

2018 Domestic Drop-Off / Return Sites

2018 Drop-Off / Return locations: The following two drop-off / return sites are available to facilitate transportation of non-perishable exhibits to and from Grand Island:

North Platte Fairgrounds: Centennial Building, 5015 Rodeo Rd. Take Hwy 30 (which becomes Rodeo Rd) West through North Platte.

- Drop-Off time: Sun, Aug 12, noon to 3 pm
- Return time: Wed, Sep 5, 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Seward County Fairgrounds: Harvest Hall, 500 North 14th Street – Seward NE (same location as last year).

In Seward, from Main Street (Highway 34) go north on 14th Street past the swimming pool to the fair grounds. See attached map for location: <https://nebraska.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map,ftc,2,fid,1881854,n,seward%20county%20fairgrounds.cfm>

- Drop-Off time: Sun, Aug 12, noon to 5 pm
- Return time: Wed, Sep 5, 2 to 6:30 pm

How to prepare your non-perishable exhibits for Drop-Off:

- When entering online or by mail-in, indicate which drop-off/return site you will be using.
- Bring your entries suitably packaged for transport using a separate container for each department.
- With the exception of **Education**, use a separate container or package for each exhibitor.
- Drop-off personnel reserve the right to refuse items not properly packaged or exceeding 30 lbs in weight.
- *Note that **Wine, Beer, Horticulture and Food** entries, except for canned goods, cannot be shipped by Drop-Off.*
- Packaging instruction specific for department are:
 - **Bee Culture:** Package items efficiently. Space is at a premium in the transfer vans. Place jars of honey product in a corrugated box with dividers appropriate for the jar size. Put an entry form both inside and outside the package, circling the items contained within.
 - **Canned Goods from Foods:** Use a corrugated box with dividers appropriate for the jar size. Place a copy of the entry form both inside and outside the box, circling the items contained within.
 - **Education:** All items must be packaged for travel in a plastic bag, cardboard box or mailing pouch. Place a copy of the entry form inside the container and a second on the outside of the container. No items with liquids will be accepted. In this department, multiple exhibitors from the same school can be packaged together.
 - **Fine Arts:** Package items efficiently. Space is at a premium in the transfer vans. Put a copy of the entry form both inside and outside of the package, circling the items contained within. Very large items may not be accepted depending on space available and/or weight of object.
 - **Photography:** Make a stack of the entries. Place a copy of the entry form on top of the stack. Wrap the stack with paper and place a second entry form on the outside of the package. Circle the items contained within on both forms.
 - **Quilts:** Put quilts in a large plastic bag. Use multiple plastic bags if you have too many to put all entries in one bag. Place a copy of the entry form inside each bag and a second copy on the outside of the bag, circling the items contained within.
 - **Textile Arts:** Package items efficiently. Space is at a premium in the transfer vans. Some items can be packaged in a plastic bag or a mailing pouch. Some items may require a box. Put an entry form both inside and the outside of each package, circling the items contained within.
- A pre-numbered shipping label will be attached to each package at the drop-off site. A claim ticket with the same number will be supplied to the exhibitor.
- After the fair is over, items not picked up in Grand Island by noon on Tue, Sep 4 will be returned to the location you indicated on your entry form/online registration. Any items not claimed from the return sites on Wed, Sep 6 will be returned to the Nebraska State Fair office in Grand Island and held until Wed, Oct 3 at which time the items will be given to charity.

NOTE: While every precaution will be taken to provide a safe transit to and from the fair, the Nebraska State Fair management assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property of the exhibitor due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.