



FOODS DEPARTMENT

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

August 25 – September 4, 2023

Grand Island, NE



Join the Foods 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
- Divisions: 4620 Fruit Desserts, 4624 Pizza, 4625 O’Fudge
- King Arthur Flour Contest: Kolaches & Monkey Bread
- Premium Changes & Conservation Blueprint LLC Special Award

Important Dates

- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, August 8, Midnight
- Exhibit Delivery: Refer to the Receiving and Judging Schedule on Page 6
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 4, 6 pm –8 pm.
Tuesday, September 5, 8 am– Noon **Early Release is Prohibited**

Special Thank You to our Sponsors.

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- Nebraska Beekeepers Association
- Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Superstore
- King Arthur Flour
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- Conservation Blueprint LLC
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Class Premiums and Overall Awards

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

Place	Ribbon	
1	Blue	\$7
2	Red	\$4
3	White	\$3
4	Pink	
5	Yellow	

Nebraska State Fair also awards the following:

- Best of Division: \$20 and a rosette
- Best Exhibit awards for a range of classes in several divisions: \$15 and a rosette
- Three Sweepstakes Awards:
 - Canned Goods (Division 4601-10) – 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$20, 3rd place \$15
 - Baked Goods (Divisions 4611-13, 4618-20, 4622-23) – 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$20, 3rd place \$15
 - Youth Baked & Canned Goods (Division 4630) – 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$5
 - Sweepstakes awards are based on total points from the designated divisions as follows:
 - Blue (1st Place) – 4 points
 - Red (2nd Place) – 2 points
 - White (3rd Place) – 1 point
- Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Superstore will award a \$15 gift card (good for in-store only) to the Best of Division award in Baked Goods categories (Divisions 4611-15, 4617-20, 4622-24, 4630).
- Nebraska Beekeepers Association awards special premiums in Division 4616 – Food with Honey.
- Conservation Blueprint LLC will select an entry featuring a Wild or Native Ingredient and present a special award of \$20 and a rosette.

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 the specific rules for each department.

Additional Rules Specific to the Foods Department are:

1. Competition is limited to Nebraska residents only.
2. Recipes are required for any entry in Division 4611-20, 4622-25, 4630, and 4690. Entries without recipes will be disqualified. Recipes must be typed or written legibly on an 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper unless otherwise stated. A photocopy is acceptable. Include the exhibitor's name, address, phone number, division, and class number on the back of the recipe in the upper right-hand corner. Self-adhesive address labels may be used. Recipes winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place become the property of the Nebraska State Fair and/or the sponsoring company. The Nebraska

State Fair compiles winning recipes from each year's fair into a cookbook. The Nebraska State Fair management and staff reserve the right to limit the number and type of recipes used in the cookbook and to reprint recipes in future editions. Cookbooks are available for sale during the Nebraska State Fair in the Foods Department and directly from the State Fair Administration Office year-round by calling 308-382-1620. The cost is \$14 for the 2022 cookbook, \$10 for the 2021 cookbook, and \$5 for the 2019 cookbook.

3. Recipe selection: Members of the same family may not use the same recipe. Also, a recipe from a previous year's Nebraska State Fair cookbook may not be used regardless of the source of the recipe. Recipe Reminders: Be sure All ingredients are listed in order of preparation, using standard measurements. Include pan size, oven temperature, baking time, and yield amount of the recipe.
4. When entering a special contest use the sponsor's product name in your ingredient list i.e., King Arthur Flour, Red Star Yeast, etc.
5. All age-restricted classes will use the exhibitor's age as of January 1. Birth date must be included on the entry form.
6. Youth (ages 17 and under) may enter an item in any non-age restricted classes in Divisions 4601-4625 and Division 4690 or the youth division 4630 but not the same item in both places.
7. Premium money will be sent by check from the Nebraska State Fair office within 30 days of the fair closing. All special awards will be distributed after the fair either by the Foods Department staff or by the award sponsor. The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award. However, the staff will attempt to contact the sponsor to obtain the promised award.
8. The superintendent has the authority to remove and dispose of foods that become unsightly.
9. Early release is prohibited.

Entering Exhibits – The deadline is Tuesday, August 8, 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> 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 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 1. Instructions on how to enter online are found on the website www.statefair.org – Menu – Ag & Competitions – Open Class Competitive Exhibits – Scroll down to Foods Department – 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 Foods 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 Foods is Tuesday, August 8.

