Join the Horticulture Department in celebrating “Whatever Your Flavor” at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair.

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New in 2023
- Class 0819 Novelty, Vintage, Collectible Gardens
- Class 0921 Novelty, Vintage, Collectible Gardens
- Class 1103 Holiday, any item
- Class 1104 Novelty and/or Fairy Garden

Important Dates
- Entry Deadline: Wednesday, August 16, Midnight
- Exhibit Delivery: Between 4-7 pm the day before judging or between 7-9 am the day of judging.
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 4, 6 pm – 8 pm.
  Tuesday, September 5, 8 am–noon Early Release is Prohibited.
Class Premiums and Overall Awards

The judge may but is not required to award the first five places in each class of all divisions. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 5th and a rosette for Best in Class or Best of Division. The ribbon colors and premiums provided by the Nebraska State Fair for all divisions are:

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The Nebraska State Fair also awards the following:

- Fruits, Potted Plants, and Cut Flower Divisions
  - Division Winner - $15 and a rosette
  - Reserve Division Winner - $10 and a rosette

- Flower Arrangement Divisions
  - Division Winner - $35 and a rosette
  - Reserve Division Winner - $30 and a rosette

- Best Exhibit for a range of classes – varying amounts in numerous divisions
  - 1st place - $25
  - 2nd Place - $20
  - 3rd Place - $15

Special Awards supplied by the following companies and merchants:

- Earl May Seed & Garden Centers – 15 $10 gift certificates
- Faller Landscape of York, NE – 5 $10 gift certificates
- Wilson Field Memorial Plaque – Best of Show Division 5001

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 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 Horticulture Department are:

- Competition is limited to Nebraska residents only.

- Plants entered for the competition must have been in possession of the exhibitor at least sixty (60) days prior to the Fair. Freshly potted plants will not be accepted. Any cut flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor.

- All arrangements require Nebraska-grown plant materials, fresh and/or dried. A minimum amount of tinted or painted dry materials may be used. Accessories are permitted in all design classes. Flowers fashioned from dried or treated but recognizable plant material may be used in all designs. Artificial plant material may be used only in
• Divisions 5019 and 5027 are classes restricted for youth who are 16 years of age or younger as of January 1. Youth may also enter any other divisions in the Horticulture Department.

• Exhibitors may enter up to three different items in the same class.

• Review receiving and judging schedules carefully. Entry check-in must be complete and in place by 9 am the day of judging. Any late displays will not be judged.

• Fruit exhibits must be correctly named as to variety, and free of insect, disease, and mechanical damage. Fruits will be judged for maturity based on the variety in this area.

• Errors in naming entries will not disqualify the entry, but correct naming is a positive for the entry if the competition is close.

• Cut plant entries should be uniform as to the length of stems and size of blooms. Pre-show preparation of cut plant material includes grooming and conditioning. Grooming means the removal of all dirt, bugs, and over-mature foliage as neatly and inconspicuously as possible. Conditioning means allowing cut stems to stand in water for several hours before they are to be used in an exhibit. Any foliage below the waterline should be removed.

• Entries in Cut Flower classes consist of one specimen, branch, or stem with a flower unless otherwise noted in class descriptions. A spray is defined as one stem, with two or more blooms, with or without side buds.

• Exhibitors must furnish presentable containers, with drainage trays, for all potted plants and hanging baskets classes.

• All hanging plants must be ready to hang. Flowering varieties should be in flower.

• Management will furnish vases for cut plant materials. Alternatively, exhibitors may use their own containers provided they are clear with their name on the bottom.

**Entering Exhibits – Deadline is Wednesday August 16, 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 [www.statefair.org](http://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](http://www.statefair.org) – Menu – Ag & Competitions – Open Class Competitive Exhibits – Scroll down to Horticulture – 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 Horticulture 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. Deadline for Ag Products is Wednesday, August 16, 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 online the items you plan to bring or for mail-in, write class numbers and the number of items in each class you plan to exhibit on the entry form. You can enter a maximum of three entries per class.

- 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.

- 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 – 4-H FFA Fieldhouse – See receiving and judging schedule below.

To drop off exhibits, enter Gate 5 on the west side of the 4-H FFA Fieldhouse. A cart will be available to transport your exhibits to the Horticulture Department. After the exhibits are entered, exit back through Gate 5. If you wish to remain at the fair, you’ll need to re-enter through the main gate off of South Locust St. Delivery on Saturday, August 26th exhibitors must use Gate 5A on the West side of the 4-H/FFA Fieldhouse.

