AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR
August 25 – September 4, 2023
Grand Island, NE
Join the Agricultural Products Department in celebrating “Whatever Your Flavor” at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair.

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New in 2023
- Now located in the 4-H/FFA Fieldhouse
- Division 2218: Table Centerpieces

Important Dates
- Entry Deadline: Wednesday, August 16, at Midnight
- Exhibit Delivery: Wednesday, August 23, 2 pm – 7 pm
  Thursday, August 24, 9 am – 2 pm
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 4, 6 pm – 8 pm. Early Release is Prohibited.

Agricultural Products Department Divisions
- Divisions 2202-2211, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, & 2218 are open to all ages
- Division 2213 contains one class for youth ages 6-12 years old
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, & 0213

The premiums and special awards listed below are paid by the Nebraska State Fair

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$30 Best of Division 2201-2208

Green Thumb Award, recognition only, chosen by the superintendent

Sweepstakes

These are based on a point system. 1st place – 5 points, 2nd place – 3 points, and 3rd place – 1 point.

1st place - $300
2nd place - $200
3rd place - $100

The first-place winner will then go in for a people’s choice Overall Sweepstakes Winner receiving a plaque and their name engraved on a trophy that will be displayed each year during the fair. The voting will begin the final weekend of the fair after all static events are complete. It will be a google form that you will use an email address to submit a vote.

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 of January 1. Check age limits carefully when entering.
- Division 2212 is for youth only.
- Entries must be the 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 Pegboard displays.
- Exhibit quantity and other specifications are noted at the beginning of each division unless otherwise stated.
- The State Fair reserves the right to submit 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 to keep the exhibits fresh and attractive for the viewing public.
- Only officials may enter the exhibit spaces or have access to the entries.

### Entering Exhibits – The deadline is Wednesday, August 16, at Midnight

Exhibitors may purchase $5 Exhibitor Gate Tickets. A maximum of 5 exhibitor tickets per family is allowed. No refunds will be given on any unused or lost tickets. To purchase these tickets, go to [https://bit.ly/CEExhibitorTicket](https://bit.ly/CEExhibitorTicket) and use password CVENT.

Please note that daily gate admission for seniors (age 60+) is $5 for any day of the fair. Find additional ticket deals and details at [https://www.statefair.org/plan-your-visit/pricing/](https://www.statefair.org/plan-your-visit/pricing/).

**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. Instructions on how to enter online are found on the website [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) – Menu – Ag & Competitions – Open Class Competitive Exhibits – Scroll down to Agricultural Products – Online Entry

**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 link: [2023 Agricultural Products Entry Form](#) or request a form from the Nebraska State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island, NE 68801, Phone 308-382-1620.

Entry forms must be mailed, faxed, or delivered to the Nebraska State Fair. The deadline for Ag Products is Wednesday, August 16, at midnight. Mail-in entry must be postmarked by August 16.

- **Mailing Address:** Nebraska State Fair, PO Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802-1387
- **Fax:** 308-384-1555
- **In-person delivery:** Nebraska State Fair, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island, NE 68801

### Guidelines for Completing Entry Form

- Enter all items you plan to bring. There is no entry fee. Items not brought will be deleted at the fair.
- No late entries including add-ons and substitutes at delivery check-in.
- Birthdate 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. For online registration, print either the entry receipt activity report or a packing/loading report.

### Delivery of Exhibits – The deadline is Thursday, August 24, at 2 pm

Deliver exhibits along with a copy of the entry form to the Agricultural Products Department located in the 4-H FFA Fieldhouse. Use Gate 5 and you can enter the North or West doors.

There are two receiving dates this year: Wednesday, August 23, 2 pm - 7 pm, and Thursday, August 24, 9 am – 2 pm.

Make sure all tags are securely attached to your exhibits. Return all unused tags to the Superintendent. Exhibits not received and checked in before Thursday, August 24, 2 pm will not be judged.

### Judging

Judging will begin promptly at 3 pm on Thursday, August 24.

