white, six ears, exhibited with no husks
177 Sweet Corn, white, six ears, exhibited with no husks
178 Swiss Chard, three specimens in bottle
179 Tomatillo, husk on and open, 10 specimens
180 Turnips, six specimens, tops trimmed to 1½ inches
181 Any other kind of vegetable, five or more specimens

Summer Squash - shown immature, two specimens
182 Crookneck
183 Scallop or Patty Pan
184 Zucchini, Green
185 Zucchini, Yellow
186 Straightneck
187 Any Other

Pumpkins (Generally used for pies and jack-o-lanterns)
188 Small Pie Type, two specimens (e.g. Sugar Pie, Jack Spratt) **if entries will not fit on a plate, a disposable platter may be used for display*
189 Jack-O-Lantern type, one specimen
190 Warty Type, one specimen
191 Warty Type, white, one specimen
192 Any Other Type, one specimen

Winter Squash
193 Acorn, two specimens **if entries will not fit on a plate, a disposable platter may be used for display*
194 Acorn-Like, two specimens (e.g. Heart of Gold, Carnival, etc.) **if entries will not fit on a plate, a disposable platter may be used for display*
195 Banana, one specimen
196 Buttercup, one specimen
197 Butternut, one specimen
198 Cushaw, one specimen
199 Delicta, two specimens **if entries will not fit on a plate, a disposable platter may be used for display*
200 Hubbard, Blue, one specimen
201 Hubbard, Any Other, one specimen
202 Spaghetti, one specimen, must have variety on entry tag
203 Any other, one specimen (e.g. Long Island Cheese)

Tomatoes - NOTE: Remove stems from all tomatoes.
204 Tomatoes, red, beefsteak type, five specimens (e.g. Big Boy, Brandywine, Beefmaster, etc.)
205 Tomatoes, Early Girl, five specimens
206 Tomatoes, any other red or purple, five specimens (e.g. Jet Star, Celebrity, Better Boy, etc.)
207 Tomatoes, pink, five specimens
208 Tomatoes, yellow or golden, five specimens
209 Tomatoes, paste type, 10 specimens
210 Tomatoes, cherry, red, large type, 1” or more in diameter, 10 specimens
211 Tomatoes, cherry, any other large type (eg indigo, bumble bee)
212 Tomatoes, cherry, black or chocolate, 10 specimens
213 Tomatoes, grape, 10 specimens
214 Tomatoes, Juliet, 10 specimens
215 Tomatoes, small cherry, yellow and orange, less than 1” in diameter, 10 specimens
216 Tomatoes, small cherry, red, less than 1” in diameter, 10 specimens
217 Tomatoes, teardrop (pear shaped), 10 specimens

Melons
218 Cantaloupe or Muskmelon, any variety, one specimen
219 Honey Dew, Crenshaw or any variety of winter melon, one specimen
220 Watermelon, small or baby variety, one specimen
221 Watermelon, round, one specimen
222 Watermelon, long, one specimen

Other Classes
223 Gourds, small Crown of Thorns, three specimens
224 Gourds, small ornamental Spoon or Globes, three of same variety
225 Gourds, small ornamental mixed, three specimens
226 Gourds, Autumn Wings, three of same variety
227 Gourds, any other, three of same variety
228 Pumpkin, ornamental, mini orange, three specimens
229 Pumpkin, ornamental, mini white, three specimens
230 Pumpkin, ornamental, any other, three specimens

HOT PEPPERS - DIVISION 130

Premiums $15, 10, 7

SPECIAL AWARD

The Top Three Overall Hot Peppers will receive gift cards - $100, 75, 50 - awarded by **Harvey's Greenhouse and Garden Center.**

RULES

1. Entries shall consist of five specimens, same variety. **Small types use a 6 inch white disposable plate**.
2. NOTE: Chilies (dried peppers) are not included in this contest.
3. Exhibitor may enter more than one entry in the Any Other Variety classes if different varieties.