Regarding the care of your perishable exhibits:

- Department personnel will care for the plants during the Fair if instructions are included with the plant on entry day. The Department Staff will not be responsible for any plant that does not include care instructions on a card staked in the pot or basket. Include requirements for water. No fertilizer will be applied by any department staff.
- Exhibits will be removed when the condition warrants.

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

Early release is prohibited.

Exhibitors will be asked to present proper identification and sign for claimed articles. Items not claimed will be composted or given to charity.

Receive, Judge and Release Schedule  Entry check-in must be complete and in place by 9 am the day of the judging.

| Receive | Thursday, August 24th, 4 pm – 7 pm |
| Judge   | Friday, August 25th, 7 am – 9 am  |
| Release | Monday, September 4th, 6 pm – 8 pm |

Division Names

| Fruits & Nuts                          | 5001-5007 |
| Potted Foliage Plants                  | 5008      |
| Potted Flowering Plants                | 5009      |
| Miniature & Fairy Gardens              | 5010      |
| Artificial Arrangements                | 5011      |

Receive

| Friday, August 25th, 4 pm – 7 pm |
| Saturday, August 26th, 7 am – 9 am |

Judge

| Saturday, August 26th, 11 am |

Release Wednesday, August 30th, 8 pm

Division Names First Show

| Cut Flowers & Foliage | 5012 |
| Gladiolus             | 5013 |
| Dahlias               | 5014 |
| Roses                 | 5015 |
| Lasting Beauty        | 5016 |
| Novice Flower Arrangements | 5017 |
| Experienced Flower Arrangements | 5018 |
| Youth Cut Flowers     | 5019 |

Receive Wednesday, August 30th, 4 pm – 7 pm

Judge Thursday, August 31st, 7 am – 9 am

Release Monday, September 4th, 11 am

Division Names Second Show

| Gladiolus | 5020 |
| Dahlias   | 5021 |
| Roses     | 5022 |
| Cut Flowers & Foliage | 5023 |
| Novice Flower Arrangements | 5025 |
| Experienced Flower Arrangements | 5026 |
| Youth Cut Flowers | 5027 |
Divisions 5001-5027

Receiving, judging, and release schedule see page 5

**Division 5001: Apples**

5 specimens for all classes except for 10 specimens for crabapples

- 0101  Red Delicious
- 0102  Golden Delicious
- 0103  Early Gold
- 0104  Winesap
- 0105  Gala
- 0106  Cortland
- 0107  Rome
- 0108  Jonathan
- 0109  McIntosh
- 0110  Granny Smith
- 0111  Any other apple – not heirloom
- 0112  America Summer
- 0113  Any other Heirloom apple
- 0114  Largest Apple
- 0115  Variety of 5 different apples

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner
Wilson Field Memorial: Plaque for Best of Show
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show

**Division 5002: Grapes**

4 bunches per class

- 0201  Thompson
- 0202  Any other seedless variety – named
- 0203  Concord
- 0204  Any other seeded variety – named

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner
Nebraska State Fair: $15 and a plaque for Best Overall in Divisions 5002-5007 combined
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show

**Division 5003: Peaches**

5 Specimens per class

- 0301  Elberta
- 0302  Halehaven
- 0303  Any other variety, named

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner
Nebraska State Fair: $15 and a plaque for Best Overall in Divisions 5002-5007 combined
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show
**Division 5004: Pears**

5 specimens per class

0401 Bartlett  
0402 Kieffer  
0403 Any other variety – named

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner  
Nebraska State Fair: $15 and a plaque for Best Overall in Divisions 5002-5007 combined  
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show

**Division 5005: Plums**

5 specimens per class

0501 Damson  
0502 Stanley  
0503 Any other variety – named

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner  
Nebraska State Fair: $15 and a plaque for Best Overall in Divisions 5002-5007 combined  
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show

**Division 5006: Berries**

1 cup per class

0601 Raspberry  
0602 Blackberry  
0603 Any other berry – named

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner  
Nebraska State Fair: $15 and a plaque for Best Overall in Divisions 5002-5007 combined  
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show

**Division 5007: Nuts**

10 specimens per class

0701 Back Walnut with hull  
0702 Black Walnut without hull  
0703 Black Walnut – hybrid  
0704 Any other variety of edible nut

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner  
Nebraska State Fair: $15 and a plaque for Best Overall in Divisions 5002-5007 combined  
Faller Landscape, York, NE: $10 gift card for Best of Show