- 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. Write the class numbers of items in each class you plan to exhibit on the entry form.
- 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 – See Receiving and Judging Schedule

After the Nebraska State Fair is underway, enter Gate 5 to the 4-H/FFA Fieldhouse and use the North or West doors.

If you wish to remain at the fair,

you'll need to re-enter through the main gate off South Locust.

Return of Exhibits – Monday, September 4th, 6 pm-8 pm or Tuesday, September 5th, 8 am-noon

Early release is prohibited.

Entries from Divisions 4611-4625 and baked goods from Youth Division 4630 are not returned to the exhibitor except cakes, pies, and classes judged on stage during the fair. Cakes and pies must be picked up within 24 hours after the judging is complete. Pies will be refrigerated pending pickup. Winning entries judged on stage will be retained for display. The remaining entries will be released to the exhibitors.

Canned Goods Divisions 4601-4610 and from Youth Division 4630 can be picked up in person on Monday, September 4th, 6 pm-8 pm and Tuesday, September 5th, 8 am-noon.

Return of Ribbons and Judging Comments Only: If you want your ribbons and the judge's comments provide the superintendent with a large self-addressed manila envelope with \$5 minimum postage when you bring your entries. Premium money is sent separately from the State Fair Office.

Canned goods not picked up during release time may be picked up from the Nebraska State Fair office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island, NE by the end of business day Friday, October 27th after which they will be discarded.

Judging

The judge may, but is not required to, award all the ribbons offered in a class (1st through 5th). Fair Management intends that no premium or distinction be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge. In large classes, the judge may opt to award an additional set of ribbons. All judge's decisions are final. Only judges and assistants are allowed in the judging area, except for the judging done during the Fair on the stage in the 4-H FFA Fieldhouse.

Judging results will be available at www.statefair.org. Select "AG & Competitions", then click "Open Class Competitive Exhibits", and scroll down to each department for results.

Food Department- Receiving and Judging Schedule

Note that all canned goods and all baked goods are received on Monday, August 21st except for those judged on the 4-H FFA Fieldhouse stage during the fair (marked with an asterisk below).

Division Names	Division Numbers	Receive Date	Receive Time	Judging Date	Judging Time
Canned Goods	4601-4610	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
Breads & Rolls	4611	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
Exploring Flours	4612-4616 4618	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
Decorated Cakes	4621	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
Gluten-Free Baking	4622	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
Ethnic Baking	4623	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
Youth (Canned / Baked Goods)	4630	Monday August 21 st	8 am – 8 pm	Tuesday August 22 nd	Throughout the Day
*Homemade Pizza	4624 Classes 2401-02	Saturday August 26 th	9 am - noon	Saturday August 26 th	1:00 pm
*King Arthur Flour Baking	4690 Classes 9004-05	Saturday August 26 th	9 am - noon	Saturday August 26 th	2:00 pm
Kids Cupcake Decorating Contest	4630 No Pre-Entry	Saturday August 26 th	10 am - 2:15 pm	Saturday August 26 th	3:00 pm
*O'Fudge Contest	4625 Classes 2501-03	Monday August 28 th	9 am – noon	Monday August 28 th	1:00 pm
*Men's Only Contest	4690 Classes 9004-05	Monday August 28 th	9 am – noon	Monday August 28 th	2:00 pm
*Fruit Dessert Contest	4620 Classes 2001-02	Monday August 28 th	9 am – noon	Monday August 28 th	3:00 pm
*Home-Made Casseroles Contest	4617 Classes 1701-04	Wednesday August 30 th	9 am – noon	Wednesday August 30 th	1:00 pm
*Theme Board Contest	4690 Classes 9025-27	Wednesday August 30 th	9 am – noon	Wednesday August 30 th	2:00 pm
*Pies	4619	Wednesday August 30 th		Wednesday August 30 th	3:00 pm

Canned Goods - Divisions 4601-4610

Receive Monday, August 21st, 8 am – 8 pm
Judge Tuesday, August 22nd

The most current USDA processing methods must be used: boiling water bath canning for high-acid foods and steam pressure canning for low-acid foods.

Processing must have occurred from August 22, 2022, through August 21, 2023.

During judging all entries except for those in Division 4601 (Fruits & Vegetables), 4607 (Juices & Syrups), and 4610 (Main Courses) will be opened. Canned fruits or vegetables will not be opened unless it appears that the specimens are packed in water or alcohol for display. Any spoiled canned fruits or vegetables will be disposed of and the jars will be held for the exhibitor until noon Tuesday, September 5th.

