



Horticulture

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

August 23 – September 2, 2024

Grand Island, NE



Join the Horticulture Department in celebrating “All Roads Lead To Fun” at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair.

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New in 2024

- Please note the changes in delivery times during the fair.

Important Dates

- Entry Deadline: Wednesday, August 14, Midnight
- Exhibit Delivery: Between 4-7 pm the day before judging or between 7-9 am the day of judging.
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 2, 6 pm – 8 pm. **Early Release is Prohibited.**
Tuesday, September 3, 8 am–noon

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:

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

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
- Fallers Landscape of York, NE – 5 \$10 gift certificates
- Wilson Field Memorial Plaque – Best of Show Division 5001

Sweepstakes Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

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

division 5010.

- 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 14, 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/CompExhibitsExhibitorTickets> and use password CVENT. Exhibitor tickets go off sale Thursday August 22, 2024 at 11:59pm.

Please note that daily gate admission for seniors (age 60+) and kids (6-12) is \$6 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 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: [2024 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 14.

- 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.

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 2, 6 pm-8 pm or Tuesday, September 3, 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	Wednesday, August 21st, 2pm – 7pm
	Thursday, August 22nd, 9am – 2pm
Judge	Thursday, August 22nd, 3pm
Release	Monday, September 2nd, 6 pm – 8 pm
	Division Names Division Numbers
	Fruits & Nuts 5001-5007
	Potted Foliage Plants 5008
	Potted Flowering Plants 5009
	Miniature & Fairy Gardens 5010
	Artificial Arrangements 5011
Receive	Friday, August 23rd, 7 am - noon
Judge	Friday, August 23rd, 2 pm
Release	Wednesday, August 28th, 8 pm
	Division Names First Show Division Numbers
	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 28th, 4 pm – 7 pm
	Thursday, August 29th, 7 am – 9 am
Judge	Thursday, August 29th, 11 am
Release	Monday, September 2nd, 6 pm – 8 pm
	Division Names Second Show Division Numbers
	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 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: 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 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska Horticulture product or object to depict our Nebraska State

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

1004 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska Horticulture product or object to depict our Nebraska State

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

- 1200 Aster – 3 blooms same variety – one color
- 1201 Aster – hardy – 3 blooms – one color
- 1202 Celosia – crested – 1 flower head over 12"
- 1203 Celosia – crested – 1 flower head under 12"
- 1204 Celosia – plume – 1 flower head over 12"
- 1205 Celosia – plume – 1 flower head under 12"
- 1206 Celosia – dwarf plume – 1 flower head under 6"
- 1207 Celosia – any other color – 1 flower head
- 1208 Cosmos – white – 4 blooms
- 1209 Cosmos – pink – 4 blooms
- 1210 Cosmos – yellow – 4 blooms
- 1211 Cosmos – orange – 4 blooms
- 1212 Cosmos – Bi-color – 4 blooms
- 1213 Cosmos – any other color – 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
- 1230 Impatiens – Double – Bi-color – 1 spray
- 1231 Impatiens – Bi-color – White – 1 spray
- 1232 Impatiens – Bi-color – Rose – 1 spray
- 1233 Impatiens – Bi-color – Violet or Purple – 1 spray
- 1234 Impatiens – Bi-color – any other color – 1 spray

Earl May Garden Centers \$10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1215-1234

1235 Marigold – Yellow – 3 or more blooms over 3”
1236 Marigold – Orange – 3 or more blooms over 3”
1237 Marigold – Any other color – 3 or more blooms over 3”
1238 Marigold – Yellow – 3 or more blooms 1”-3”
1239 Marigold – Orange – 3 or more blooms 1”-3”
1240 Marigold – Any other color – 3 or more blooms 1”-3”
1241 Marigold – Yellow – Double French – 3 or more blooms
1242 Marigold – Orange – Double French – 3 or more blooms
1243 Marigold – Any other color – Double French – 3 or more blooms
1244 Marigold – White – 3 or more blooms
1245 Marigold – Any color – Dwarf – 3 or more blooms under 1”
Earl May Garden Centers \$10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1235-1245

1246 Petunia – Red – Single – 1 branch
1247 Petunia – Purple – Single – 1 branch
1248 Petunia – Pink – Single – 1 branch
1249 Petunia – Yellow – Single – 1 branch
1250 Petunia – White – Single – 1 branch
1251 Petunia – Any other color – Single – 1 branch
1252 Petunia – Any bi-color – Single – 1 branch
1253 Petunia – Any one color – Ruffled or Fringed – 1 branch
1254 Petunia – Any one color – Double or Semi-double – 1 branch
Earl May Garden Centers \$10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1246-1254

1255 Zinnia – Giant Dahlia type – 3 blooms 4”-6” – Same variety – 1 color
1256 Zinnia – Medium Dahlia type – 3 blooms 2”-4” – Same variety – 1 color
1257 Zinnia – Giant Cactus type – 3 blooms 4”-6” – Same variety – 1 color
1258 Zinnia – Medium Cactus type – 3 blooms 2”-4” – Same variety – 1 color
1259 Zinnia – 3 blooms over 2” - Same variety – Any color
1260 Zinnia – 3 blooms 1”-2” – Same variety – Any color
1261 Zinnia – Miniature – 3 blooms under 1” – Same variety – Any color
Earl May Garden Centers \$10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1255-1261