**Division 5008: Potted Foliage Plants**

0801 Succulent – single  
0802 Cactus – single  
0803 Fern  
0804 Ivy  
0805 Pothos  
0806 Hanging Basket – outdoor foliage plant  
0807 Hanging Basket – indoor foliage plant
0808  Collection of 3 or more different foliage plants in one container
0809  Patio Tree or Shrub
0810  Any potted foliage plant not mentioned above
0811  Cactus Garden – at least 3 different plants - container under consideration
0812  Shade Garden – at least 3 different plants
0813  Terrarium – container under consideration
0814  Spiritual Garden – container under consideration
0815  Herb Garden – at least 3 or more plants – container under consideration
0816  Succulent Garden – Large over 10” diameter – container under consideration
0817  Succulent Garden – Medium 6-10” diameter – container under consideration
0818  Succulent Garden – Small under 6” diameter – container under consideration
0819  Novelty, Vintage, Collectibles Garden – can set on floor – container 50%
0820  Party in a Pot – i.e., birthday, graduation, celebration – container 50%
0821  2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska Horticulture product or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair theme:

Nebraska State Fair: Class 0821 – 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 0821)

**Division 5009: Potted Flowering Plants**

0901  African Violet – any type or color
0902  Begonia – any type or color except trailing
0903  Begonia – trailing – any color
0904  Geranium – any type or color except trailing
0905  Geranium – trailing – any color
0906  Gloxinia – any color
0907  Pepperomia
0908  Fuchsia
0909  Hanging Basket – outdoor flowering plant
0910  Hanging Basket – indoor flowering plant
0911  Collection of 3 or more different flowering plants in one container
0912  Patio tree or shrub – flowering variety
0913  Any potted flowering plant not mentioned above
0914  Cactus
0915  Orchids
0916  Shade Garden – at least 3 different plants
0917  Hanging Basket – unusual
0918  Wave Petunia – any color
0919  Terrarium
0920  Spiritual Garden
0921  Novelty, Vintage, Collectibles Garden – can set on floor – container 50%
0922  Party in a Pot – i.e., birthday, graduation, celebration – container 50%
0923  2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska Horticulture product or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair theme:

Nebraska State Fair: Class 0923 – 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 0923)
Division 5010: Miniature & Fairy Gardens

Must use live plants and can use miniature figurines and/or lights.

1001 Large – 12” - 15” diameter
1002 Medium – 8” – 12” diameter
1003 Small – under 8” diameter

2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska Horticulture product or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair theme:

Nebraska State Fair: Class 1004 – 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 1004)

Division 5011: Artificial Arrangements

1101 Wall Hanging Arrangement
1102 Table Arrangement
1103 Holiday – any item
1104 Novelty and/or Fairy Garden – any size
1105 Door Swag or Wreath

Nebraska State Fair: $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

Division 5012: Cut Flower & Foliage - First Show

1201 Aster – 3 blooms same variety – one color
1202 Aster – hardy – 3 blooms – one color
1203 Celosia – crested – 1 flower head over 12”
1204 Celosia – crested – 1 flower head under 12”
1205 Celosia – plume – 1 flower head over 12”
1206 Celosia – plume – 1 flower head under 12”
1207 Celosia – dwarf plume – 1 flower head under 6”
1208 Celosia – any other color – 1 flower head
1209 Celosia – any color – 4 blooms
1210 Cosmos – white – 4 blooms
1211 Cosmos – pink – 4 blooms
1212 Cosmos – yellow – 4 blooms
1213 Cosmos – orange – 4 blooms
1214 – Chrysanthemum – any color – 1 spray

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best of Classes 1201-1214

1215 Impatiens – New Guinea – 1 spray
1216 Impatiens – White – 1 spray
1217 Impatiens – Pink or Rose – 1 spray
1218 Impatiens – Red – 1 spray
1219 Impatiens – Salmon or Orange – 1 spray
1220 Impatiens – Violet – 1 spray
1221 Impatiens – Purple – 1 spray
1222 Impatiens – Single Bloom any other color – 1 spray
1223 Impatiens – Double Bloom any color – 1 spray
1224 Impatiens – Double – White – 1 spray
1225 Impatiens – Double – Pink or Rose – 1 spray
1226 Impatiens – Double – Red – 1 spray
1227 Impatiens – Double – Orange – 1 spray
1228 Impatiens – Double – Purple – 1 spray
1229 Impatiens – Double – Violet – 1 spray
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Hibiscus – Any other variety – 1 branch