Canned Goods Exhibits Guidelines:

Jars used for canning must be standard colorless glass jars specially made for canning, sealed with 2-piece lids with the brand name of the lid corresponding with the brand name of the jar. Leave rings on jars. Do not use rusty rings. Jars should be full, proper headspace, liquid clear, free of sediment, and food of uniform size or pieces.

All exhibits must contain a label on the jar (not the lid) with the following information:

- Division and class number
- Pounds pressure, if process method (boiling water or pressure) style of pack (raw or hot)
- Date and time of processing

Additional information is available from the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Office or online <http://food.unl.edu>. Food Safety and Preservation.

Canned Goods

Division 4601.1: Canned Fruits

- 0101 Apples – sliced, halved, quartered
- 0102 Apple sauce
- 0103 Apricots
- 0104 Cherries – Bing
- 0105 Cherries – whole pitted or pitted
- 0106 Grapes – seedless, red or white
- 0107 Mixed Fruit – at least 3 kinds
- 0108 Peaches – halves, sliced
- 0109 Pears – halves, sliced
- 0110 Pineapple – grated, sliced
- 0111 Plums – blue, red
- 0112 Rhubarb
- 0113 Any fruit not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Canned Fruit

Division 4601.2: Canned Vegetables

- 0123 Beans – green, snap, wax
- 0124 Beets – whole, sliced
- 0125 Carrots – whole, sliced
- 0126 Mixed Vegetables

- 0129 Peppers – green, red
- 0130 Peppers – hot
- 0131 Potatoes – small whole, cubed
- 0132 Pumpkin
- 0133 Sauerkraut
- 0135 Sweet Corn
- 0136 Tomatoes – whole not cherry
- 0137 Tomatoes – halved, quartered
- 0139 Vegetable Soup
- 0140 Any Vegetable not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to best Canned Vegetable

Division 4602: Dried/Dehydrated Foods

Involves drying out the natural moisture, preserving all fruit, vegetables, etc. so that the enzymes that cause decay are inhibited. Exhibit in an unsealed pint or half-pint jar preferred. Product must fill jar.

- 0201 Citrus Peel
- 0202 Fruits, Fruit Leathers
- 0203 Herbs – identify kind
- 0204 Meat Jerkies – identify kind
- 0205 Vegetables
- 0206 Soup Mix
- 0208 Snack Mix ex. Mix fruit & nuts

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry in Division 4602

Division 4603: Preserves, Marmalades & Conserves

Preserves are small fruit pieces suspended in their own jelly, shown in pint or half-pint jars made specifically for canning. Conserves look like jams and have the same consistency, but they are made with a combination of fruits often nuts or raisins are added. Marmalades are soft fruit jelly containing small pieces of fruit or peel evenly suspended in translucent jelly.

- 0301 Apricot
- 0302 Cherry
- 0303 Peach
- 0304 Pear
- 0305 Pineapple
- 0306 Plum
- 0307 Raspberry - black or red
- 0308 Strawberry
- 0309 Tomato - red or yellow
- 0311 Any preserves not named – identify kind
- 0319 Any conserve – identify kind
- 0328 Any marmalade – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry in Division 4603

Division 4604: Butters

- 0401 Apple
- 0402 Apricot
- 0403 Grape
- 0404 Peach

- 0405 Pear
- 0406 Plum
- 0407 Any Butter not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry in Division 4604

Division 4605: Jams

Made of crushed fruit, juice combined with sugar and cooked till thick, shown in pint or half-pint jars made specifically for canning.

- 0501 Apricot
- 0502 Cherry
- 0503 Grape
- 0504 Peach
- 0505 Plum
- 0506 Black Raspberry
- 0507 Red Raspberry
- 0508 Rhubarb
- 0509 Rhubarb-Strawberry
- 0510 Strawberry
- 0511 Lower Sugar Recipes, any fruit – identify kind
- 0517 Dietetic Jam, any fruit, no sugar – identify kind
- 0520 Any Jam not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry of Division 4605

Division 4606: Jellies

Juice of fruit boiled with sugar, shown in pint or half-pint jars made specifically for canning.

