



GRAINS, VEGETABLES, FRUITS, AND FORAGES

Department 21—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$2,120.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)
Late Entry Fee – Approval Required: \$25.00 per Entry
Judging Time: Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, 12:00 pm
Location: Building E
Superintendent: Kristi Barnes.....847-400-7796 text or call

Rules and Regulations

NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.

All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, barns and campgrounds. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a weeklong 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. Must be done setting up by 7 pm. No exceptions.
4. Exhibits can be removed Sunday August 9, 2026, 5-7 pm or on Monday, August 10, 2026, 4-7 pm. All exhibit items not removed by 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. If paid entry items cannot be provided due to growing conditions, exhibitors may substitute into another category prior to judging with approval from the Superintendent.
9. Each entry must contain the **EXACT** amount listed in the category description. More or less than the stated amount will be disqualified. No exceptions
10. Exhibits must be shown on a paper plate or bowl (no foam) to contain the exhibited items and attach an exhibitor tag. (Plastic bags help prevent wilting prior to judging).
11. Displays cannot be any larger than 30 inches wide.
12. **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.
13. 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 Herbs: Novice Division (this Division is for those with limited experience and just getting started in gardening and exhibition. There is no age limit.) See Rule 11 for complete information.	1 Beans, green, 4 2 Beans, pole, 4 3 Beans, yellow, 4 4 Beets, 1 5 Carrots, 3 6 Cucumber, dill, 1 7 Cucumber, slicing, 2 8 Cucumber, sweet, 2 9 Herb Sprig, any, 1	10 Cabbage, Broccoli, 1 11 Onions, bunching, 3 12 Onions, red, 1 13 Onions, white, 1 14 Onions, yellow, 1 15 Peas, edible pods, 4 pods 16 Peppers, bell, any color, 1 17 Peppers, small hot, 1 18 Potatoes, red, 1	19 Potatoes, white, 1 20 Radish, red, 3 21 Squash, winter, 2 22 Squash, zucchini, 2 23 Sweet Corn, 1 ear, husk on 24 Tomatoes, cherry, 4 25 Tomato, red, 1
B Fresh Vegetables	1 Cabbage, green, 1 head 2 Cabbage, red, 1 head 3 Celery, 1 head 4 Chard, 3 leaves 5 Lettuce, 1 plant, roots ok 6 Spinach, 1 plant, no roots 7 Kale, 3 leaves 8 Broccoli, 1 head 9 Cauliflower, 1 head 10 Any other edible flower 11 Kohlrabi 12 Rhubarb 13 Any other leaf vegetable 14 Any other root, tuber, bulb	15 Beets, 3 16 Carrots, 3 17 Garlic, 3 bulbs 18 Onions, red, 3 19 Onions, white, 3 20 Onions, yellow, 3 21 Potatoes, red, 3 22 Potatoes, white, 3 23 Radish, red, 3 24 Beans, green pole, 8 25 Beans, green string, 8 26 Beans, yellow string, 8 27 Eggplant, 1 28 Peppers, bell, 3	29 Peppers, other hot, 3 30 Pumpkin, field, 1 31 Squash, acorn, green, 1 32 Squash, butternut, 1 33 Squash, zucchini, 2 34 Tomatoes, red cherry, 9 35 Tomatoes, plum, 6 36 Tomatoes, red, 3 37 Tomatoes, heirloom, 3 38 Okra, 3 39 Cucumbers, slicing, 2 40 Cucumbers, pickling, 3
C Fresh Herbs	1 Arugula 2 Basil, spray 3 Chamomile 4 Chives, 1 plant, 5 Cilantro, spray	6 Dill, 1 stalk 7 Fennel, entire plant, roots washed 8 Mint, spray 9 Parsley, 6 leaves bundled 10 Rosemary, spray	11 Thyme, spray 12 Any other annual herb, labeled 13 Any other perennial herb, labeled
D Fruit	1 Currants, 1 cup 2 Grapes, 1 bunch	3 Muskmelon, 1 4 Raspberries, 1 cup	5 Watermelon, 1 6 Any other fruit
E Potted Culinary Herb Plants	1 Basil 2 Mint 3 Oregano	4 Rosemary 5 Sage 6 Sweet Bay	7 Any other potted culinary herb, labeled
F Grains and Seeds	1 Oats 2 Winter Wheat 3 Barley 4 Corn, #2 yellow	5 Soybeans 6 Any Other Grain 7 Flint Corn (Indian) 5 ears 8 Popcorn, red, 5 ear	9 Popcorn, white, 5 ears 10 Popcorn, yellow, 5 ears 11 Yellow dent corn 5 ears
G Silage (placed in a 1 gallon Ziploc bag)	1 Corn Silage	2 Haylage	
H Dry Hay (3-5 pounds in a plastic bag)	1 Alfalfa, 1 st cutting, 2024 2 Alfalfa, 2 nd cutting, 2024 3 Grass, 1st cutting, 2024	4 Grass, 2 nd cutting, 2024 5 Mixed, 1 st cutting, 2024 6 Mixed, 2 nd cutting, 2024	7 Mixed 3 rd cutting 8 Wheat straw 9 Other hay crop

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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.	1 Peppers, 4 each of at least 3 types 2 Fruit, 4 each of at least 4 types 3 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 gardener		

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 18th 8 am-12 pm and Sunday, July 19th 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: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 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: mchenrycountyfair.com

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

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