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1272-1276

Evergreens – Under 20” – Narrow-leaved – one branch of each of 5 cultivars - named
Evergreens – Under 20” – Broad-leaved – one branch – named
Wildflowers – Collection of 5 – one stem of each – name flowers
Crabapple – 1 branch under 20” with fruit – named
Any other flowering branch or vine – under 20” – named
Any other fruited branch or vine – under 20” – named
Any other flower – not mentioned above – named

Nebraska State Fair $5 for the Best of Classes 1277-1283

Vinca – Red – 1 spray
Vinca – Pink – 1 spray
Vinca – White – 1 spray
Vinca – Purple – 1 spray
Vinca – Any other color – 1 spray

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1284-1288

Early May Garden Centers $10 gift card to the exhibitor with the most entries in Division 5012
Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

**Division 5013: Gladiolus – First Show**

All gladioli shown should have at least 8 inches of stem below the bottom floret.

White – Single spike
Pink – Single spike
Red – Single spike
Orange – Single spike
Yellow – Single spike
Lavender or Purple – Single spike
Green – Single spike
Salmon – Single spike
Any color – Single spike – One color
Any color – 3 spikes – Same variety – One color
Pink – Bi-color – Single spike
White – Bi-color – Single spike
Yellow – Bi-color – Single spike
Orange – Bi-color – Single spike
Lavender or Purple – Bi-color – Single spike
Any other Bi-color – Single spike
Any other Bi-color – 3 spikes
Any color- Ruffled – Single spike
Any color – Ruffled – 3 spikes
Any color – Miniature – Single spike
Any color – Miniature – 3 spikes
Any variety or color – 3 spikes
Vase – Any variety or color – Mixed colors – 7 spikes
Bouquet – 90% Gladiolus – other foliage allowed

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for Division Winner
Nebraska State Fair $10 for Reserve Division Winner
Nebraska State Fair $5 for the Best Single Spike, $10 for the Best 3 Spikes, $10 for the Best 10 Spikes
**Division 5014: Dahlias – First Show**

Dahlias to be shown with one or more leaves; length of stem and/or stalk must be in good proportion to the size of the bloom. Sizes are as follows: Large – over 8” bloom, Medium 4”-8” bloom, Small 2”-4” bloom, Pompom – under 2” bloom. One bloom per entry unless otherwise noted.

1401 Large – Red
1402 Large – Wine
1403 Large – Pink
1404 Large – Yellow
1405 Large – White
1406 Large – Violet/Purple
1407 Large – Red & Yellow – Bi-color
1408 Large – Any other color

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Large Dahlia in Classes 1401-1408

1409 Medium – Red
1410 Medium – Wine
1411 Medium – Pink
1412 Medium – Yellow
1413 Medium – White
1414 Medium – Orange
1415 Medium – Violet/Purple
1416 Medium – Lavender
1417 Medium – Red & Yellow – Bi-color
1418 Medium – Pink & White – Bi-color
1419 Medium – Red & White – Bi-color
1420 Medium – Purple & White – Bi-color
1421 Medium – Any other color

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Medium Dahlia in Classes 1409-1421

1422 Small – Red
1423 Small – Wine
1424 Small – Pink
1425 Small – Yellow
1426 Small – White
1427 Small – Orange
1428 Small – Violet/Purple
1429 Small – Lavender
1430 Small – Red & Yellow – Bi-color
1431 Small – Pink & White – Bi-color
1432 Small – Red & White – Bi-color
1433 Small – Purple & White – Bi-color
1434 Small – Any other color

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Small Dahlia in Classes 1422-1434

1435 Red Pompom
1436 Wine Pompom
1437 Yellow Pompom
1438 White Pompom
1439 Lavender Pompom
1440 Pink & White Bi-color Pompom
1441 Red & White Bi-color Pompom
1442 Purple & White Bi-color Pompom
1443 Any Other Color Pompom
1444 Any Other Color Bi-color Pompom
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Pompom Dahlia in Classes 1435-1444

1445  Vase of Large Dahlias, 5 or more blooms, any color
1446  Vase of Medium Dahlias, 5 or more blooms, any color
1447  Vase of Small or Miniature Dahlias or Pompoms, 5 or more blooms, any color
1448  Dahlia Arrangement, 90% Dahlias, other foliage allowed

Nebraska State Fair $10 for the Best in Classes 1445-1448

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

**Division 5015: Roses – First Show**

Exhibitors may enter more than one specimen in a color class, provided each is a different variety.