- 0601 Apple
- 0602 Boysenberry
- 0603 Cherry
- 0604 Choke Cherry
- 0605 Crabapple
- 0606 Currant
- 0607 Elderberry
- 0608 Grape - tame or wild
- 0609 Mint
- 0610 Pepper
- 0611 Plum - tame or wild
- 0612 Black Raspberry
- 0613 Red Raspberry
- 0614 Rhubarb
- 0615 Strawberry
- 0616 Any Jelly, not named – identify kind
- 0617 Lower Sugar Recipes, any fruit – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry of Division 4606

Division 4607: Juices & Syrups

- 0701 Apple Juice
- 0702 Berry Juice – specify kind
- 0703 Cherry Juice

- 0704 Grape Juice
- 0705 Tomato Juice
- 0706 Any Juice, not named – identify kind
- 0711 Any Fruit Syrup – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry of Division 4607

Division 4608: Pickles

- 0801 Apple Rings
- 0802 Bean - string or wax
- 0803 Beets - whole or sliced
- 0804 Bread & Butter
- 0805 Carrot – sweet
- 0806 Cinnamon Cucumber Rings
- 0807 Crabapple
- 0809 Dill Cucumber – sliced
- 0810 Dill Cucumber – whole
- 0812 Okra Pickle
- 0814 Mixed Pickles – sweet
- 0816 Mustard Pickles
- 0817 Onion Pickles
- 0818 Pepper – sweet or hot
- 0820 Tomato – green sliced or whole
- 0821 Watermelon
- 0823 Any Pickled Fruit, not named – identify kind
- 0824 Any Pickled Vegetable, not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry of Division 4608

Division 4609: Relishes

Must exhibit in pint or half-pint jars

- 0901 Beet
- 0902 Barbeque Sauce
- 0903 Chili-Sauce
- 0904 Corn
- 0905 Mustard
- 0906 Pepper – red or green – hot or sweet
- 0908 Tomato Catsup
- 0909 Cucumber – sweet
- 0910 Salsa – red
- 0911 Salsa – green
- 0912 Spaghetti Sauce – no meat
- 0913 Any Relish, not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry of Division 4609

Division 4610: Main Course

Must be ready to serve as canned but may be heated or chilled. Please include menu for class 1003 & 1004 on a 3x5 card.

- 1001 Home Canned Meat – identify kind
- 1003 Emergency Dinner (five canned foods, all different varieties) – identify varieties
- 1004 Emergency Dinner (five jars of dehydrated fruit, vegetable, meat to make up a meal) – identify varieties

Nebraska State Fair will award \$20 and a rosette to the Best Entry of Division 4610

Nebraska State Fair Sweepstakes Award Overall Canned Goods from Division 4601-4610: Highest scoring exhibitor \$25 and a rosette, Second \$20, Third \$15

Baked Goods

Division 4611: Bread & Rolls

- Bread must be one whole loaf, baked in a single bread pan, about 5x9 inches (top measurements for white and whole wheat bread)
- Quick bread is a term used to describe bread leavened by baking powder or baking soda instead of yeast. Quick bread must measure 3.5x7x2 inches or larger.
- No knead is a method of bread baking that uses a very long fermentation time instead of kneading to form the gluten strands that give bread its texture. It is characterized by a low yeast content and a very wet dough. At the same time, the flavor of the dough is developing as fermentation begins to take place. The longer you can leave the dough resting in the fridge (up to 7 days) the better the flavor and texture will get.
- Bread should be shown in groups of six or more on a sturdy paper plate within a plastic bag.
- Recipe required with each entry in Division 4611. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

Yeast Bread/Rolls/Miscellaneous

- 1101 Buns – i.e., Hamburger buns
- 1102 Dinner Rolls – cloverleaf, parker house, etc.
- 1103 French Bread
- 1104 White Bread
- 1105 Raisin Bread
- 1106 Sourdough Bread
- 1107 Rye Bread
- 1109 Whole Grain – oatmeal, granola, etc.
- 1110 Whole Wheat/Graham Bread
- 1111 Specialty Bread – dilly, onion, pumpernickel, etc.
- 1112 Any Yeast Bread not named – identify kind
- 1115 Bread Machine Bread/Rolls

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1101-1115

Red Star Yeast will provide prizes to the winners in classes 1101-1115

Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Sweetdough with Yeast

- 1120 Cinnamon rolls – with or without frosting – with or without nuts
- 1121 Yeast Coffee Cake or Tea Ring
- 1122 Kolaches
- 1123 Any kind of Sweet Roll – with or without fruits/nuts not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1120-1123

Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Quick Bread

- 1130 Fruit Bread – banana, cranberry, etc. with or without nuts
- 1131 Gingerbread
- 1132 Vegetable Bread – carrot, zucchini, etc. with or without nuts
- 1133 Coffee Cake with or without topping (no yeast)
- 1134 Corn Bread
- 1135 Baking Powder Biscuits

- 1136 Muffins of any kind – identify kind
1137 Other Quick Bread not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1130-1137
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

No Knead Breads

- 1142 Made with nuts or seeds
1143 Made with cheese
1144 Sourdough
1145 Any Other not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1140-1145
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4612: Cakes

- Entries must be a 1 (one) layer cake and displayed on a plate or sturdy board.
- Recipe is required with each entry. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

Cakes with Shortening, Iced, at least 1 (one) Layer, unless specified

- 1202 Bundt pan shape – light or dark
1203 Carrot
1204 Coconut
1205 Devil's Food
1206 German Chocolate
1207 Spice
1208 White
1209 Yellow
1210 Any Layer Cake not named – identify kind
1212 Pineapple or other fruit Upside Down Cake, 8x8 pan or larger
1213 Pound – not layered, topping optional

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1201-1213
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Cakes with Egg, Not Iced

- 1220 Angel Food
1224 Jelly Roll – jelly filling only
1225 Sponge
1226 Any Egg Cake not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1220-1226
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4613: Cookies

Cookies must be shown on a paper plate within a plastic bag. Each variety must consist of 6 (six) cookies. Recipe required with each entry. See Food Department Rule #2 and #3.

Drop Cookies Dough is dropped by rounded or heaping teaspoonful onto baking sheet

- 1301 Chocolate Chip
1302 Chocolate Drop
1303 Fruit Drop – dried fruit
1304 Macaroon

- 1305 Oatmeal – with or without raisin
- 1306 Drop Cookie not named – frosted or unfrosted – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1301-1306
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Bar Cookies spread dough in pan, bake, and cut.

- 1308 Butterscotch
- 1309 Brownies – nuts/frosting optional
- 1311 Layered Bar Cookies with nuts, fruit, and/or chips
- 1312 Lemon
- 1313 Pumpkin or Zucchini – identify kind
- 1314 Bar Cookies not named – frosted or unfrosted– identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1308-1314
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Refrigerator Cookies dough must be chilled in the refrigerator before baking. Rolled cookies – dough must be rolled and cut into desired shapes with cookie cutter.

- 1315 Gingerbread boys & girls – decorated (4 only)
- 1316 Pinwheel – rolled
- 1317 Refrigerator – sliced
- 1318 Sugar – rolled
- 1319 Refrigerator or Rolled other than named above – frosted or unfrosted – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1315-1319
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Molded Cookies formed into desired shapes with your hands. Pressed cookies formed with a press.

- 1320 Coconut
- 1321 Filled Cookies
- 1322 Gingersnap
- 1323 Peanut Butter
- 1324 Spritz
- 1325 Snickerdoodle
- 1327 Sugar – not rolled
- 1328 Thumbprint – filled with jelly or frosted
- 1329 Molded/Pressed cookies not named – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1320-1329
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4615: Candy

Entry must be shown on a 6” sturdy paper plate, within a plastic bag. Each entry must consist of at least 6 pieces, unless otherwise specified. Recipe required with entry. See Food Department Rule #2 and #3.

- 1501 Caramel
- 1502 Candy made with Almond Bark
- 1503 Fudge – any type – specify kind
- 1504 Covered Candies – cream centers, cherries, etc.
- 1505 Divinity – any flavor
- 1507 Sugar-Free Candy
- 1508 Mints – cream cheese or chocolate
- 1509 Peanut Brittle

- 1511 Penuche
- 1513 Toffee
- 1514 Any Candy not named – specify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1501-1514
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4616: Food with Honey

All entries must use at least 50% honey for sweetening

- Bread must be one whole loaf, baked in a single bread pan, about 5x9 inches (top measurements for white and whole wheat bread). Pan or loaf size is optional for other types of bread.
- Cake must be a whole cake.
- Quick bread is a term used to describe bread leavened by baking powder or baking soda instead of yeast. Quick bread must be shown on a sturdy paper plate within a plastic bag.
- Rolls must be shown in groups of at least 6 on a sturdy paper plate within a plastic bag.
- Recipe Required with entry. See Food Department Rule #2 and #3.