CLASS

231 Cayenne
232 Carolina Reaper
233 Cherry Bomb
234 Ghost
235 Habanero
236 Hungarian Yellow Wax (Hot Bannana)
237 Jalapeno
238 Mariachi
239 New Mexican Peppers (includes Naky, Anaheim, Big Slim, Slim Jim and others)
240 Pablano
241 Pepperoncini
242 Serrano
243 Super Chili
244 Thai Hot
245 Any other red variety
246 Any other green variety
247 Any other yellow or orange variety
248 Any other purple variety

HOT PEPPER PLANT IN PATIO CONTAINER - DIVISION 131

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. One plant grown in patio container no larger than 14 inches in diameter measured at top of pot. Provide a saucer, otherwise the plant will NOT be watered during the Fair.
2. The plant should not be any taller than 24 inches from the top of the pot.
3. Entries will be judged on quality, culture, stage of development and attractiveness.

CLASS

249 Patio Hot Pepper

SALSA BASKET - DIVISION 132

Premiums $20, 15, 10

RULES

1. In an appropriate container, entry must contain only fruit and vegetable specimens (grown by the exhibitor) to make salsa. No chips, etc. or decorations in the basket.
2. A card listing variety names must be attached to the entry tag.
3. Class will be judged the same as vegetable classes plus 10 points for attractiveness.
4. For Vegetable Salsa - basket must contain three specimens each of tomatoes, fresh herb(s), onions, peppers and any other fruit or vegetable needed and recipe. Not to exceed three each.
5. For Fruit Salsa - basket must contain three specimens of each fruit listed on recipe card. Exception: Lime can be put in the recipe, but is not required in the basket. If melon is used, only one specimen is required.

CLASS

250 Salsa Basket

HERB'S HERBS - DIVISION 133

Premiums $15, 10, 7

SPECIAL AWARDS

A plaque for the Best Herb is provided by the **Iowa State Fair** in memory of **Herb Plambeck**.

The Top Three Overall Herb Specimens will receive gift cards - $75, 50, 25 - awarded by **Harvey's Greenhouse and Garden Center.**

RULES

1. Each entry of herbs shall consist of one sprig of the herb. These shall be fresh cut and in the green leafy or flowering stage. No leaves in water.
2. Specimens shall be placed individually in eight inch beverage bottles provided by the Iowa State Fair. No filler in top of bottle.
3. Specimens should not be more than 12 inches above top of the container unless it is a tall herb (i.e. lemongrass).
4. The variety name should appear on each entry tag.
5. Exhibitor may have more than one entry in the Any Other Class if herbs are different variety or kinds and are not one of the listed classes.
6. Container Grown Class - All herbs shall have been potted for at least six weeks. Herbs should be no taller than 23 inches. The maximum size of the container should be approximately 10 inches high and 14 inches in diameter for a round container; 12 x 14 inches for a rectangular or square container. The container should consist of three different culinary herbs. List each herb on one 3 x 5 inch index card. Attach index card to the entry tag. **Must provide a saucer for the container if it has drainage holes in the bottom**.

7. Entries will be judged on Condition (70 points), Presentation (20 points) and Rarity (10 points). Potted Lavender Class will be judged on condition (75 points) and Presentation-includes the pot (25 points).

CLASS

251 Basil
252 Chives, 3 stems
253 Cilantro
254 Dill, mature head dried
255 Dill, head not dried
256 Lavender
257 Lemon Balm
258 Lemon Grass
259 Marjoram
260 Mint Chocolate
261 Mint, any other
262 Oregano
263 Parsley
264 Rosemary
265 Sage
266 Stevia
267 Tarragon
268 Thyme
269 Winter Savory
270 Any Other - Culinary
271 Any Other - Non Culinary
272 Container Grown Herbs
273 Potted Lavender

SUNFLOWERS - DIVISION 134

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries in this class are one single sunflower head, with one to two inches of stalk. Must be grown in current year.
2. Entries will be judged with large size and maturity rewarded.

