

FIELD CROPS

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Field Crops Rules:

- 1) ALL CROPS ENTRIES should be entered into FairEntry.com by June 15th. **Entries will not be accepted after 11:59 PM on June 15th, 2023.**
- 2) Exhibits must have been grown in the current year.
- 3) Members may have 5 entries, but no more than 2 in each class. 4-H and FFA projects must be separate.
- 4) Oat grain should include a two-gallon sample.
- 5) Oat sheaves should be 3 inches in diameter at the center band. Judges will penalize over as well as undersized sheaves. Heads must be left in natural condition.
- 6) Forage crops should be a 5-pound sample in the form of exhibitor's choice which may include silage, a slice, sheaf, or loose.
- 7) Soybean and corn samples should be displayed in a 5-gallon pail or a small tub, roots in water.
- 8) Field Crops judging will be an interview process and will take place at BOTH the fair and in the field. Fields will be judged on June 25, pending weather and field conditions. Times for judging will be sent to each exhibitor after June 15th. Crops will be judged at the fair on Tuesday at 3:00 pm, at the beginning of Static Judging. Exhibitors must be present at both locations to be eligible for Champion and to earn premium money. Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the superintendent.
- 9) All field crop entries may include photos; however, they **MUST** include a write-up including:
 - a) planting date/maturity
 - b) seed hybrid
 - c) use of crop
 - d) cost of production
 - e) production practices
- 10) An award will be given to the Top Crop Exhibitor – the exhibitor with the highest overall point score on at least 2 entries.
- 11) Exhibitors are required to remove crops from fair display on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm. **Crops should NOT be placed in garbage dumpsters!** They must be removed from the fairgrounds. Crops must be disposed of properly or premiums will be withheld.

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40001: Oat grain, any variety, one peck (2 gallon)

40002: Oat Sheaf, 3-inch diameter at center band

40003: Forage (any kind), 5 lb. sample in any form. (Silage, slice, sheaf, loose)

40004: Soybeans, any variety, 10 plants (washed roots in a one-gallon container of water)

40005: Field corn, 5 plants (washed roots in a 5-gallon pail or tub of water)

40006: Field Crop, other

HORTICULTURE

Superintendent: Joanne Tupper (641-330-9969)

- 1) Entries must be entered into FairEntry.com by July 1 Static Deadline.
- 2) Entry tags must be filled out and firmly attached when the exhibit is entered.
- 3) Exhibits should be fresh and displayed on a paper plate. Plastic bags aid in maintaining freshness but are not always necessary.
- 4) Entries must be taken from an officially entered horticulture/garden project for the current year. Garden work **MUST** be done by the exhibitor.
- 5) **Exhibitors must know the variety of specimens exhibited.** If you don't know the variety at the time of conference judging, your exhibit will be lowered one ribbon rating.
- 6) Exhibits should be prepared according to the ISU bulletins, 4-H 464, "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit" (revised April 2007). <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H464.pdf> OR 4-H-462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit." <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H462.pdf>

40102: Beans (Snap) – [6]	40124: Kale – [1]	40146: Pumpkin (sugar pie) – [1]
40104: Beans (Yellow) – [6]	40126: Spinach – [1 plant]	40148: Pumpkin (miniature) – [3]
40106: Beets – [3]	40128: Cantaloupe – [1]	40150: Pumpkin (Jack-O-Lantern type) – [1 under 16"]
40108: Broccoli – [1 head]	40130: Honey Dew Melon (Smooth Skin) – [1]	40152: Squash (Any) – [2]
40110: Carrots – [3]	40132: Watermelon (any) – [1]	40154: Sweet Corn – [2 with husks]
40112: Cabbage (round or red) – [1 head]	40134: Onions (red, white, yellow) – [3 dry]	40156: Tomato (red slicing or processing) – [3]
40114: Cauliflower – [1 head]	40136: Onions, (green) - [5 bunch]	40158: Tomato (cherry type) – [10]
40116: Cucumbers – [2] (dill or slicing)	40138: Peas – [6 pods]	40160: Dill – [2]
40118: Cucumbers – [5] (pickling)	40140: Peppers (bell, hot, other) – [2]	40162: Parsley – [5 stems in jar of water]
40120: Eggplant – [1]	40142: Potatoes (red) – [3]	40164: Herbs, all other – [1 sprig]
40122: Kohlrabi – [2]	40144: Potatoes (white) – [3]	40200: Other Vegetable – maximum of 2 different entries

Other Horticulture: Maximum 4 entries total

- **40210: First Year Exhibitors Class** (limited to first year horticulture exhibitors only) – maximum of 1 entry
Plate of mixed vegetables. Plate is to consist of one tomato, one onion, one pepper, and two other vegetables of the exhibitor's choice. A variety card must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.
- **40220: Vegetable Container Display** (Second year horticulture exhibitors) – maximum of 1 entry
Vegetable display must include five or more different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. For this class, herbs will count as vegetable crops. More than one variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however no more than four items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, four tomatoes would constitute as one vegetable, e.g., one large red slicing, one cherry tomato, one yellow tomato, and one processing tomato. The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container. The container display will be reduced one placing if it contains more than four vegetables of any one kind, e.g., more than four beans.
Any decorative basket, box, or other decorative container, not larger than one-half bushel in size, can be used.
The exhibit will be judged 75% for the cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for the decorative arrangement.
A variety card must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.
- **40230: Fruit** – maximum of 2 different entries
 - Small fruits (ground cherries, raspberries, strawberries) – [1 cup]
 - Larger fruits (pears, apples, plums, etc.) – [5]
- **40240: Flower Specimen** – maximum 2 exhibits of different specimens
Flowers should be cut to present the best possible natural presentation of the type of plant. Exhibit cuttings in clear glass bottle or jar. (Example: gladiola, 1 scape; zinnia, 1 stem with full bloom and attached buds and foliage, etc.)

- **40250: Flower Arrangement** – For any purpose or occasion (purpose to be listed on 3” x 5” notecard)
Members will bring supplies and create arrangements at the location. Maximum of 1 entry.

Container Gardening: Maximum 1 Entry Class

- 1) Entries must be designed, planted, and cared for by the exhibitor.
- 2) The name of the variety of each plant should be stated on a 3”x 5” notecard.
- 3) Member’s name should be securely attached to the bottom of each container.
- 4) Exhibits exceeding 30 pounds or measuring larger than 30”x 30” will not be accepted.
- 5) The exhibitor is responsible for watering plants during fair week. Container Gardens must have a saucer underneath to catch drainage water.
- 6) Staff are not responsible for the condition of the plant when it is returned.
 - **40310: Terrarium** (closed container)
 - **40320: Dish Garden** (cacti & succulents, more than 1 plant)
 - **40330: Houseplant** (1 plant)
 - **40340: Patio Plant** (1 outdoor plant in a container)
 - **40350: Patio Planter** (more than 1 outdoor plant, can be combination of annuals, perennials, herbs and/or vegetables)
 - **40360: Potted Vegetable**
 - **40370: Potted Herbs** (must be 2 or more herbs)
 - **40380: Fairy or Miniature Garden** (open container with imaginative theme featuring miniature or small, slow growing houseplants.)