- 1601 Yeast Bread – white, whole wheat, or whole grain
- 1602 Yeast Product – sweet rolls
- 1603 Any other yeast baked goods made with honey – specify kind
- 1604 Quick Bread or Quick Coffee Cake
- 1605 Layer or Loaf Cake
- 1606 Rolled/Drop Cookies
- 1607 Dessert
- 1608 Candy
- 1609 Dressing, Sauces, or Spreads made with Honey

Nebraska Beekeeper's Association will award the following awards:
First Place \$7 and a 1lb jar of Honey, Second Place \$4, Third Place \$3
Best Entry of Division \$25 cash and a 2lb jar of Honey

Division 4617: Home Cooked Casseroles

- Judging will be on taste, originality, and appearance. Entries must be in One-quart quantity.
- Entries are made at home and brought in on the day of the contest. Please let a Food Department staff worker know at check-in if your entry needs refrigerated.
- The recipe is required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

- 1701 Pork
- 1702 Beef
- 1703 Fish
- 1704 Turkey or Chicken

First Place winners in each class will receive a 3 piece set of Food Peelers & a 4 piece color codes Chopping Mat set.
(One prize per exhibitor)

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1701-1704
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store
HyVee will award First Place \$10, Second Place \$8, Third Place \$6 in each class

Division 4618: Specialty Flours

Exploring Specialty Flours contest. You may use Oat, Almond, Buckwheat, Teff, and Potato flours, or any kind of Specialty flour. Recipe required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3. Recipes use at least one cup of the specialty flour. Make entry at home and bring to the Fair. No non-perishable garnish.

- 1801 Bread
- 1802 Cake
- 1803 Cookies
- 1804 Any other not listed

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1801-1804
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4619: Pies

- Pies must be not less than 8 inches in diameter with top & bottom crust, unless cream or custard.
- Crusts must be homemade – no mixes or prepared crusts.
- All cream fillings must be fresh on Wednesday, August 30th.
- Recipe required with entry. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

- 1901 Apple
- 1905 Cherry
- 1906 Custard only – no additions
- 1907 Lemon
- 1908 Peach
- 1909 Pecan
- 1910 Pumpkin
- 1911 Raisin
- 1912 Rhubarb
- 1913 Coconut Cream
- 1914 Any other Cream Pie – identify kind
- 1915 Any other Fruit Pie – identify kind
- 1916 Original Recipe, prepared filling may be used – give details with recipe
- 1917 Two or more Fruit Pies – example Strawberry Rhubarb
- 1920 Sugar Free Pie – identify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 1901-1920
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4620: Fruit Desserts Contest

Be creative, for example combine cranberry and cinnamon together to make a tasty, unique dessert. Entry must be an 8-inch dessert, pie, upside down cake, 6 tarts, baked quick bread, 6 cookies or sweet rolls displayed on a plate or sturdy board. Garnishes are welcome.

Entries will be judged on taste, originality, and appearance.

Recipe required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

- 2001 Baked Dessert
- 2002 Quick Bread or Cookies

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 2001-2002
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store
HyVee will award First Place \$10, Second Place \$8, and Third Place \$6 in each class.

Division 4621: Decorated Cakes

We urge all exhibitors to use Royal or Fondant icing on dummy forms (such as Styrofoam). Other icings and cakes may be used but can deteriorate quickly in the heat. Judging will be based on Icing and Decorations.

Professional Division open to anyone with extensive training in decorating cakes, who is currently employed by a commercial establishment.

2121 Any Novelty, Season, Event, or Whatever Your Flavor

Amateur Division Open to anyone with only a beginner's class of training or no training in decorated cakes.

2131 Any Novelty, Season, Event, or Whatever Your Flavor

Amateur Division – Cupcakes Open to anyone with only a beginner's class of training or no training at all.

2137 Character Cupcakes – multiple individual cupcakes that come together to create a character. The cupcake character must be displayed on a cake board, maximum size of 9x13".

Youth Division open to anyone 17 years of age or younger by January 1. Birthdate must be listed on entry form.

Use of #104 tip is Required. Other tips may also be used.

2141 Youth beginner, any style cake – open to any youth with only beginner training

2142 Youth advanced, any style cake – open to any youth who has some cake decorating experience

2143 Gingerbread house – beginner or advanced

Division 4622: Gluten Free Baking

Same rules apply as the rest of the baked goods division. Recipe required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

2201 Breads

2202 Cakes

2203 Cookies

2204 Other not names – specify

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 2201-2204

Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4623: Ethnic Baking

- Only baked or fried products are accepted.
- No pudding or whipped cream.
- No fruit or fresh flowers on top.
- Enclose exhibit in a plastic bag on a disposable plate.
- Recipe required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3. Include country of origin.