CLASS

274 Sunflower Head

FIRST YEAR EXHIBITOR'S CLASS - DIVISION 135

Premiums $15, 12, 10

The plaque and premiums in this division are sponsored by **Chuck & Ginger Werner**, Chelsea IA.

SPECIAL AWARD

The Premier First Year Vegetable Exhibitor will receive a plaque.

RULES

1. Only persons who have never before entered the Open Class Vegetable Contests at the Iowa State Fair may enter this division.
2. Entries shall consist of one large type tomato (not cherry or grape) and one sweet pepper of any variety and two other kinds of vegetables of the exhibitor's choice.
3. List variety names on entry tag.
4. Refer to Publication 4H-462 for preparation and criteria. Available at your county extension office or online at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394.

CLASS

275 Plate of Mixed Vegetables

VEGETABLE CONTAINER DISPLAY - DIVISION 136

Premiums $30, 25, 20

RULES

1. The display shall include nine different kinds of vegetables crops attractively arranged. Entries with greater or lesser number will be disqualified.
2. No more than five varieties of any one vegetable crop are to be included. For example: Tomatoes constitute only one of the nine kinds of vegetables. The exhibitor may exhibit up to five varieties of tomatoes, but they will count only as one kind of vegetable. Squash is one kind, summer and winter are varieties.
3. The entry must contain only specimens commonly known as vegetables and may not include flowers, herbs or other items.
4. The exhibitor must supply the container. The container shall not exceed 24 inches in overall length and 18 inches in overall width. If it is round it must not exceed 20 inches in overall diameter.
5. Crops shown must have been grown by the exhibitor.
6. **A card, listing vegetables and their varieties, must be attached to the container.**
7. Entries will be judged on Cultural Perfection (60 points) and Creative Arrangement (40 points).

CLASS

276 Vegetable Container Display

POTATOES - DIVISION 137

SWEEPSTAKES

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the most money in the Potatoes Division.

TRAY OF POTATOES

Premiums $15, 10, 7

RULES

1. Entries shall consist of a single layer of the specified variety of potatoes in a tray with 11½ x 14½ inches inside dimensions.
2. Trays will be provided by the Iowa State Fair.
3. Trays must contain potatoes only; no filler material or ornamentation is allowed.
4. Uniformity is very important.
5. Tubers must be free of skin diseases, insect damages and mechanical injury and from dirt.
6. Tubers should be typical of the variety in all respects, and a weight from 6 to 12 ounces each is considered desirable.
7. Potatoes may be brushed or washed.
8. Each exhibitor may enter three different varieties in the Any Other Class.

CLASS

277 Kennebec
278 Norland
279 Russet
280 Viking
281 Yukon Gold
282 Any other variety

FOUR TRAY POTATO DISPLAY

Premiums $25, 20, 15

RULES

1. Display of potatoes will consist of four trayfuls each a different variety.
2. Trays will be provided by the Iowa State Fair. Tray size is 11½ x 14½ inches.

CLASS

283 Display of potatoes

JUMBO EXHIBITS - DIVISION 138

Premiums $20, 15, 10

SPECIAL AWARD

A certificate will be awarded to the winner of each class at the Awards Presentation on Tuesday.
(After Tuesday, certificate may be picked up at the Superintendent's Office.)

RULES

1. The vegetables in the following classes will be placed and awarded premiums on the basis of weight, as ascertained by official Iowa Department of Agriculture certified scales, provided entry is of exhibition quality in the opinion of the official judge. Exception: Longest will be measured from blossom end to stem.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.
3. Trim stem off even with the bottom of cabbage. Superintendent reserves the right to remove excess leaves from cabbage. If cabbage is starting to spoil (leaking, soft, etc.), it will be disqualified.
4. If exhibit is starting to spoil (leaking, soft, etc.), it will be disqualified.

