



ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SECOND  
**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

August 27 – September 6, 2021  
Grand Island, NE

**AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS**

# Agricultural Products Department

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## Nebraska State Fair (NSF)

[www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org)

### New in 2021

- Division 2209 – 1009 Largest Cucumber: (NO Armenian variety).
- Division 2209: Largest PUMPKIN will have a minimum weight of 250 lbs. for the \$50.00 prize.
- Division 2215: Scarecrow of 2021 will be “**BE CREATIVE**”

### Important Dates

Entry Deadline: Wed, Aug 18, midnight.

Exhibit Delivery: Wed, Aug 25, 2 to 7 pm and Thu, Aug 26, 9 am to 2 pm. **Check-in must be complete by 2 p.m.**  
(Use northwest door also known as the Club House door of Fonner Concourse)

Exhibit Release: **Mon, Sept 6th, 6 pm to 8:00 pm, closing night of fair.** *Early release is prohibited,*

### Agricultural Products Department Divisions

- Divisions 2201 through 2210 and Division 2219 contains classes open to any age exhibitors including youth
- Division 2213 contains classes for youth only, two age groups: 5-8 yrs. and 9-12 yrs.
- Divisions 2214 through 2217 contain classes for a youth (various age groups) and adults

### Class Premiums and Overall Awards

Depending on the caliber of exhibits, the judge may but is not required to award all the placings that are available to be made in the class.

The **Nebraska Beekeeper's Association** offers one-pound jars of clover honey for the first-place winners in Division 2202, classes 0204, 0210, 0211, 0212 and 0213. **Added New in 2021, classes 0210 & 0211**

The premiums and special division awards listed below are paid by the **Nebraska State Fair (NSF)**.

Place	Ribbon Color	Divisions 2201-2210	Divisions 2213 2216-2219	Divisions 2214 -2215
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue	\$5	\$7	\$15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red	\$3	\$6	\$13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	White	\$2	\$5	\$11
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pink	-	\$4	\$9
5 <sup>th</sup>	Yellow	-	\$3	\$7

- \$10 – Best of Divisions in each of the following: Divisions 2201-2208
- \$50 and \$25 - Division 2209; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place\* from Class 0901, Largest pumpkin with soft/hard, round/hexagon stem, with a minimum weight of 250 lbs.
- \$25 and \$15 - Division 2209; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place\* from Class 0906, largest watermelon.

## Agricultural Products Department Rules

It's the Exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with the **General Rules & Regulations** linked here which apply to all Nebraska State Fair open class departments of Competitive Exhibits and to the specific rules for each department.

### Additional Rules Specific to the Agricultural Department are:

- Competition is limited to Nebraska residents only.
- Commercial seed companies are not permitted to compete.
- Age-restricted classes require the birth date to be listed on the entry form. Age is as Jan 1. Check age limits carefully when entering.
  - Division 2201-2210 and 2219 can be entered by any age exhibitor including youth.
  - Division 2213 is for youth only.
  - Divisions 2214-2217 have both youth and adult classes.
- Entries must be **growth of the present year**, unless otherwise stated in the class description.
- Exhibitors may enter **only one (1) entry per class number**.
- The superintendent will assign exhibit space. The department will furnish containers for Divisions 2201 and 2202, boxes for vegetables and hooks for Peg-Board displays.
- Exhibit quantity and other specifications are noted at the beginning of each division unless otherwise stated.
- The State Fair reserves the right of submitting any or all exhibits to the germination test. Any exhibit showing a germination test lower than 80 will be disqualified. The Fair furthermore reserves the privilege of defacing and spraying with fluorescent dye.
- Perishable items that show spoilage or deterioration will be disposed of during the Fair in order to keep the exhibits fresh and attractive for the viewing public.
- Only officials may enter the exhibit spaces or have access to the entries.

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## How to Enter Exhibits – Entry deadline is Wed, Aug 18 at midnight

*If you wish to purchase exhibitor tickets, you must do so when you enter your exhibits online or with the mail-in entry form. Purchase of these tickets is optional. Note this year, daily gate admission for Seniors (age 60+) is \$5 for any day of the fair. Find additional ticket deals and details at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org), "buy tickets".*

**Online Registration:** The most time and cost-efficient way to enter is online. Exhibitors can enter all their open class exhibits and order exhibitor tickets (optional) in one session. Online entry begins around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Instructions on how to enter online are found on the web site, [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). 1<sup>st</sup>, Click on: "Competitions & Participants", 2<sup>nd</sup>, click on "Competitions", 3<sup>rd</sup>, click on "Competitive Exhibits."

**Mail-In or In-Person Registration:** When using mail-in or in-person registration, the exhibitor must use a separate form for each department entered. Either print the entry form from the following hyperlink: **2021 Agricultural Products Entry Form** or request form from the NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste. 200, Grand Island NE 68801, Phone: 308-382-1620.

Entry forms may be mailed, faxed or delivered to the Nebraska State Fair. Deadline for Ag Products is Wed, Aug 18, midnight. **Mail in entry MUST be posted marked by AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>. Expect delays in mail service, mail earlier.**

- Mailing address: Nebraska State Fair Office, PO Box 1387, Grand Island NE, 68802-1387
- Fax: 308-384-1555
- Hand delivery address: NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste. 200, Grand Island NE 68801.

## **Guidelines For Completing Entry Form – Online and Mail-In or Delivery**

- Enter all items that you plan to bring. There is no entry fee. Items not brought will be deleted at the fair.
- **Late entries past the entry deadline will not be allowed to compete.**
- Birth date is required on the entry form only if you are entering an age-restricted (youth only) class.
- Retain a copy of the entry form. A copy is required when you deliver your exhibits to Grand Island. For online registration, print either the entry receipt activity report or a packing/loading report.

## **Deliver Exhibits to Fonner Park Concourse – Deadline is Thu, Aug 26, 2 pm**

Deliver exhibits along with a copy of the entry form, to the Agricultural Products Department located in the Fonner Park Concourse. Use the northwest door (Club House door).

There are two receiving dates this year: Wed, Aug 25 from 2-7 pm and Thu, Aug 26 from 9 am - 2 pm.

Make sure all tags are securely attached to exhibits. Return all unused tags to the superintendent. **Exhibits not received and checked in by Thursday, Aug 26 at 2 pm will not be judged.**

## **Judging**

**Judging will begin promptly at 3 pm on Thursday, Aug 26.**

Results will be available at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) Select "Competitions", then click "Competitive Exhibits".

## **Return of Exhibits**

Mon, Sept 6, 6 pm to 8:00 pm closing night of fair. **Early release is prohibited**

*Exhibits not picked up by Sept 6, at 8:00 pm, will be composted unless previous arrangements are made with the superintendent.*

## **Agricultural Products - Divisions 2201-2219**

- **Division 2201 – 2210 will receive sticker ribbons for Class Placing & a Rosette for "Best of Division."**

## **DIVISION 2201 - THRESHED GRAINS AND OTHER LARGE SEED**

Samples will be shown in uniform 2-quart glass jars furnished by the department. Samples of grain are treated with fluorescent dye. Seeds must be sound and clean. **\*\*NOTE: IDENTICAL SAMPLES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED\*\***

- 0101 Yellow shelled corn, 2020 crop
- 0102 White shelled corn, 2020 crop

*The following can be 2020 or 2021 crops:*

- 0103 Hard Winter Wheat
- 0104 Rye
- 0105 Oats
- 0106 Barley 6 Rows
- 0107 Grain Sorghum, red or bronze
- 0109 Grain Sorghum, cream or yellow
- 0112 Foxtail
- 0113 Proso
- 0114 Soybeans
- 0115 Yellow Popcorn
- 0116 White Popcorn
- 0117 Ornamental Flour Flint Corn
- 0118 Sunflower Seeds

## **DIVISION 2202 - SHEAF DISPLAY**

Sheaves must be Nebraska grown, but do not need to be grown by the exhibitor. Grain and forage sheaves **must not be less than three inches in diameter at center of banded portion**. They must be the product of **the current season**, and shall be judged as sheaves, considering the type, quality, and appearance of the entire sheaf.

- 0201 Hard Red Winter Wheat, shown without leaves
- 0202 Rye, shown without leaves
- 0203 Oats, shown without leaves
- 0204 Soybeans, leaves permitted on the top one third. Stalks cut at ground level.

