

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING EXHIBITS

Entry forms are available online by clicking on the ENTRY FORMS link or at the fairground's office, Entry forms will also be available on Wednesday, September 13 in Pioneer Hall. We encourage you to submit your entry forms early, or you may submit them when you bring your entries to Pioneer Hall. Use a separate entry form for each department in which you choose to enter. For example, if you are entering a jar of jam, fill out an entry form for Department D "Culinary Arts". If you are also entering a photograph, you would fill out a separate form for Department G "Photography".

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition is limited to Santa Cruz County and the area lying geographically and historically adjacent.
2. Every entry shall be entered in the name of the producer or the owner or his/her agent.
3. Entry tags will be furnished for each animal or article exhibited. These will be properly filled out and attached to the exhibit.
4. All exhibits and entries shall be under the complete control of the Fair Management Board and can not be removed from the grounds before 4:00pm September 17, 2023, or by appointment.
5. Judges will award ribbons according to merit. Except where noted, the Santa Cruz County Fair utilizes the Danish system of judging.
6. Ribbons will be awarded according to judging records. NO EXCEPTIONS.
7. THE FAIR MANAGEMENT BOARD WILL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO ENSURE CARE AND PROTECTION OF EXHIBITS BUT WILL ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES OR DAMAGE TO ANY EXHIBIT OR PERSON.
8. All exhibits must be prepared to conform to the special regulations of the department in which exhibited. Any EXHIBIT found offensive in any way will not be displayed or judged.
9. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Fair Management Board will be final.
10. Commercial organizations and others exhibiting articles not for competition must make arrangements for available space (call 520-455-5553)
11. Exhibitors will be responsible for transportation of exhibits to and from the Fair.
12. All classes have Children's, Junior, Developmentally Disabled, and Visually Impaired Categories that will be identified in the sub-class column on the entry form (unless otherwise noted in department). Adult "A": Children "CH": age 6-13: Junior "JR": age 14-18: Developmentally Disabled "DD": Visually Impaired "VI". Age must be on entry form. Exhibitor must stay in age group and cannot exhibit in any other section.
13. Articles previously entered in the Santa Cruz County Fair, or any other county fair may be entered & marked for display only but are not eligible for competition.
14. Fair Management is not responsible for any awards offered by private individuals or businesses.
15. The Fair Management Board has the right to reject any exhibit.
16. Animals showing disease or infestation (open or 4-H/FFA) will not be allowed to exhibit. Animals that are deemed uncontrollable or a safety hazard must be removed from the grounds upon owner/ exhibitor receiving notice.

DEPARTMENT 'A' - PRODUCE & EGGS

SPECIAL RULES—READ CAREFULLY

1. Any exhibitor who has entries in the agriculture department must have grown any and all articles entered.
2. Entries must be prepared according to show specifications and be worthy of exhibit, clean and properly listed.
3. An exhibitor can make more than one entry per Class if the entries are of different varieties. Know your variety if entering more than one! Be sure that the "variety" is written on the entry form.
4. EGGS TO BE ENTERED ON WEDNESDAY WITH ALL OTHER OPEN ENTRIES!
5. Eggs will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, color and shell texture. One egg in each entry may be broken at the discretion of the judges.
6. This Department is not eligible for State Fair Outreach Program. EXCEPTION – PUMPKINS

Judging in Dept A (Agriculture) will be based on merit. If no entry is deemed to be "blue ribbon quality" the judge may elect not to award one. Special awards may be given to outstanding entries. Junior entries will be judged with others in the same group, not general entries. Best of Show Awards, if merited, may be given.

Fragile produce will be photographed and discarded if it shows signs of spoilage. The item will be replaced with the photo.

DIVISION 1 - ARTISTIC DISPLAYS

Artistic display of at least 6 different varieties of vegetables and/or fruits grown by one exhibitor.

DIVISION 2 - CONTAINER GARDENING

Flowers to be entered in floriculture, Dept F. Entry must be one gallon size or larger with no size limit but MUST be portable. Must be grown by EXHIBITOR.

DIVISION 3 - FRUITS

All fruits must have short stems if possible. Quantity of items to be entered for judging is noted after the fruit name.

<i>Class Description</i>	
001 – Apples (5)	012 – Quince (3)
002 - Berries (1/2 pint)	013 - Rhubarb (5)
003 – Figs (5)	014 - Strawberries (1/2 Pint)
004 - Grapes (1 Bunch)	015 - Watermelons: (1)
005 - Ju Ju Bees (5)	016 – Heaviest Watermelon
006 - Nectarines (3)	017 – Any Other Fruit
007 - Melons: (1)	
008 – Peaches (3)	
009 - Pears (5)	
010 - Pineapple Guava (5)	
011 – Pomegranates (3)	

DIVISION 4 - NUTS

Plate of 10

DIVISION 5 – HERBS

Class Description

- 018 - Fresh Herbs & Spices, 1 Pot, Any Size
- 019 - Fresh Herbs & Spices, 1 Bunch –In Jar w/Water

DIVISION 6 – VEGETABLES

Quantity of items to be entered for judging is noted after the vegetable name.

Class Description

- 022 - Beans, Fresh (8)
- 024 - Beets: (3 To Bunch)
- 025 - Broccoli (1 Bunch)
- 026 - Brussels Sprouts (8)
- 027- Cabbage: (1 Head)
- 028 - Carrots: (5 To Bunch)
- 029 - Cauliflower (1)
- 030 - Corn - Sweet: (3 Ears in Husk) 031 - Corn - Dry (3 Ears)
- 032 - Cucumbers (3)
- 033 – Eggplant, large (1)
- 034 – Eggplant, small (3)
- 035 - Garlic (5 – No Tops)
- 036 - Garlic Braid (1 Braid)
- 037 - Jerusalem Artichokes (3)
- 038 - Leafy Greens– Lettuce, Kale, Chard, Spinach, Mustard Greens, Etc: 1 Head or Bunch In A Jar With Water
- 039 - Leeks (5)
- 040 - Okra (5)
- 041 – Onions (5)
- 042 - Parsnips (5)
- 043 - Peas, Green (8 Pods)
- 044 - Peppers, Fresh (5)
- 046 - Potatoes (5 To Plate)
- Pumpkins May Be Entered for State Fair
- 047 – Pumpkins, Any Variety (1, Must Have Stem)
- 049 – Pumpkins, Miniature (3)
- 050 – Pumpkins, Heaviest (1)
- 051 - Radishes: 10 To Bunch, With Tops
- 052 - Spinach – See ‘Leafy Greens’
- 053 – Squash, Summer (Must Have Stem – 1 Large Or 3 Small)

055 – Squash, Winter (Must Have Stem – 1 Large Or 3 Small)

056 - Squash, Heaviest (1)

057 - Sunflower (1 Head)

058 - Sweet Potatoes: (3 To Plate)

059 - Tomatoes (8 Small Or 4 Large)

060 - Turnips & Rutabagas: (3)

061 – Any Other Vegetable

DIVISION 7 - GOURDS

Class Description

- 063 - Gourds – Small (5)
- 064 - Gourds - Large (1)
- 065 - String of Different Gourds
- 066 - Heaviest Gourd

DIVISION 8 - MOST UNUSUAL

Class Description

Freak or crossbred - Agriculture or Horticulture Product grown in any past season.

Class Description

067 - Fruit

068 - Vegetable

DIVISION 9 – EGGS (1 dozen in carton)