CLASS

284 Cabbage (maximum three wrapper leaves, root cut off)
285 Gourd, Longest
286 Green Bean, Longest
287 Kohlrabi (top trimmed to 1½", roots cut off)
288 Muskmelon
289 Onion (top trimmed to 1")
290 Peppers, Sweet
291 Potato (no sweet potato)
292 Pumpkin - Squash Type
293 Pumpkin - Woody Stem
294 Squash
295 Watermelon
296 Zucchini

JUMBO TOMATO - DIVISION 139

Premiums $25, 20, 15

SPECIAL AWARD

A plaque provided by the **Iowa State Fair** will be awarded to the first place winner.

RULES

1. Entries are limited to one per person and not more than two per family.
2. Entries must be of exhibition quality.
3. Entries will be judged solely on the basis of weight, as ascertained by official Iowa Department of Agriculture certified scales, provided entry is of exhibition quality in the opinion of the official judge.

CLASS
297 Jumbo Tomato

BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST - DIVISION 140

Premiums $1850, 850, 500, 300, 200, 100, 50, 50, 50, 50

The **Iowa Specialty Crop Growers Association** provides $2500 in premiums with an additional $1000 from the **Iowa State Fair**, $200 from **Marty Schnicker**, $200 from the **Southern Iowa Giant Pumpkin Growers Association** and $100 from **Peg and David Miller**.

A trophy and medallions provided by **Peg and David Miller** will be awarded to the first place winner.

A Beautiful Pumpkin plaque will be provided by **Peg and David Miller**.

RULES

1. This contest is for big squash type pumpkins. The Iowa State Fair record is 1,323 pounds and was set in 2010.
2. Entries are limited to one per person and not more than two per family.
3. The regular entry fee is required. See general rules for entry information.
4. Entry deadline is July 1. Late entries will be accepted until August 1. Double entry fees will be charged. After July 8 and until August 1, entries will only be accepted by mail. No entries will be accepted after August 1.
5. Entries may be brought to the Iowa State Fair, Agriculture Building, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14. Weigh in starts at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors should use Gate 8 on Dean Avenue.
6. Entries must be of exhibition quality.
7. Entries will be judged solely on the basis of weight, as determined by weighmasters of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
8. Entries must be sound, no soft spots and undamaged. Great Pumpkin Commonwealth rules will be referred to if any questions.
9. Beautiful Pumpkin must be 200 pounds or over.
10. Awards will be presented as soon as weigh in is completed.

CLASS
298 Big Pumpkin Contest

VEGETABLE TRAYS - DIVISION 141

Premiums $20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Vegetables must be exhibited in trays furnished by the Iowa State Fair. Inside dimensions are 11 ½ x 14 ½ inches.
2. No filler in trays.
3. Kinds are not varieties. For example: tomato is a kind; red and yellow are varieties.
4. Criteria for judging is the same as Garden Vegetables.
5. Name of variety must be listed on the entry tag.

CLASS
299 Fresh Vegetables (no winter storage types), six kinds
300 Root Crops, five kinds

EDIBLE NUTS - DIVISION 142

Premiums $10, 8, 6

RULES

1. Entries shall consist of 12 nuts from last year's harvest, hulled and in the shell.
2. Each entry should be displayed in a white disposable bowl.
3. Only nuts from a woody plant (i.e. a tree or bush) may be entered.
4. Peanuts are not eligible.
5. Non-edible nuts are not eligible. This includes the buckeye and the acorn.
6. Entries will be judged by representatives of the Iowa Nut Growers' Association, using criteria developed by the association.
7. Entries will be weighed by the Iowa Nut Growers Association.

