

FFA FLORICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Agriculture Building

Supervisor of Exhibits - Molly Dolch, West Central Valley FFA

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 13

- 6:30 a.m. Entries may arrive (see rule 9)
- 8:45 a.m. Must be checked in
- 9:30 a.m. Entries must be in place
- 10:00 a.m. Judging begins
- 4:00 p.m. Award Ceremony

Friday, August 14

- 3:30 p.m. Entries released (see rule 22)
- 4:30 p.m. Entries must be out or will be disposed of

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

1. General rules and regulations listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, 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. Exhibits must have been propagated and grown by the FFA member. Students must have record books on all floriculture projects exhibited.
3. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Each 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 up to **two entries per class**.
4. Each exhibitor in this department, as a requirement for entry, will pay a \$5 department fee plus \$0.50 per entry. **Additional entries will NOT be available for purchase at the Fair.**
5. Entry tags for the FFA Floriculture Show will be sent from the Iowa State Fair directly to each exhibitor prior to the Fair unless otherwise requested by the chapter advisor. This will allow the FFA exhibitor to complete information on the tags before the entries are brought to the Iowa State Fair.
6. Label each entry with a variety name. Entries without a variety name will be ineligible to win the class.
7. **Exhibitor must be in attendance on entry morning to prepare and show flowers.** In case of extreme circumstances (i.e. Fair Queen Candidate), please see General Rule - Substitute/Assistant Showpersons. Exhibitor must check in with show personnel and prepare flowers within designated area. Exhibitors and advisors ONLY will be allowed in the staging area.
8. Bottles will be provided to the exhibitors by the Iowa State Fair. Wedging of the stem is permitted. **Exhibit tags must be hung on the bottle, not taped to the bottle.**
9. Refrigeration will be available for arrivals on Tuesday or Wednesday.
10. **Leave foliage on where attached, but not in the water.**
11. In the case of Dahlias, they must be grown disbudded.
12. Exhibitors are encouraged to use ISU Extension 4H 464 "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibits" as a resource for exhibition.
13. Where color is mentioned, unless the exact shade is specified, all shades or varieties coming under the major color compete together in mixed colors, the one predominating shall classify.
14. The Supervisor has the right to remove any exhibit which is deemed unsightly.
15. The judge will be available at the conclusion of the show to visit with any FFA member about his/her exhibit.
16. Only first and second place ribbon winners can be named Champion and Reserve Champion of a show/division/class.
17. When there is 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 grade as the articles meet. 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.
18. **Premiums and Ribbons:** Placing ribbons will be awarded to the 1st through 8th place exhibits in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$6, 5, 4.
19. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each division. Both will be awarded rosettes. Each Division Champion will compete for the **Award of Excellence**; a trophy and rosette will be awarded for this overall Award of Excellence.
20. **Sweepstakes Trophy:** The individual exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Floriculture division will receive a Sweepstakes Trophy. Points are awarded for Award of Excellence (10), Champion (5) and Reserve Champion (3) placings. Exhibitors receiving 2nd-8th will be announced and receive ribbons.
21. **Showmanship:** Students will be judged while preparing their exhibits for show. Included in the judging will be skills and knowledge in preparing their flowers for exhibit. They may be asked questions about their entries during the preparation time concerning plant care, selection and preparation. All exhibitors will be considered for showmanship. **Exhibitors MUST wear FFA exhibitor shirt and exhibitor number for identification.**
22. **A representative of the FFA Chapter must attend release time to pick up ribbons, dispose of flowers and clear their displays or premiums will be withheld.**
23. A special theme rotating categories will be as follows for Class 101:
 - 2026 - Cornflower
 - 2027 - Snapdragon
24. Parade of Champions: Those eligible for the Parade of Champions are each division champion, the Award of Excellence and Sweepstakes winner.

DAHLIAS - DIVISION 830

Decorative (Formal and Informal) Type (one bloom disbudded, AA, A, B, BB - 4 to 10+ inches)

CLASS		CLASS	
1	Red	5	White
2	Orange	6	Purple
3	Yellow	7	Blend
4	Pink	8	Any Other Color

Cactus/Semi-Cactus Type (one bloom disbudded, AA, A, B, BB - 4 to 10+ inches)

CLASS		CLASS	
9	Red	13	White
10	Orange	14	Purple
11	Yellow	15	Blend
12	Pink	16	Any Other Color

Miniature/Ball/Pom Pons/Any Other (one bloom disbudded - up to 4 inches)

CLASS		CLASS	
17	Red	21	White
18	Orange	22	Purple
19	Yellow	23	Blend
20	Pink	24	Any Other Color

Waterlily Type (one bloom disbudded - all sizes)

CLASS		CLASS	
25	Red	29	White
26	Orange	30	Purple
27	Yellow	31	Blend
28	Pink	32	Any Other Color

ROSES - DIVISION 831

Floribunda, Grandiflora, or Hybrid Tea (one stem)

CLASS		CLASS	
33	Red	36	Yellow
34	Pink	37	Any Other Color
35	White		

Shrubs/Climbers (one stem)

CLASS		CLASS	
38	Red	41	Yellow
39	Pink	42	Any Other Color
40	White		

Miniature (one stem, spray, or single)

CLASS		CLASS	
43	Red	46	Yellow
44	Pink	47	Any Other Color
45	White		

GLADIOLUS - DIVISION 832

One Spike (leaves may remain attached to stem)

CLASS		CLASS	
48	White	53	Orange
49	Yellow	54	Salmon
50	Red	55	Bi-Color
51	Pink	56	Any Other Color
52	Purple		

Miniatures (must be 3.5 inches or less on bottom bloom, leaves may remain attached to stem)

CLASS		CLASS	
57	White	61	Purple
58	Yellow	62	Bi-Color
59	Red	63	Any Other Color
60	Pink		

MARIGOLDS - DIVISION 833

Dwarf (one spray or single bloom)

CLASS		CLASS	
64	Orange	66	Any Other Color Not Listed
65	Yellow		

Carnation Type (three blooms)

CLASS		CLASS	
67	Orange	69	Any Other Color Not Listed
68	Yellow		

Largest Type (three blooms, over 2" blooms)

CLASS		CLASS	
70	Orange	72	Any Other Color Not Listed
71	Yellow		

ZINNIAS - DIVISION 834

Large/Cactus Type (three blooms with foliage)

CLASS	CLASS
73 White	77 Purple
74 Yellow	78 Orange
75 Red	79 Any other color
76 Pink	

Miniature/Pom Pons Type (three blooms with foliage, blooms under 2")

CLASS	CLASS
80 White	84 Purple
81 Yellow	85 Orange
82 Red	86 Any other color
83 Pink	

PETUNIAS - DIVISION 835

Single - (one spray)

CLASS	CLASS
87 White	90 Red
88 Pink	91 Black
89 Purple	92 Any Other Color

Double - (one spray)

CLASS	CLASS
93 Red	96 Purple
94 White	97 Any Other Color
95 Pink	

ANY OTHER - DIVISION 836

Judges have the authority to break classes into as many as four separate classes for each Annuals and Perennials dependent on entries.

CLASS
98 Annuals - Any color - 1 bloom or spray
99 Perennials - Any color - 1 bloom or spray
100 Sunflower - 1 bloom
101 2026 Theme Class - Cornflower

FLORICULTURE CHAPTER AWARD

THE SUPREME FLORICULTURE EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The banner/ribbons are awarded to the chapters with outstanding overall exhibits of Floriculture 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: 1st - Banner; 2nd through 10th place - Ribbons