GRAINS, VEGETABLES, FRUITS, AND FORAGES



Department 21—Open Show

Rules and Regulations

- 1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 14, 2024, or by midnight online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- 2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week long exhibitor pass.
- 3. Exhibits must be in place on Monday between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in building E. No Late exhibits will be accepted.
- 4. Exhibits can be removed between 5 pm and 7:00 pm on Sunday August 4, 2024, or on Monday, August 5, 2024. All exhibit items not removed on Monday will be disposed of.
- 5. Exhibit item may be shown in ONE Class only.
- 6. Two entries may be made in ALL Class except Division P (displays).
- 7. Exhibits must have been grown in most recent crop year by the exhibitor.
- 8. Substitutions may be made at check-in. No additional entries.
- 9. Exhibits must be shown on a <u>paper plate or bowl</u> (no foam) to contain the exhibited items and attach an exhibitor tag. (Plastic bags help prevent wilting prior to judging).
- 10. Displays cannot be any larger than 30 inches wide.
- 11. Division A: Novice Division, this Division is for those with limited experience and just getting started in gardening and exhibition. There is no age limit. Winning a trophy or rosette in the regular open show will disqualify you in future years.
- 12. If in doubt, contact the Superintendent. The Superintendent's decision is final.

Division M Premiums First-\$30.00; Second-\$20.00; Third-\$10.00; Fourth-\$5.00

All Divisions except Division M Premiums First-\$5.00; Second-\$4.00; Third-\$3.00; Fourth-\$2.00; Fifth-\$1.00 Best of Show: (one per Division): Rosette

Best Overall Vegetable or Culinary Herb: Trophy

Best Overall Grain and Forage (entries show in Divisions F, G, H, and I will be considered): Trophy

Superintendent's Award: Trophy (awarded in recognition for an exhibitor's contribution to the show)

Garden Club Award and Trophy

In an attempt to recognize the work done by garden clubs in McHenry County, the MCFA is establishing an annual McHenry County Garden Club Award. This award will be presented to the Garden Club that has the highest total points based on entries in both the Open Flower and Open Vegetable Shows, held during the annual Fair. Points will be awarded as identified below to those entrants who identify themselves as Garden Club Members and identify their Club. The top ten (10) entries will be tabulated for the award. In the event of a tie, the first tie breaker will be the 1st place award total, followed by counting an 11th, then 12th, 13th entry. The highest entries will be counted first.