CLASS
301 Black Walnut
302 Butter Nut
303 Hazel Nut
304 Pecan Nut
305 Persian, English or Carpathian Walnut
306 Shag Bark Hickory Nut
307 Shell Bark Hickory Nut
308 Other Edible Nuts

POLK COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' HEIRLOOM TOMATO CONTEST - DIVISION 143

Premiums $40, 30, 20

Polk County Master Gardeners salute the contribution home gardeners of Iowa have made throughout the years and the Fair's contribution to agriculture and horticulture in Iowa by sponsoring the Heirloom Tomato Contest.

RULES

1. Exhibitors will display three specimens of one heirloom tomato variety. May have two entries if different varieties.
2. For the purpose of this contest, heirloom variety will consist of any of the following: open pollinated, non-hybrid or heirloom variety older than 50 years.

3. The variety of the heirloom MUST be listed on each entry tag.
4. If the seed has been handed down through generations, and the variety is not known, then the family name of the originating seed contributor will be accepted.
5. On all entries a 3 x 5 inch index card explaining the historical background of the seed must be prepared by the exhibitor and accompany the entry.
6. The historical background may be used to assist judges in placings.

CLASS
309 Heirloom Tomato Contest

HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES - DIVISION 144

Premiums $15, 10, 7

SPECIAL AWARD

Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture will award $100 to first place Overall, $75 for second place Overall and $25 for third place Overall.

RULES

1. Entries in this division shall consist of heirloom vegetable varieties.
2. Heirloom vegetables are from seed or stock that have been passed down within a family or community, or may be purchased seed or stock that is identified as heirloom.
3. Please include source of seed and background on the variety on a 3 x 5 inch index card as part of entry.
4. In the Any Other Class, each exhibitor may enter up to three different kinds.

CLASS
310 Peppers, three specimens
311 Potatoes, five specimens
312 Squash, one specimen
313 Plate of mixed vegetables, one heirloom tomato, one heirloom pepper, and two other kinds of heirloom vegetables of the exhibitor's choice
314 Any Other (except tomato), three specimens, same kind. If it is a large vegetable (eggplant, melon, etc.), only one specimen.

PAINTER'S PALETTE - DIVISION 145

Premiums $20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Minimum of four kinds of vegetables of the same color or shade. Fruit may be included, but will not be counted as one of the four. No non-edible items allowed (bows,etc.).
2. The display must be in a basket (18 inches diameter or less) furnished by the exhibitor.
3. The name of the varieties must be attached.
4. Entries will be judged on Vegetables (70 points) and Creativity (30 points). Size of the container is not part of the criteria. Creativity will include the arrangement and use of your unusual vegetables.

CLASS
315 Glorious Greens
316 Red / Purple
317 Orange / Yellow

LET'S MAKE A PIZZA - DIVISION 146

Premiums $50, 25, 15

This division is sponsored by **Pagliai's Grinnell.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Additional prizes will be as follows: 1st - $50 gift card; 2nd - $25 gift card; 3rd - T-shirt. Gift cards valid at the Grinnell location.

RULES

1. Vegetables will be exhibited in pizza trays furnished by Pagliai's Grinnell.
2. Each tray must contain five red tomatoes (no patio type), three peppers, three yellow onions and two sprigs of a fresh herb of your choice appropriate to pizza. A bottle will be furnished by the Fair for the herb. No filler in top of bottle.
3. A card listing the vegetables and their varieties must be attached to the entry tag.
4. The rules and criteria for judging will be the same as the Garden Vegetables division.

CLASS
318 Let's Make a Pizza

MOST UNUSUAL VEGETABLE - DIVISION 147

Premiums $15, 10, 7

Unusual-looking vegetables are an accident of nature which cannot as a rule be predicted and planned for at the beginning of the growing season, thus many are brought to the Fair by persons who did not enter in the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department.

RULES

1. This division will not require pre-entry and there will be no entry fee for it.
2. Entries will be accepted from 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18. Judging begins at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday.
3. Entries may be a single or multiple specimen.
4. Entries will be judged on the basis of their quality as a vegetable, their uniqueness, unusual appearance and humorous qualities.
5. Exhibitor will need to complete an entry tag (obtain at Fair) and include on it a name or title for the entry.
6. Only one entry per person.