2301 Cookies – 6 on a plate

2302 Bread – whole loaf

2303 Crisp Bread or Crackers – 6 on a plate

2304 Cake – one layer

2305 Other not named - specify

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 2301-2305

Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Division 4624: Homemade Pizza

Pizza size to be a minimum of 8 inches in diameter. All exhibitors will receive a free Pizza Cutter (limit 1 per exhibitor).

- Garnishes are welcome so be creative!
- Entries are judged on taste, originality, and appearance.
- Recipe required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

2401 Chicken
2402 Beef
2403 Pork
2404 Dessert

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 2401-2402
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store
HyVee will award First Place \$10, Second Place \$8, and Third Place \$6 in each class

Division 4625: O'Fudge Contest

- Indulge in your creative Fudge recipes. You may use any flavor you choose. Be creative and garnishes are welcome.
- Entries are judged on taste, originality, and appearance.
- Recipe is required for all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.
- Entries must be 12 pieces of Fudge displayed on a plate or sturdy board.

2501 Plain Fudge
2502 Fudge with Nuts
2503 Layered or Swirled Fudge

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 2501-2503
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store
HyVee will award First Place \$10, Second Place \$8, and Third Place \$6 in each class

Nebraska State Fair Sweepstakes Award for Overall Baked Goods
From Divisions 4611-4613, 4618-4619, 4622-4623, ,4620 class 2002, 4625
Highest Scoring Exhibitor \$25 and a rosette, Second \$20, Third \$15

Youth – Division 4630

The youth division includes both baked goods and canned goods. It is specifically for exhibitors who are 17 years of age and younger as of January 1. Birthdate must be listed on the entry form. Note that youth may enter an item in any non-age restricted classes in Division 4601-4624 and Division 4690 or in Youth Divisions 4630 but not the same item in both places.

Division 4630: Youth Baked Goods

- Bread must be one whole loaf, baked in a single bread pan, about 5x9 inches (top measurements) shown on a sturdy paper plate or cardboard.
- Rolls and cookies must be shown in groups of six on a sturdy paper plate within a plastic bag.
- Recipe required with each entry. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.

3001 Whole Wheat Bread
3002 White Bread

- 3003 Baking Powder Biscuits
- 3004 Fancy Dinner Rolls
- 3005 Cinnamon Rolls
- 3006 Quick Bread – banana, cranberry, etc.
- 3007 Other Bread/Roll not named – specify kind
- 3011 White Cake
- 3012 Carrot Cake
- 3013 Coffee Cake, quick with or without topping
- 3014 Other Cake not named – specify kind
- 3021 Brownies, unfrosted
- 3022 Bar Cookie – not brownie
- 3023 Chocolate Chip Cookies
- 3024 Oatmeal Cookies
- 3025 Peanut Butter Cookies
- 3026 Sugar Cookies
- 3027 Holiday Cookies – decorated (6 cookies)
- 3028 Other Cookies not named – please specify
- 3031 Candy any kind – specify kind

Division 4630: Youth Canned Goods

Refer to Canned Goods Exhibit Guidelines in the introduction to Divisions 4601-4610 for additional information.

- 3041 Canned Goods – fruit
- 3042 Canned Goods – vegetables
- 3043 Canned Goods – soft spreads
- 3044 Canned Goods – pickled foods
- 3045 Canned Goods – other not named – specify kind

Nebraska State Fair will award a rosette to the Best Entry from classes 3001-3045
Midwest Restaurant Supply & Kitchen Store will award a \$15 gift card to their store

Nebraska State Fair Youth Sweepstakes Award
From Division 4630
Highest Scoring Exhibitor \$20 and a rosette, Second \$15, Third \$5

Division 4630: Kids Cupcake Decorating Contest

Come to the Foods Department on Saturday, August 26th, between 10:00 am and 2:45 pm. Sign up on the spot to enter the contest with your name, address, phone number, and date of birth as of January 1st.

Each participant will be provided with a variety of supplies to decorate a cupcake.

****Please note some decorating supplies may contain nuts.****

Rules:

- Competition will be by age groups. Help from parents may be given to those 5 years and younger.
- Participants have up to 15 minutes to decorate the cupcake.
- Participants can take their entries home after judging and pictures are taken.
- Ribbons 1st through 5th places will be awarded in each age group and category.
- Please no eating of cupcakes or decorations prior to the contest end.

