



# Open Crops & Vegetables



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## 2019 Schedule

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| <b>Deadline for Entries</b> .....         | Friday, Sept. 6, 2019   |
| <b>Deliver Crops and Vegetables</b> ..... | Wednesday, Sept. 25 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. **<br>Thursday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. – Noon |
| <b>Judging</b> .....                      | Thursday, Sept. 26, 1:30 p.m.   |
| <b>Pick up</b> .....                      | Monday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.<br>Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.         |

### **\*NO Sunday pick-up\***

\*\*Please note that we are not responsible for crops & vegetables that are delivered on Wednesday and have deteriorated past their prime by judging time on Thursday. Judges will be instructed to rate entries based on their condition at the time of judging and will not be told which items were delivered Wednesday & which were delivered on Thursday.

Please review all information in the Competition Guide before entering items in the competition.

**Delivery instructions and maps will be provided on line and by emails to those who share an email address.**

**Enter on-line at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org). Please note that all entries are charged \$1.00 per entry. Mail-in entries must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Payment must be received when products are registered. Tags will be picked up at delivery of products.**

### **Guidelines:**

1. All State Fair General Rules and Crops and Vegetables Department Rules apply. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.
2. An email will be sent to all exhibitors who provide an email address reminding them of instructions for delivery after entries close. Tags will be held until delivery of items.
3. Each entry shall be composed of specimens of only one variety or strain except where indicated. All vegetable and fruit specimens should be mature. All fruit and vegetables should be in their natural state. No waxing or altering the product in any way will be allowed. Please enter the name the plant variety in the “description” field online or paper entry form.
4. All produce must be grown by an individual competitor (no groups or teams) during the current calendar year, unless otherwise specified.
5. A competitor shall be permitted to make only one entry in each class, but may enter in as many individual classes as desired.
6. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits.
7. No crops may be removed until release time and must be checked out with Superintendent. Tag stubs (claim checks) must be presented before entries are released.
8. Prize-winning exhibits removed by the competitor prior to the official release time will forfeit monetary awards.
9. It is the competitor’s responsibility to pick up or dispose of entries. After the last scheduled pick-up time, all remaining products will be considered abandoned and the Fair will in no way be responsible for them.

10. Perishable products may be removed from display by the Superintendent after judging if the product reaches a state of decomposition.
11. Subject to space limitations, only first, second or third place winners may be displayed.

**All entries are subject to spraying with fire retardant, as required by the Fire Marshall.**

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| <b><u>\$50 Sweepstakes Award for the Winner of the Most Blue Ribbons</u></b> |             |             |             |            |            |
| <b>in the Open Crops &amp; Vegetables Competition!</b>                       |             |             |             |            |            |
| <b>Awards</b>  | <b>1st</b>  | <b>2nd</b>  | <b>3rd</b>  | <b>4th</b> | <b>5th</b> |
| <b>Each Class</b>  | <b>\$16</b> | <b>\$14</b> | <b>\$11</b> | <b>\$8</b> | <b>\$6</b> |

**Division 1: Field Corn**

1001. Field corn, best ten ears (any variety)
1002. Field corn, shelled (any variety) one gallon.
1003. Silage corn, five stalks, tied below ears
1004. Field corn, tallest stalk of corn with ear

**Division 2: Cereals**

2001. Wheat, 1 gallon
2002. Oats, 1 gallon
2003. Barley, 1 gallon
2004. Rye, 1 gallon

**Division 3: Nuts**

3001. Peanuts, six vines, Virginia Runner
3002. Peanuts, six vines, Bunch Peanuts
3003. Walnuts, 6 specimens
3004. Hickory, 6 specimens
3005. Pecan, 6 specimens
3006. