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COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS
ENTRY BOOK

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150TH FAIRABRATION!

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Agricultural Products Department

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Nebraska State Fair (NSF)

www.statefair.org

New in 2019

- Divisions 2201-2210 will receive sticker ribbons for class placing and a rosette for Best of Division
- Divisions 2213-2219 will receive ribbons
- Division 2209: \$25 cash will be awarded to the second largest this year in addition to the \$50 cash to the largest as in the past, but this year the selection for both are restricted to Class 0901.
- Division 2209: \$15 cash award for the second largest watermelon will be awarded this year in as well as the \$25 cash award for the largest as in the past.
- Division 2207: Addition of three new classes - soybeans, colored potatoes and colored carrots
- Division 2215: New name – “Scarecrow of the Future”

Important Dates

Entry Deadline: Wed, Aug 14, midnight

Exhibit Delivery: Wed, Aug 21, 2 to 7 pm and Thu, Aug 22, 9 am to 2 pm
(Use northwest door also known as the Club House door of Fonner Concourse)

Exhibit Release: Mon, Sep 2, 6 pm to 10 pm - **Early release is prohibited** but release time will start at 6 pm on Mon, Sep 2, closing night of the fair. Previously it was 8 pm.

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 placing 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, 0212 and 0213.

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 st	Blue	\$5	\$7	\$15
2 nd	Red	\$3	\$6	\$13
3 rd	White	\$2	\$5	\$11
4 th	Pink	-	\$4	\$9
5 th	Yellow	-	\$3	\$7

- \$10 – Best of Divisions in each of the following: Divisions 2201-2208
 - \$50 and \$25 - Division 2209; 1st and 2nd place* from Class 0901, largest pumpkin with soft/hard, round/hexagon stem
 - \$25 and \$15 - Division 2209; 1st and 2nd place* from Class 0906, largest watermelon
- *2nd place awards added for largest pumpkin and watermelon in year 2019*

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.

How to Enter Exhibits – Entry deadline is Wed, Aug 14 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 and \$6 for adults (13-59) on days Mon-Thu, Aug 26-29. Find additional ticket deals and details at 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 1st. Instructions on how to enter online are found on the web site, www.statefair.org. Select "Competitions", then click "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: [2019 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 14, midnight.

- 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

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.
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Deliver Exhibits to Fonner Park Concourse – Deadline is Thu, Aug 22, 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 21 from 2-7 pm and Thu, Aug 22 from 9 am - 2 pm.

Make sure all tags are securely attached to exhibits. Return all unused tags to the superintendent. Exhibits not received by Thu, Aug 22 at 2 pm will not be judged.

Judging

Judging will begin promptly at 3 pm on Thu, Aug 22.

Results will be available at www.statefair.org. Select "Competitions", then click "Competitive Exhibits".

Return of Exhibits

Mon, Sep 2, 6 pm to 10 pm – **Early release is prohibited** but release time will start at 6 pm on Mon, Sep 2, closing night of the fair. Previously it was 8 pm.

Exhibits not picked up closing night will be composted unless previous arrangements are made with the superintendent.

Agricultural Products - Divisions 2201-2219

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, 2018 crop
- 0102 White shelled corn, 2018 crop

The following can be 2018 or 2019 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 Indian grass
- 0304 Switch grass

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 3 1/2" or less
- 0411 Ornamental Corn over 3 1/2"
- 0412 2 qty - Sunflower Heads with 1 ft stem

DIVISION 2205 - CORN, GROWTH OF CURRENT YEAR – 2019

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 Any other ornamental corn 3-1/2 inches or less
- 0510 Any other ornamental corn over 3-1/2 inches
- 0511 Flint corn, shown with shucks *turned back, but not tied*

DIVISION 2206 - CORN, GROWTH OF PRECEDING SEASON – 2018

- 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) *new in 2019*
- 0710 Red Onion, unpeeled (5)
- 0711 White Onion, unpeeled (5)
- 0712 Yellow Onion, unpeeled (5)
- 0713 Jumbo Onions 4" or over, any variety, unpeeled (3)
- 0714 Soybeans, edamame pods (12) *new in 2019*
- 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 Any 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) *new in 2019*
- 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)
- 0745 Eggplant, Japanese (2)
- 0746 Eggplant, any other (2)
- 0747 Okra, edible, 5 inches or less in length (5)
- 0748 Kohlrabi (5)
- 0749 Any other non-root crop (fruit above ground) (5)
- 0750 Any 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, matured (2)
- 0802 Butternut Squash, matured (2)

- 0803 Acorn Squash, green, matured (2)
- 0804 Acorn Squash, any other, matured (2)
- 0805 Buttercup Squash, matured (2)
- 0806 Banana Squash, matured (2)
- 0807 Any other matured Winter Variety Squash, not listed above (2)
- 0808 Any Hubbard Squash (2)
- 0810 Scallop Squash, any types, mature, decorative (2)
- 0811 Zucchini Squash, mature, decorative (2)
- 0812 Crookneck Squash, mature, decorative (2)
- 0813 Straight neck 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 Straight-Neck Squash, edible, immature (2)
- 0819 Pumpkin, sugar or pie, matured (2)
- 0820 Pumpkin, Connecticut field type, matured (1)
- 0821 Cushaw Pumpkin, matured (1)
- 0822 Mini Pumpkin (4 inches or under), matured, white (2)
- 0823 Mini Pumpkin (4 inches or under), matured, orange (2)
- 0824 Any other Pumpkin, (2)
- 0825 Watermelon, round (larger than 9 inches), green, matured (2)
- 0826 Watermelon, round (larger than 9 inches), stripe, matured (2)
- 0827 Watermelon, long green, matured (1)
- 0828 Watermelon, long stripe, matured (1)
- 0829 Watermelon, ice-box varieties (9 inches or smaller) matured (2)
- 0830 Muskmelon, 2 specimens
- 0831 Cantaloupe, 2 specimens
- 0832 Cucumber, green slicing, 2 specimens, may be shown without stem
- 0833 Cucumber, pickling 5 specimens, over 2 1/2" long, may be shown without stem
- 0834 Lemon Cucumber, 2 specimens with or without stem
- 0835 Any other variety cucumber, not listed, 2 specimens
- 0836 Ornamental Gourds, matured display of 5 large varieties (over 3 1/2" diameter), judged for color and shape
- 0837 Ornamental Gourds, matured display of 5 small varieties (3 1/2" diameter or less), 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.

- 0901 Any Pumpkin with soft/hard, round/hexagonal stem (Connecticut Field, Howden, Atlantic Giant, Big Max, Hungarian Giant, etc.) *1st and 2nd place in this class awarded additional \$50 and \$25 cash from NSF in 2019*
- 0902 Cushaw Pumpkin
- 0903 Squash, Hubbard
- 0904 Squash, Zucchini
- 0905 Squash, Banana
- 0906 Watermelon *1st and 2nd place in this class awarded additional \$25 and \$15 cash award from NSF in 2019*
- 0907 Any 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
- 1010 Kohlrabi

DIVISION 2213 - MR. POTATO HEAD *Premiums increased and includes the first five places in 2019*

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 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.

- 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.
- 1404 Adult - **Bushel of Garden Produce** from Divisions 2207 and 2208

DIVISION 2215 - SCARECROW of the FUTURE *new name in 2019*

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 increased to include the first five places in 2019*

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 (ages10-16) *Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as Jan 1.*
- 1602 Adult

DIVISION 2217 - ODDITY OF NATURE *Premiums increased and includes the first five places in 2019*

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 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**