Results will be available at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) – Menu – Ag & Competitions – Open Class Competitive Exhibits
Return of Exhibits – Monday, September 4, 6 pm – 8 pm

Early release is prohibited.

Exhibits not picked up by Monday, September 4, at 8 pm will be composted unless previous arrangements are made with the superintendent. Non-perishables can be returned via the return site drop-off or must be picked up at the State Fair office by Friday, October 27th, 2023.

Divisions 2202-2219

Division 2202-2210 will receive sticker ribbons for class placings and a rosette for Best of Division

**Division 2202: Sheaf Display**

Sheaves must be Nebraskan 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 the center of the 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 are shown with leaves.* Sheaves will be judged based on hay quality.

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

**Division 2203: Specimen Sheaves**

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

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

**Division 2204: Stalk Display**

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.

- Entries in classes 0404-0411 must consist of four (4) stalks tied or banded
- Entries in class 0412 must consist of two (2) heads with a 1-foot stem.

- 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 or Indian Corn
0410 Ornamental Corn, up to 3.5 inches
0411 Ornamental Corn, over 3.5 inches
0412 Sunflower Heads, 2 quantities with 1-foot stem

Division 2205: Corn, Growth of Current year (2023)
Corn samples of 5 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 (2022)
0601 Yellow Dent Ear Corn – 5 ears
0602 White Dent Ear Corn – 5 ears
0603 Flint Ear Corn – 5 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 the top. The number of specimens required is listed after each class. Note: Refrigeration and washing before the show cause 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 – 5
0724 Hot Peppers, red, large – 5
0725 Hot Peppers, green – 5
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<td>Yellow or Orange Tomatoes, no stems – 5</td>
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<td>Red Table Beets – 5</td>
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<td>Colored Carrots, purple or mixed colors – 5</td>
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<td>Short Carrots, 2-4 inches – 5</td>
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<td>Turnips – 5</td>
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<td>Okra, edible, up to 5 inches – 5</td>
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<td>Sweet Basil, dried shown with leaves – 5 stems</td>
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<td>Dill, dried bunch 2 foot – 5 stems</td>
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<td>Sage, dried shown with leaves – 5 stems</td>
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<td>Garlic Chives, fresh shown in jar/glass of water – 5 specimens</td>
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<td>Onion Chives, fresh shown in jar/glass of water – 5 specimens</td>
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<td>Parsley, fresh shown in jar/glass of water – 5 specimens</td>
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<td>0758</td>
<td>Garlic – 5 bulbs</td>
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<td>Oregano, fresh shown in jar/glass of water – 5 stems</td>
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<td>Rosemary, fresh shown in jar/glass of water – 5 stems</td>
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<td>Other Herb, not listed, fresh shown in jar/glass of water – 5 stems</td>
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<td>Shallot – 5</td>
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**Division 2208 – Vine Products**

Each entry shall consist of two (2) uniform specimens of each variety, shown with 2” stems unless otherwise indicated. Note Refrigeration before the show causes deterioration.

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<td>Butternut Squash, mature – 2</td>
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<td>Acorn Squash, mature – 2</td>
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<td>Banana Squash, mature – 2</td>
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<td>Other mature Winter variety Squash, not listed above – 2</td>
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<td>0808</td>
<td>Hubbard Squash – 2</td>
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<td>Turk’s Turban Squash, mature, decorative – 2</td>
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<td>Scallop Squash, any type, edible, immature – 2</td>
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<td>Zucchini, edible, immature – 2</td>
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<td>Crookneck Squash, edible, immature – 2</td>
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<td>Cushaw Pumpkin, mature – 1</td>
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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 inches, 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 – 5
0834  Lemon Cucumber, with or without stem – 2
0835  Any other variety of Cucumber, not listed – 2
0836  Ornamental Gourds, matured, display of 5 large varieties over 3.5 inches, judged for color and shape
0837  Ornamental Gourds, matured, display of 5 small varieties up to 3.5 inches, judged for color and shape
0838  Other Vine Products – 2