Class requirements for roses are as follows:

- Hybrid Tea – one bloom, grown disbudded, ½ to ¾ open. Stamens may not show. Stem in proportion to bloom.
- Grandiflora – one bloom, grown disbudded.
- Floribunda – one bloom, no side buds.
- Miniature – one bloom, no side buds.
- Spray – one stem, with 2 or more blooms, with or without side buds.

**Grandiflora Roses**

1500  Grandiflora Spray, any color

**Hybrid Tea Roses**

1501  White or Near White
1502  Yellow
1503  Apricot
1504  Orange
1505  Pink
1506  Red
1507  Any Other Color

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best in Classes 1500-1507

**Floribunda Roses**

1508  White
1509  Yellow
1510  Apricot
1511  Orange
1512  Pink
1513  Red
1514  Any Other Color

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Floribunda Rose in Classes 1508-1514

**Miniature Roses**

1515  White
1516  Yellow
1517  Orange
1518  Pink
1519  Red
1520  Any Other Color Miniature Rose – Single
1521  Any Other Color Miniature Spray

Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Miniature Rose in Classes 1515-1521
Vases and Miscellaneous Roses
1522  Vase of Roses, 5 any color(s)
1523  Vase of Miniature Roses, 5 any color
1524  Rose Arrangement, 90% roses
1525  Polyanthas, any color, grown naturally
1526  Any Shrub Rose
1527  Any Climbing Rose
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Rose in Classes 1522-1527

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner
Faller Landscape, York NE $10 gift certificate for Reserve Division Winner

Division 5016: Lasting Beauty – First Show

Garden and natural plant material should be chosen to last well through the Fair. Door will be provided for door entries.

1600  Roads of Nebraska – using Nebraska Flowers
1601  Wall Hanging – use grapevine or wire with any live greenery
1602  Door Greeting – name the holiday or special event represented
1603  Mantel Arrangement
1604  Bewitching – suitable arrangement for Halloween
1605  Recycle – flowers shown in a recycled container
1606  Sunrise/Sunset over Nebraska – arrangement of bright colors
1607  Christmas Door Greeting – fresh evergreens must be included in arrangement
1608  Autumn Time – arrangement using one or more real pumpkins, squash, or gourds
1609  My Own Creation
1610  4th of July/Patriotic – red, white, & blue
1611  Big & Bold
1612  My Blue Glass – using blue containers
1613  Grand Island – Home of the Nebraska State Fair
1614  2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair Theme:

Nebraska State Fair Class 1614: 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Nebraska State Fair $15 Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 1614)

Division 5017: Flower Arrangements – Novice – First Show

Novice is any exhibitor over age 18 by Jan 1, who has never won a 1st place in Flower Arrangements – Novice at the Nebraska State Fair. Plant material must be garden or natural, not artificial.

1700  Nebraska – using blue and yellow colors
1701  “My Best” – Designers choice
1702  Coffee Time – arrangement for a coffee table – under 10 inches in any dimension
1703  Salute your Hometown
1704  Ghosts and Goblins – arrangement suitable for Halloween
1705  Meditation – Religious theme
1706  My Kitchen – using kitchen things
1707  Merry Christmas – dinner table arrangement
1708  Autumn Time – arrangement using one or more real pumpkins, squash, or gourds
1709  Miniature Arrangement – 5” and under, cup & saucer can be used
1710  A Man’s Life
1711  Secondhand Rose – using hand container
1712  Nebraska Sports
1713  Love those Bees! – using anything about bees or honey
2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair Theme:

Nebraska State Fair Class 1717: 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Nebraska State Fair $35 Division Winner and $30 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 1717)

Division 5018: Flower Arrangements – Experienced – First Show

1800  Coffee Time – under 10"
1801  Christmas Time
1802  Along the Highway – design using native material of Nebraska
1803  Peace in the Garden – Religion
1804  Think Green – using green glass, green flowers, etc.
1805  Baby Showers
1806  Flowers by "Me" – original arrangement using homegrown flowers
1810  Easter – use baskets, bunnies, chicks, etc
1811  School
1812  Nebraska Sports
1813  Good Old Days
1814  Grand Island – Home of the Nebraska State Fair
1815  Be my Valentine – arrangement using red
1816  Good Morning Arrangement – using chickens, clocks, coffee/tea, etc.
1817  2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair Theme:

Nebraska State Fair Class 1817: 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Nebraska State Fair $35 Division Winner and $30 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 1817)

Division 5019: Cut Flowers – Youth – First Show

Open to youth not more than 16 years of age by Jan 1. Birthdate is required on the entry form. 4-H members are eligible.