**Legumes for hay shown with leaves.** Sheaves will be judged on the basis of hay quality.

- 0210 Alfalfa any cutting
- 0211 Any Sweet Clover before bloom stage
- 0212 Red Clover
- 0213 Alsike Clover

## **DIVISION 2203 – SPECIMEN SHEAVES**

**Specimen Sheaves.** These sheaves should be mature and will be judged on attractiveness of the sheaves and not for forage or hay quality. Warm season grass may be of previous season. *Sheaves should be identified.*

- 0301 Big Bluestem
- 0302 Little Bluestem
- 0303 Indiangrass
- 0304 Switchgrass

## **DIVISION 2204 - STALK DISPLAY**

- Entries in Classes 404-411 must consist of four (4) stalks - **tied or banded**.
- Entries in Class 412 must consist of two (2) heads with a 1 ft. stem.
- Entries in this Division shall be judged from the standpoint of the best plant types for the purpose for which the crop is grown, whether for grain, forage or otherwise.

- 0401 Grain Sorghum, red or bronze, with leaves
- 0402 Grain Sorghum, yellow or cream, with leaves
- 0404 Yellow Popcorn
- 0405 White Popcorn
- 0406 Yellow Dent Corn
- 0407 White Dent Corn
- 0408 Strawberry Popcorn
- 0409 Any Flint Corn or Indian Corn
- 0410 Ornamental Corn, up to 3.5 inches
- 0411 Ornamental Corn over 3.5 inches
- 0412 2 qty - Sunflower Heads with 1 ft. stem

## **DIVISION 2205 - CORN, GROWTH OF CURRENT YEAR – 2021**

Corn samples of 10 ears, shown without shucks unless otherwise specified.

- 0501 Yellow Dent Corn
- 0502 White Dent Corn
- 0503 Yellow Sweet Corn
- 0504 White Sweet Corn
- 0505 Bi-colored Sweet Corn
- 0506 Yellow Popcorn

- 0507 White Popcorn
- 0508 Strawberry Popcorn
- 0509 Other ornamental corn, up to 3.5 inches
- 0510 Other ornamental corn over 3.5 inches
- 0511 Flint Corn, shown with shucks *turned back, but not tied*

**DIVISION 2206 - CORN, GROWTH OF PRECEDING SEASON – 2020**

- 0601 Yellow Dent Ear Corn (10 Ears)
- 0602 White Dent Ear Corn (10 Ears)
- 0603 Flint Ear Corn (10 Ears)

**DIVISION 2207 – VEGETABLES**

Exhibits will be displayed on plates or other containers furnished by the department. Onions, table beets, carrots, horseradish, turnips and parsnips are to be shown with two inches of top. Number of specimens required is listed after each class. *Note: Refrigeration and washing prior to show causes deterioration.*

- 0701 Russet Potatoes (5)
- 0702 Kennebec Potatoes (5)
- 0703 Cobblers Potatoes (5)
- 0704 Norland Potatoes (5)
- 0705 Yukon Gold Potatoes (5)
- 0706 Any other variety white potato (5)
- 0707 Any other variety red potato (5)
- 0708 Sweet potato, any variety (3)
- 0709 Colored potato, other than red or white (3)
- 0710 Red Onion, unpeeled (5)
- 0711 White Onion, unpeeled (5)
- 0712 Yellow Onion, unpeeled (5)
- 0713 Jumbo Onions 4 inches or over, any variety, unpeeled (3)
- 0714 Soybeans, edamame pods (12)
- 0715 Green Beans, in pods (12)
- 0716 Wax Beans, in pods (12)
- 0717 Lima Green Beans, in pods (12)
- 0718 Green Cabbage (2 heads)
- 0719 Red Cabbage (2 heads)
- 0720 Green Bell Peppers (5)
- 0721 Red Bell Peppers (5)
- 0722 Banana Peppers (5)
- 0723 Hot Peppers, Jalapeno (12)
- 0724 Hot Peppers, red, large (5)
- 0725 Hot Peppers, green (12)
- 0726 Hot Peppers, yellow (12)
- 0727 Hot Peppers, not named (12)
- 0728 Hot Peppers, Chili (12)
- 0729 Other sweet pepper (5)
- 0730 Red Tomatoes, no stems (5)
- 0731 Pink Tomatoes, no stems (5)
- 0732 Yellow or Orange Tomatoes, no stems (5)
- 0733 Paste Tomatoes, no stems (5)
- 0734 Small Red varieties other than paste (12), no stems
- 0735 Any other small variety tomato, no stems (12)
- 0738 Red Table Beets (5)
- 0739 Colored Carrots, purple or mixed colors (5)
- 0740 Short Carrots, 2-4 inches in length (5)
- 0741 Long Carrots, over 4 inches (5)
- 0742 Turnips (5)
- 0743 Rhubarb, 2-inch fan, pulled, not cut (5)

- 0744 Eggplant, traditional (2)
- 0746 Eggplant, other (2)
- 0745 Eggplant, Japanese (2)
- 0747 Okra, edible, up to 5 inches in length (5)
- 0748 Kohlrabi (5)
- 0749 Other non-root crop (fruit above ground) (5)
- 0750 Other root crop (fruit below ground) (5)
- 0751 Sweet Basil (**dried**, shown with leaves) 5 stems
- 0752 Dill (**dried**, bunch, **2 ft. length**) 5 stems
- 0753 Sage (**dried**, shown with leaves) 5 stems
- 0754 Garlic Chives (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 5 specimens
- 0755 Onion Chives (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 5 specimens
- 0756 Parsley (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 5 Specimens
- 0757 Horseradish, 2 specimens
- 0758 Garlic, 5 bulbs
- 0759 Oregano (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 5 stems
- 0760 Rosemary (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 5 stems
- 0761 Other Herb, not listed (**fresh**, show in jar/glass of water) 5 stems
- 0762 Shallot, 5 bulbs

## **DIVISION 2208 - VINE PRODUCTS**

Each entry shall consist of two uniform specimens of each variety, shown with **2" stems**, unless otherwise indicated.

*Note: Refrigeration prior to show causes deterioration.*

- 0801 Vegetable Spaghetti Squash, mature (2)
- 0802 Butternut Squash, mature (2)
- 0803 Acorn Squash, green, mature (2)
- 0804 Acorn Squash, other, mature (2)
- 0805 Buttercup Squash, mature (2)
- 0806 Banana Squash, mature (2)
- 0807 Other matured Winter Variety Squash, not listed above (2)
- 0808 Hubbard Squash (2)
- 0810 Scallop Squash, any types, mature, decorative (2)
- 0811 Zucchini Squash, mature, decorative (2)
- 0812 Crookneck Squash, mature, decorative (2)
- 0813 Straightneck Squash, mature, decorative (2)
- 0814 Turk's Turban Squash, mature, decorative (2)
- 0815 Scallop Squash, any types, edible, immature (2)
- 0816 Zucchini, edible, immature (2)
- 0817 Crookneck Squash, edible, immature (2)
- 0818 Straightneck Squash, edible, immature (2)
- 0819 Pumpkin, sugar or pie, mature (2)
- 0820 Pumpkin, Connecticut field type, mature (1)
- 0821 Cushaw Pumpkin, mature (1)
- 0822 Mini Pumpkin (up to 4 inches), mature, white (2)
- 0823 Mini Pumpkin (up to 4 inches), mature, orange (2)
- 0824 Other pumpkin, (2)
- 0825 Watermelon, round (over 9 inches), green, mature (2)
- 0826 Watermelon, round (over 9 inches), stripe, mature (2)
- 0827 Watermelon, long green, mature (1)
- 0828 Watermelon, long stripe, mature (1)
- 0829 Watermelon, ice-box varieties (up to 9 in) mature (2)
- 0830 Muskmelon, (2)
- 0831 Cantaloupe, (2)
- 0832 Cucumber, green slicing, with or without stem (2)
- 0833 Cucumber, pickling, over 2.5 inches, with or without stem (2)
- 0834 Lemon Cucumber, with or without stem (2)
- 0835 Any other variety cucumber, not listed, (2)

- 0836 Ornamental Gourds, matured display of 5 large varieties (over 3 ½ in), judged for color and shape
- 0837 Ornamental Gourds, matured display of 5 small varieties (up to 3 ½ in), judged for color and shape
- 0838 Other vine products (2)

### **DIVISION 2209 - LARGEST PUMPKIN, SQUASH, WATERMELON**

Exhibits must be sound, good quality, mature, single specimens, to be judged by weight at time of entry. Specimens shown in this Division cannot be shown in any other class. A minimum weight of 250 lbs., is required for the "Largest Pumpkin" \$50.00 prize.