CLASS
319 Most Unusual Vegetable

WEED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST - DIVISION 148

Premiums $50, 30, 25

The Iowa State Fair Weed Identification Contest is conducted to educate the public on the identification of the weedy plants found across the state of Iowa. Correct identification of the pest is the first step in any Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Department of Agronomy provide support and coordination of the contest.

RULES

1. This division will not require pre-entry and there will be no entry fee for it.
2. The contest will be conducted Friday, August 14 in an area adjacent to the Agriculture Building.
3. The contest will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
4. Contestants may participate at any time, but must complete their answer sheets by 11:30 a.m.
5. Iowa State University will provide 35 weeds for contestants to identify.
6. Specimens will be sufficient to allow positive identification.
7. All weeds included in the contest will be found within the borders of Iowa.
8. Common names will be used for all plants.
9. Previous winners of the General Class will be required to participate in the Professional Class.
10. Awards will be presented at 3:00 p.m. the same day as the contest inside the Agriculture Building.
11. Following the contest, the weeds will be displayed inside the Agriculture Building and signed with the correct name.

CLASS

320 Youth Class - For persons age 18 and under. Contestants are asked to identify 20 common weeds.

321 General Class - For farmers, gardeners and others age 19 and over that are not included in the Professional Class listed below. Contestants will have to identify 30 weeds.

322 Professional Class - For Vocational Agriculture teachers, agrichemical industry personnel, botanists and other trained weed management professionals. The Professional Class also includes previous winners of the General Class. Contestants will have to identify 35 weeds by common names.

HY-VEE FRUIT, VEGETABLE & NUT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST - DIVISION 149

Amount Offered $100

This division is sponsored by **Hy-Vee**. Gift cards will be awarded as follows: $25, 20, 15, 10, 10, 5, 5, 5, 5

Because of the ever-increasing emphasis on fruits and vegetables in American diets, the Iowa State Fair will conduct a fruit, vegetable and nut identification contest open to the public.

RULES

1. This division will not require pre-entry and there will be no entry fee for it.
2. The contest will be conducted on Wednesday, August 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in or near the west side of the Agriculture Building.
3. There will be 20 vegetables and 20 fruits placed on the judging tables for identification.
4. Registration will take place at the time of the contest.
5. Winners will be posted in the Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department under the stairway at the south end of the Agriculture Building. Awards may be picked up there also.
6. Five kinds of nuts will also be on the tables, and, in the event of a tie in the identification of the fruits and vegetables, will serve as a tie breaker.
7. A maximum of an hour will be allowed for identification.
8. Produce managers or employees in produce departments of grocery stores are not eligible to participate.

CLASS

323 Fruit, Vegetable & Nut Identification

BEST TASTING TOMATO - DIVISION 150

Premiums $100, 75, 50

This division is sponsored by **Eileen Robb**. Awards will be presented at judging.

RULES

1. This division will not require pre-entry and there will be no entry fee for it.
2. Bring the entries to the Agriculture Building, Agricultural and Horticultural Crops Department, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 15. Judging will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Agriculture Building, Stage Area.
3. The tomatoes will be judged entirely on the taste. Judges will be looking for the best tasting, large sandwich sized tomato. Based on this, patio, cherry, grape, yellow, orange and striped tomatoes are excluded.
4. Quality - If the tomato is good enough to give to your neighbor, it is good enough for the contest.
5. We understand some varieties are not beauties to look at, but do have good taste.
6. Judges reserve the right to disqualify any tomatoes that do not seem fit to taste (over ripe, mushy, etc.).
7. The variety name must be on the entry tag, but will be hidden from the judges.
8. Tomato must be grown from seed/plant that is currently available at retail outlets. Include on entry sheet where seed/plant was purchased.

CLASS

324 Best tasting tomato, two specimens