One specimen per class.
1901  Zinnia, any color
1902  Cosmos, any color
1903  Petunia, any color
1904  Marigold, any color
1906  Impatiens, one spray, any color
1907  Rose, any color
1908  Any Variety, any color
1909  Gladiolus, any color
1910  Dahlia
1911  Arrangement Small (under 12 inches) Collection of cut garden flowers, any color, any variety, any vase
1912  Arrangement Large (12 inches & over) Collection of cut garden flowers, any color, any variety, any vase

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

Division 5020: Gladiolus – Second Show

All gladioli shown should have at least 8 inches of stem below the bottom floret.

2001  White – Single spike
2002  Pink – Single spike
2003  Red – Single spike
2004  Orange – Single spike
2005  Yellow – Single spike
2006  Lavender or Purple – Single spike
2007  Green – Single spike
2008  Salmon – Single spike
2009  Any color – Single spike – One color
2010  Any color – 3 spikes – Same variety – One color
2011  Pink – Bi-color – Single spike
2012  White – Bi-color – Single spike
2013  Yellow – Bi-color – Single spike
2014  Orange – Bi-color – Single spike
2015  Lavender or Purple – Bi-color – Single spike
2016  Any other Bi-color – Single spike
2017  Any other Bi-color – 3 spikes
2018  Any color- Ruffled – Single spike
2019  Any color – Ruffled – 3 spikes
2020  Any color – Miniature – Single spike
2021  Any color – Miniature – 3 spikes
2022  Any variety – 3 spikes
2023  Vase – Mixed colors – 7 spikes
2024  Bouquet – 90% Gladiolus – other foliage allowed

Nebraska State Fair $5 for the Best Single Spike, $10 for the Best 3 Spikes, $10 for the Best 7 Spikes
Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

**Division 5021: Dahlias – Second Show**

Dahlias to be shown with one or more leaves; length of stem and/or stalk must be in good proportion to the size of the bloom. Sizes are as follows: Large – over 8” bloom, Medium 4”-8” bloom, Small 2”-4” bloom, Pompom – under 2” bloom. One bloom per entry unless otherwise noted.

2101  Large – Red
2102  Large – Wine
2103  Large – Pink
2104  Large – Yellow
2105  Large – White, Violet/Purple
2106  Large – Red & Yellow – Bi-color
2107  Large – Any other color
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Large Dahlia in Classes 2101-2107

2108  Medium – Red
2109  Medium – Wine
2110  Medium – Pink
2111  Medium – Yellow
2112  Medium – White
2113  Medium – Orange
2114  Medium – Violet/Purple
2115  Medium – Lavender
2116  Medium – Red & Yellow – Bi-color
2117  Medium – Pink & White – Bi-color
2118  Medium – Red & White – Bi-color
2119  Medium – Purple & White – Bi-color
2120  Medium – Any other color
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Medium Dahlia in Classes 2108-2120

2121  Small – Red
2122  Small – Wine
2123  Small – Pink
2124  Small – Yellow
2125  Small – White
2126  Small – Orange
2127  Small – Violet/Purple
2128  Small – Lavender
2129  Small – Red & Yellow – Bi-color
2130  Small – Pink & White – Bi-color
2131  Small – Red & White – Bi-color
2132  Small – Purple & White – Bi-color
2133  Small – Any other color
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Small Dahlia in Classes 2121-2133

2134  Red Pompom
2135  Wine Pompom
2136  Yellow Pompom
2137  White Pompom
2138  Lavender Pompom
2139  Pink & White Bi-color Pompom
2140  Red & White Bi-color Pompom
2141  Purple & White Bi-color Pompom
2142  Any Other Color Pompom
2143  Any Other Color Bi-color Pompom
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Pompom Dahlia in Classes 2134-2143

2180  Vase of Large Dahlias, 5 or more blooms, any color
2181  Vase of Medium Dahlias, 5 or more blooms, any color
2182  Vase of Small or Miniature Dahlias or Pompoms, 5 or more blooms, any color
2183  Dahlia Arrangement, 90% Dahlias, other foliage allowed
Nebraska State Fair $10 for the Best in Classes 2180-2183

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

**Division 5022: Roses – Second Show**

Exhibitors may enter more than one specimen in a color class, provided each is a different variety. Class requirements for roses are as follows:

- Hybrid Tea – one bloom, grown disbudded, ½ to ¾ open. Stamens may not show. Stem in proportion to bloom.
- Grandiflora – one bloom, grown disbudded.
- Floribunda – one bloom, no side buds.
- Miniature – one bloom, no side buds.
- Spray – one stem, with 2 or more blooms, with or without side buds.