Categories:

- Nothing More Nebraskan
- Faces

- Sports
- Animals
- Flowers
- Holiday

Age Groups:

- Up to 5 years
- 6-9 years
- 10-13 years
- 14-17 years

Special Contests - Division 4690

This division contains special contests sponsored by various sponsors and merchants. These sponsors determine the rules and provide the awards. Recipes must be included and become the property of both the sponsor and the Nebraska State Fair. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3 regarding recipes.

King Arthur Flour Baking Contest

9004 Kolaches

Rules:

- Open to all ages
- Bake your best homemade Kolaches using King Arthur Flour
- Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit UPC label from the flour bag at the time entry is submitted
- May enter 12 Kolaches displayed on a tray or plate. Garnishes welcome.
- All recipes must be original and become the property of King Arthur Flour and the Nebraska State Fair. Recipes must be typed and presented on 8 ½ "x11" paper.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification.
- Find ideas to get you started and stores to purchase your flour at kingarthurfour.com. King Arthur Flours are available in every state so look for them at your favorite supermarket. Just google King Arthur Flour then go to shop and then store locator.
- Photos will be taken and shared with King Arthur Flour and on the fair Facebook page. Winners will be displayed. All other entries will be released to the exhibitor.
- Judging criteria: flavor 50%, creativity and overall appearance 25%, texture 24%.

Prizes:

- 1st Place - \$75 gift card to www.kingarthurfour.com
- 2nd Place - \$50 gift card to www.kingarthurfour.com
- 3rd Place - \$25 gift card to www.kingarthurfour.com

9005 Monkey Bread

Rules:

- Open to ages 9-17 as of January 1st. Birthdate must be on the entry form.
- Bake your best Monkey Bread using King Arthur Flour.
- Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag at the time entry is submitted.
- Must exhibit 8 inch in diameter Monkey Bread displayed on a plate or sturdy board.
- All recipes must be original and become the property of King Arthur Flour and the Nebraska State Fair. Recipes must be typed and presented on 8 ½ "x11" paper.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification.

- Find ideas to get you started at kingarthurfLOUR.com. King Arthur Flour is available in every state so look for them at your favorite supermarket. For locations near you go to www.kingarthurfLOUR.com/wheretobuy
- Photos will be taken and shared with King Arthur Flour and on the fair Facebook page. Winners will be displayed. All other entries will be released to the exhibitor.
- Judging criteria: flavor 50%, creativity and overall appearance 25%, texture 25%.

Prizes:

- 1st Place - \$40 gift card to www.kingarthurfLOUR.com
- 2nd Place - \$25 gift card to www.kingarthurfLOUR.com
- 3rd Place – King Arthur Flour Whole Grain Tote Bag.

Calling All Male Cooks Contest

- 9011 Hot Foods
- 9012 Baked Foods

Rules:

- Be Creative.
- Garnishes are welcome.
- Recipe is required with all entries. See Food Department Rules #2 and #3.
- Judging criteria: taste, originality, and appearance
- Hot Foods entries must be one quart minimum.
- Baked Foods entry must be 1 loaf of bread, 1 whole cake, or 12 cookies displayed on a plate or sturdy board.
- Winners will be placed on display all other entries will be released to the exhibitors.

Prizes:

- 1st Place - \$25 gift card from Texas T-Bone
- 2nd Place - \$25 gift card from Texas T-Bone

Charcuterie Boards Contest

- 9025 Holiday Theme Board
- 9026 Fall Theme Board
- 9027 Fair Theme Board – Whatever Your Flavor

Rules:

- Theme dessert board with at least 4 different desserts on a board. Present a variety of cookies, candies, or tartlets.
- Garnish is welcome. Use your creativity.
- Prepare item at home before coming to the fair.
- Recipes required. See Food Department rules #2 and #3.
- Winning entries will be displayed. All other entries will be released to exhibitor.
- Judging criteria: flavor 50%, texture 25%, creativity and overall appearance 25%

Prizes:

- 1st Place - \$50
- 2nd Place - \$35
- 3rd Place - \$20
- Best Overall Theme Board - \$60

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Sites

For Non-Perishable Exhibits

Package each department exhibits separately.

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

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

All pick-up'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 10am to 12 noon, at the Lincoln/Logan/McPerson 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.

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