1262 Sunflower – 1 stem – not seed type
1263 Coelus – 8”-10” stem – 3 different varieties
1264 Flowering Cabbage or Kale – 1 specimen
1265 Black-Eyed Susan – 1 spray
1266 Sedum – Large variety – 3 stems
1267 Sedum – Red variety – 3 stems
1268 Hosta – 3 leaves – Different variety
1269 Lily – 1 branch
1270 Lisanthus – 3 stems
1271 Coneflower (Echinacea) – any color – 3 stems
Nebraska State Fair \$5 for the Best of Classes 1262-1271

1272 Hibiscus – White – 1 branch
1273 Hibiscus – Red – 1 branch
1274 Hibiscus – Rose – 1 branch
1275 Hibiscus – Bi-color – 1 branch
1276 Hibiscus – Any other variety – 1 branch
Earl May Garden Centers \$10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1272-1276

1277 Evergreens – Under 20” – Narrow-leaved – one branch of each of 5 cultivars - named
1278 Evergreens – Under 20” – Broad-leaved – one branch – named

- 1279 Wildflowers – Collection of 5 – one stem of each – name flowers
 - 1280 Crabapple – 1 branch under 20” with fruit – named
 - 1281 Any other flowering branch or vine – under 20” – named
 - 1282 Any other fruited branch or vine – under 20” – named
 - 1283 Any other flower – not mentioned above – named
- Nebraska State Fair \$5 for the Best of Classes 1277-1283

- 1284 Vinca – Red – 1 spray
 - 1285 Vinca – Pink – 1 spray
 - 1286 Vinca – White – 1 spray
 - 1287 Vinca – Purple – 1 spray
 - 1288 Vinca – Any other color – 1 spray
- Earl May Garden Centers \$10 gift card for the Best of Classes 1284-1288

Earl 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.

- 1301 White – Single spike
- 1302 Pink – Single spike
- 1303 Red – Single spike
- 1304 Orange – Single spike
- 1305 Yellow – Single spike
- 1306 Lavender or Purple – Single spike
- 1307 Green – Single spike
- 1308 Salmon – Single spike
- 1309 Any color – Single spike – One color
- 1310 Any color – 3 spikes – Same variety – One color
- 1311 Pink – Bi-color – Single spike
- 1312 White – Bi-color – Single spike
- 1313 Yellow – Bi-color – Single spike
- 1314 Orange – Bi-color – Single spike
- 1315 Lavender or Purple – Bi-color – Single spike
- 1316 Any other Bi-color – Single spike
- 1317 Any other Bi-color – 3 spikes
- 1318 Any color- Ruffled – Single spike
- 1319 Any color – Ruffled – 3 spikes
- 1320 Any color – Miniature – Single spike
- 1321 Any color – Miniature – 3 spikes
- 1322 Any variety or color – 3 spikes
- 1323 Vase – Any variety or color – Mixed colors – 7 spikes
- 1324 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 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State

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 ore 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
- 1717 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State

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 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State

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 Cosmos – white – 4 blooms
- 2309 Cosmos – pink – 4 blooms
- 2310 Cosmos – yellow – 4 blooms
- 2311 Cosmos – orange – 4 blooms
- 2312 Cosmos – bi-color – 4 blooms
- 2313 Cosmos – any other color
- 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
- 2320 Impatiens – Violet – 1 spray
- 2321 Impatiens – Purple – 1 spray
- 2322 Impatiens – Single Bloom any other color – 1 spray

2323 Impatiens – Double Bloom any color – 1 spray
2324 Impatiens – Double – White – 1 spray
2325 Impatiens – Double – Pink or Rose – 1 spray
2326 Impatiens – Double – Red – 1 spray
2327 Impatiens – Double – Orange – 1 spray
2328 Impatiens – Double – Violet – 1 spray
2329 Impatiens – Double – Purple – 1 spray
2330 Impatiens – Double – Bi-color – 1 spray
2331 Impatiens – Bi-color – White – 1 spray
2332 Impatiens – Bi-color – Pink or Rose – 1 spray
2333 Impatiens – Bi-color – Violet or Purple – 1 spray
2334 Impatiens – Bi-color – any other color – 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

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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 or 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.
2517 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State
Nebraska State Fair Class 2517: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$20, 3rd place \$15
Earl May Garden Centers \$10 Gift Certificate for the most entries in Division 5025

Nebraska State Fair \$35 Division Winner and \$30 for Reserve Division Winner (excluding class 2517)

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 2024 NSF Theme All Roads Lead to Fun: An exhibit that uses any Nebraska horticulture produce or object to depict our Nebraska State

Nebraska State Fair Class 2617: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$20, 3rd place \$15
Fallers 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'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 try to 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.

North Platte

Drop Off Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Pick Up Saturday, September 7th, 2024

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)

Omaha and Seward

Drop Off Sunday, August 11th, 2024

Pick Up Sunday, September 8th, 2024

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)

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

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