**Hybrid Tea Roses**
2201  White or Near White
2202  Yellow
2203  Apricot
2204  Orange
2205  Pink
2206  Red
2207  Any Other Color

**Grandiflora Roses**
2208  Grandiflora Spray, any color
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best in Classes 2201-2208
Floribunda Roses
2209 White
2210 Yellow
2211 Apricot
2212 Orange
2213 Pink
2214 Red
2215 Any Other Color
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Floribunda Rose in Classes 2209-2215

Miniature Roses
2216 White
2217 Yellow
2218 Orange
2219 Pink
2220 Red
2221 Any Other Color Miniature Rose – Single
2222 Any Other Color Miniature Spray
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Miniature Rose in Classes 2216-2222

Vases and Miscellaneous Roses
2223 Vase of Hybrid Tea Roses, 5 any color
2224 Vase of Miniature Roses, 5 different varieties or colors
2225 Polyanthas, any color, grown naturally
2226 Any Shrub Rose
2227 Any Climbing Rose
2228 Arrangement, 90% roses
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best Rose in Classes 2223-2228

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner
Faller Landscape, York NE $10 gift certificate for Reserve Division Winner

**Division 5023: Cut Flowers & Foliage – Second Show**

2300 Aster – 3 blooms same variety – one color
2301 Aster – Dwarf – 3 blooms – one color
2302 Celosia – crested – 1 flower head over 12”
2303 Celosia – crested – 1 flower head under 12”
2304 Celosia – plume – 1 flower head over 12”
2305 Celosia – plume – 1 flower head under 12”
2306 Celosia – dwarf plume – 1 flower head under 6”
2307 Celosia – any other color – 1 flower head
2308 Celosia – any color – 4 blooms
2309 Cosmos – white – 4 blooms
2310 Cosmos – pink – 4 blooms
2311 Cosmos – yellow – 4 blooms
2312 Cosmos – orange – 4 blooms
2313 Cosmos – bi-color – 4 blooms
2314 – Chrysanthemum – any color – 1 spray
Nebraska State Fair $5 for Best of Classes 2300-2314

2315 Impatiens – New Guinea – 1 spray
2316 Impatiens – White – 1 spray
2317 Impatiens – Pink or Rose – 1 spray
2318 Impatiens – Red – 1 spray
2319 Impatiens – Salmon or Orange – 1 spray
Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 2315-2334

2335 Marigold – Yellow – large - 3 blooms over 3”
2336 Marigold – Orange – large - 3 blooms over 3”
2337 Marigold – Any other color – large - 3 blooms over 3”
2338 Marigold – Yellow – 3 blooms 1"-3”
2339 Marigold – Orange – 3 blooms 1"-3”
2340 Marigold – Any other color – 3 blooms 1"-3”
2341 Marigold – Yellow – Double French – 3 blooms
2342 Marigold – Orange – Double French – 3 blooms
2343 Marigold – Any other color – Double French – 3 blooms
2344 Marigold – Multicolor – Double French – 3 or more blooms
2345 Marigold – White – 3 blooms
2346 Marigold – Any color – Dwarf – 3 blooms under 1”

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 2335-2346

2347 Petunia – Red – Single – 1 branch
2348 Petunia – Purple – Single – 1 branch
2349 Petunia – Pink – Single – 1 branch
2350 Petunia – Yellow – Single – 1 branch
2351 Petunia – White – Single – 1 branch
2352 Petunia – Any other color – Single – 1 branch
2353 Petunia – Any bi-color – Single – 1 branch
2354 Petunia – Any one color – Ruffled or Fringed – 1 branch
2355 Petunia – Any one color – Double or Semi-double – 1 branch
2356 Petunia – Any Color – cascade – 1 branch

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 2347-2356

2357 Zinnia – Giant Dahlia type – 3 blooms 4"-6” – Same variety – 1 color
2358 Zinnia – Medium Dahlia type – 3 blooms 2"-4” – Same variety – 1 color
2359 Zinnia – Giant Cactus type – 3 blooms 4"-6” – Same variety – 1 color
2360 Zinnia – Medium Cactus type – 3 blooms 2"-4” – Same variety – 1 color
2361 Zinnia – 3 blooms over 2” - Same variety – Any color
2362 Zinnia – 3 blooms 1"-2” – Same variety – Any color
2363 Zinnia – Miniature – 3 blooms under 1” – Same variety – Any color