Division	Class		
A Fresh Vegetables and	1 Beans, green, 4	10 Cabbage, Broccoli, 1	19 Potatoes, white, 1
Herbs: Novice Division	2 Beans, pole, 4	11 Onions, bunching, 3	20 Radish, red, 3
(this Division is for those	3 Beans, yellow, 4	12 Onions, red, 1	21 Squash, winter, 2
with limited experience	4 Beets, 1	13 Onions, white, 1	22 Squash, zucchini, 2
and just getting started in	5 Carrots,3	14 Onions, yellow, 1	23 Sweet Corn, 1 ear, husk on
gardening and exhibition.	6 Cucumber, dill, 1	15 Peas, edible pods, 4 pods	24 Tomatoes, cherry, 4
There is no age limit.) See	7 Cucumber, slicing, 2	16 Peppers, bell, any color, 1	25 Tomato, red, 1
Rule 11 for complete	8 Cucumber, sweet, 2	17 Peppers, small hot, 1	
information.	9 Herb Sprig, any, 1	18 Potatoes, red, 1	
B Fresh Vegetables	1 Cabbage, green, 1 head	15 Beets, 3	29 Peppers, other hot, 3
	2 Cabbage, red, 1 head	16 Carrots, 3	30 Pumpkin, field, 1
	3 Celery, 1 head	17 Garlic, 3 bulbs	31 Squash, acorn, green, 1
	4 Chard, 3 leaves	18 Onions, red, 3	32 Squash, butternut, 1
	5 Lettuce, 1 plant, roots ok	19 Onions, white, 3	33 Squash, zucchini, 2
	6 Spinach, 1 plant, no roots	20 Onions, yellow, 3	34 Tomatoes, red cherry, 9
	7 Kale, 3 leaves	21 Potatoes, red, 3	35 Tomatoes, plum, 6
	8 Broccoli, 1 head	22 Potatoes, white, 3	36 Tomatoes, red, 3
	9 Cauliflower, 1 head	23 Radish, red, 3	37 Tomatoes, heirloom, 3
	10 Any other edible flower	24 Beans, green pole, 8	38 Okra, 3
	11 Kohlrabi	25 Beans, green string, 8	39 Cucumbers, slicing, 2
	12 Rhubarb	26 Beans, yellow string, 8	40 Cucumbers, pickling, 3
	13 Any other leaf vegetable	27 Eggplant, 1	
	14 Any other root, tuber, bulb	28 Peppers, bell, 3	
C Fresh Herbs	1 Arugula	6 Dill, 1 stalk	11 Thyme, spray
	2 Basil, spray	7 Fennel, entire plant, roots	12 Any other annual herb,
	3 Chamomile	washed	labeled
	4 Chives, 1 plant,	8 Mint, spray	13 Any other perennial herb,
	5 Cilantro, spray	9 Parsley, 6 leaves bundled	labeled
		10 Rosemary, spray	
D Fruit	1 Currants, 1 cup	3 Muskmelon, 1	5 Watermelon, 1
	2 Grapes, 1 bunch	4 Raspberries, 1 cup	6 Any other fruit
E Potted Culinary Herb	1 Basil	4 Rosemary	7 Any other potted culinary
Plants	2 Mint	5 Sage	herb, labeled
	3 Oregano	6 Sweet Bay	
F Grains and Seeds	1 Oats	5 Soybeans	9 Popcorn, white, 5 ears
	2 Winter Wheat	6 Any Other Grain	10 Popcorn, yellow, 5 ears
	3 Barley	7 Flint Corn (Indian) 5 ears	11 Yellow dent corn 5 ears
	4 Corn, #2 yellow	8 Popcorn, red, 5 ear	
G Silage (placed in a 1	1 Corn Silage	2 Haylage	
gallon Ziploc bag)			
H Dry Hay (3-5 pounds in a	1 Alfalfa, 1 st cutting, 2024	4 Grass, 2 nd cutting, 2024	7 Mixed 3 rd cutting
plastic bag)	2 Alfalfa, 2 nd cutting, 2024	5 Mixed, 1 st cutting, 2024	8 Wheat straw
	3 Grass, 1st cutting, 2024	6 Mixed, 2 nd cutting, 2024	9 Other hay crop

DIVISION	CLASS		
I Sheaf Grains and Forages (Must be securely tied around stems <u>one third</u> of the distance from the top and between 3 -5 inches in diameter. Grown in current year) (Judged on arrangement and quality 50/50)	 1 Bundle of alfalfa, fresh 2 Bundle of hay grass, fresh 	 3 Bundle of soybeans, fresh 4 Bundle of sweet corn, 3 stalks 	5 Bundle of wheat, dry
J Novelty or Ornamental	 1 Tallest stalk, corn cut at ground 2 Largest cabbage head by weight 	 3 Largest onion by weight 4 Largest potato by weight 5 Largest pumpkin by weight 6 Largest sunflower, head, width 	 7 Largest tomato by weight 8 Tallest sunflower 9 Largest Zucchini by weight 10 Most Unusual Vegetable
K Best Display of All Classes in this Division to be displayed in a basket or suitable containers that is attracting to the consumer.	 Peppers, 4 each of at least 3 types Fruit, 4 each of at least 4 types Gourds, 10 or more 	 4 Squash, 10 or more 5 Potted herbs, 4 or more plants, labeled 6 Display of Grain Crops, 3(corn, soybeans, wheat) 	7 Display of Sheaf Grains crops, at least 3 types
L Garden Display (May only enter one class)	1 Six (6) vegetables in a display with or without garden art	2 Ten (10) vegetables in a display with or without garden art	
M Commercial Vegetable Display (Commercial Member only)	1 Ten (10) or more vegetables by a market gardner		

GRAINS, VEGETABLES, FRUITS, AND FORAGES Open Entry Form

Use a separate form for each show.

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Friday from 9 am – 2 pm. Weekend Registration open Saturday, July 13th 8 am-12 pm and Sunday, July 14th 10 am-3 pm ONLY.
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- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- > One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name:				First Name:		
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	Dept. Number	Dept. Division Class Description of Entry				
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2024 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: <u>mchenrycountyfair.com</u>

#	Fee	Total
	\$1.00 per Open entry	
	\$25.00 Late Entry Fee – per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass	
	(one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor)

Date