Division 2209: Largest Giant Pumpkin, Pumpkin, Squash, Watermelon

Exhibits must be sound, good quality, mature, and single specimens to be judged by weight at the time of entry. Specimens shown in this division cannot be shown in any other class. A minimum weight of 300 pounds is required for the Giant Pumpkin

0901  Giant Pumpkin with soft/hard, round/hexagonal stem (Connecticut Field, Howden, Atlantic Giant, Big Max, Hungarian Giant, etc.). Premiums – 1st $150, 2nd $100, 3rd $50
0902  Pumpkin, Cashew
0903  Squash, Hubbard
0904  Squash, Zucchini
0906  Watermelon
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, sound/good quality to be judged by weight on the 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 2211: Oddity of Nature

Open to All Ages

1101  Oddity from any class in Agricultural Products

Division 2212: Mr. Potato Head
This is an age-restricted division and is limited to ages 6-12 years of age. Birth date must be listed on the entry form. Age is as of January 1.

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

1201 Mr. Potato Head

**Division 2214: Farm Products Display**

Bushel of Garden Produce. Entry must be shown in a bushel basket turned on the side. Bring your own bushel basket. Vegetables are to look like the basket was spilled and 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 the exhibitor and observed by an Agricultural Products staff member. Judged for quality, variety, and general appearance. **Open to all ages.**

1404 Bushel of Garden Produce from divisions 2207 and 2208

**Division 2215: Scarecrow**

Be Creative! “Your Imagination is boundless”

Only One entry per exhibitor. Open to all ages.

Entry Requirements: Height – 3’ to 5’ Arm Spread – 2’ to 4’. Must be free-standing.

1501 Scarecrow

**Division 2216: Cornucopia Display**

The entry is shown in a cornucopia basket. Bring your own basket. Decorations on or with baskets 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 an exhibitor and observed by an Agricultural Products staff member. Entry will be judged for quality, variety, and arrangement. Open to all ages.

1601 Cornucopia Basket

**Division 2217: From Produce to Pantry**

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 is based on educational effect, creativity, and quality of produce. Bring your own container. Open to all ages.

1701 Educational Exhibit

**Division 2218: Table Centerpiece - New**

The centerpiece is not to exceed 18” L x 12” W at any point including the base. The base could be a placemat, basket, or tray. The centerpiece may include size-appropriate items from Division 2202 Classes 201-203, Division 2203 Classes 0301-0304, Division 2205 Classes 0501-0511, and Division 2208 Classes 0801-0838. No other items may be used. Open to all ages.

1801 Table Centerpiece
Drop-Off and Pick-Up Sites

For Non-Perishable Exhibits

Package each department’s exhibits separately.

If for example, you enter textile arts and photography, these are different Departments, package separately, with a copy of your entry form taped on the top of the package.

We will not accept any exhibits that are not packaged. We will return your exhibits in the same packaging that you drop them off in. We prefer your exhibits to be packaged in some type of box to make transportation easier and safer for your exhibits.

All drop-off’s will be Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Omaha 10 am to 12 noon, at the Douglas /Sarpy Ext. 8015 West Center Rd, Omaha, NE 68124 (parking lot)

Seward 3 pm to 5 pm, at the Seward County Ext. 322 S. 14th St, Seward, NE 68434 (parking lot)

North Platte 10 am to 12 noon, at the Lincoln/Logan/McPherson County Ext. 348 West State Farm Rd North Platte, NE 69101 (parking lot)

**Nebraska State Fair personnel will leave at the designated departure time**

All returns will be Sunday, September 10th, 2023.

Same Locations, Same Times as listed above.

Please bring a copy of your entry form(s).

Exhibits not issued back to the exhibitor on the return date will be available at the Grand Island Nebraska State Fair office and must be picked up by Oct 28th, by the end of the business day or the item will be donated. Call 308-382-1620 with questions.