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 2357-2363

2364 Sunflower – 1 stem – not seed type
2365 Coelus – 8”-10” stem – 3 different varieties
2366 Flowering Cabbage or Kale – 1 specimen
2367 Black-Eyed Susan – 1 spray
2368 Sedum – Large variety – 3 stems
2369 Sedum – Red variety – 3 stems
2370 Hosta – 3 leaves – Different variety
2371 Lily – 1 branch
2372 Lisianthus – 3 stems
2373 Coneflower (Echinacea) – any color – 3 stems

Nebraska State Fair $5 for the Best of Classes 2364-2373

2374 Hibiscus – White – 1 branch
2375 Hibiscus – Red – 1 branch
2376 Hibiscus – Rose – 1 branch
2377 Hibiscus – Bi-color – 1 branch
2378 Hibiscus – Any other variety – 1 branch

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 2374-2378

2379 Evergreens – Under 20” – Narrow-leaved – one branch of each of 5 cultivars - named
2380 Evergreens – Under 20” – Broad-leaved – one branch – named
2381 Wildflowers – Collection of 5 – name flowers
2382 Pyracantha – 1 branch under 20”, with flowers, berries, or fruit - named
2383 Crabapple – 1 branch under 20” with fruit – named
2384 Any other flowering branch or vine – under 20” – named
2385 Any other fruited branch or vine – under 20” – named
2386 Any other flower – not mentioned above – named

Nebraska State Fair $5 for the Best of Classes 2379-2386

2387 Vinca – Red – 1 spray
2388 Vinca – Pink – 1 spray
2389 Vinca – White – 1 spray
2390 Vinca – Purple – 1 spray
2391 Vinca – Any other color – 1 spray

Earl May Garden Centers $10 gift card for the Best of Classes 2387-2391

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner

**Division 5025: Flower Arrangements – Novice – Second Show**

Novice is any exhibitor over age 18 by Jan 1, who has never won a 1st place in Flower Arrangements – Novice at the Nebraska State Fair. Plant material must be garden or natural, not artificial.

2501 “My Best” – Designers choice
2502 Coffee Time – arrangement for a coffee table – under 10 inches in any dimension
2503 Salute your Hometown – dinner table arrangement
2504 Ghosts and Goblins – arrangement suitable for Halloween
2505 Vintage Treasures
2506 Kids World – using toys
2507 Merry Christmas – dinner table arrangement
2508 Autumn Time – arrangement using one ore more real pumpkins, squash, or gourds
2509 Miniature Arrangement – 5” and under, cup & saucer can be used
2510 4th of July – Patriotic – using red, white, and blue
2511 Big & Bold
2512 My Kitchen – using kitchen things
2513 Nebraska Sports
2514 My Prairie Home – using native flowers
2515 Summer Fun – use summer fun things – sand buckets, game balls, mini kites, etc.
Division 5026: Flower Arrangements – Experienced – First Show

2600  Coffee Time – under 10”
2601  Christmas Time
2602  Along the Highway – design using native material of Nebraska
2603  Peace in the Garden – Religion
2604  Wedding Day – using white
2605  Flowers by “Me” – original arrangement using homegrown flowers
2606  Discovering Nebraska – using Nebraska native grasses, wildflowers, or products
2607  School Teacher
2608  My Hobby
2609  Thanksgiving Time – can use pumpkins or gourds
2610  Nebraska Sports
2612  Miniature Arrangement – under 2 inches
2613  Vintage Days & Treasures
2617  2023 NSF Theme: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State Fair Theme:

Nothing More Nebraskan

Nebraska State Fair Class 2617: 1st place $25, 2nd place $20, 3rd place $15
Faller Landscape York, NE $10 gift certificate for the most entries in Division 5026
Nebraska State Fair $35 Division Winner and $30 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 2617)

Division 5027: Cut Flowers – Youth – Second Show

Open to youth not more than 16 years of age by Jan 1. Birthdate is required on the entry form. 4-H members are eligible.

One specimen per class.
2701  Zinnia, any color
2702  Cosmos, any color
2703  Petunia, any color
2705  Marigold, any color
2707  Impatiens, one spray, any color
2708  Rose, any color
2709  Any Variety, any color
2710  Gladiolus, any color
2711  Dahlia
2712  Arrangement Small (under 12 inches) Collection of cut garden flowers, any color, any variety, any vase
2713  Arrangement Large (12 inches & over) Collection of cut garden flowers, any color, any variety, any vase

Nebraska State Fair $15 for Division Winner and $10 for Reserve Division Winner
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 in a box. We will return your exhibits in the same packaging that you drop it off in.

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 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.