- 0901 Any Pumpkin with soft/hard, round/hexagonal stem (Connecticut Field, Howden, Atlantic Giant, Big Max, Hungarian Giant, etc.) *1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this class awarded additional \$50 and \$25 cash from NSF.*
- 0902 Pumpkin, Cushaw
- 0903 Squash, Hubbard
- 0904 Squash, Zucchini
- 0905 Squash, Banana
- 0906 Watermelon *1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this class awarded additional \$25 and \$15 cash award from NSF.*
- 0907 Other squash

### **DIVISION 2210 - LARGEST VEGETABLES**

Exhibits in this Division cannot be shown in any other class, and should be a **single** specimen, matured, of sound, good quality; to be judged by weight on day of entry.

- 1001 Potato, any variety
- 1002 Onion, any variety
- 1003 Cabbage, either green or red
- 1004 Tomato, red
- 1005 Eggplant
- 1006 Pepper
- 1007 Sweet potato
- 1008 Carrot
- 1009 Cucumber, (no Armenian variety)
- 1010 Kohlrabi

### **DIVISION 2213 - MR. POTATO HEAD**

*Premiums given to the first five places.*

*This is an age-restricted division and limited to ages 5 to 12 yrs. of age. Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.*

Potato decorated to look like a person or character **with a name**. Must use all-natural materials.

- 1301 Mr. Potato Head - (Youth 5 through 8 yrs. of age)
- 1302 Mr. Potato Head - (Youth 9 through 12 yrs. of age)

### **DIVISION 2214 - FARM PRODUCTS DISPLAY**

**Bushel of Garden Produce:** Entry must be shown in bushel basket turned on side. **BRING YOUR OWN BUSHEL BASKET.** Vegetables are to look like the basket was spilled, not arranged. No decorations on, or with basket allowed. Entry must be an assortment of vegetables consisting of at least 6 or more types of produce, not more than a level bushel. Exhibits are to be **assembled by exhibitor**, observed by an Agricultural Products staff member. To be judged for quality, variety and general appearance.

- 1404 Adult - **Bushel of Garden Produce** from Divisions 2207 and 2208
- 1403 Youth (age10-16) - **Bushel of Garden Produce** from Divisions 2207 and 2208  
Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.



## **DIVISION 2215 - SCRECROW will be “BE CREATIVE!”**

***“Your imagination is boundless”***

Note: Only ONE entry per exhibitor in Division 2215

**Entry requirements:** height: 3' to 5'; arm spread: 2' to 4'. Entry must be free-standing.  
Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of entry deadline, Jan 1.

1501 Scarecrow -Youth (age 10-16)  
1504 Scarecrow - Adult (over age 17)

## **DIVISION 2216 - CORNUCOPIA DISPLAY**

*Premiums will be awarded to the first five places.*

Entry shown in a Cornucopia Basket. **Bring your own basket.** Decorations on or with basket will be judged on originality. Entry must be an assortment of agricultural products from Divisions 2205, 2207 and 2208 consisting of at least 3, but not more than 8, different kinds of produce. Exhibits are to be **arranged by exhibitor**, observed by an Agriculture Products Staff member. Entry will be judged for quality, variety and arrangement.

1601 Youth (ages 10-16) Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as Jan 1.  
1602 Adult

## **DIVISION 2217 - ODDITY OF NATURE**

Premiums will be awarded to the first five places.

Oddity from any class in Ag Products.

1701 Youth, ages 10-16 Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.  
1702 Adult, 17 and over

## **DIVISION 2219 – FROM PRODUCE TO PANTRY**

1901 Educational Exhibit:

Prepare an educational exhibit to show where our food supply comes from. Example: A basket might contain a jar of salsa, surrounded by tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, cilantro, and onions. Judging to be based on educational effect, creativity, and quality of produce. Bring your own container.



Join the Agricultural Products  
Department in celebrating  
***“Nothing More Nebraskan”*** at  
the 2021 Nebraska State Fair.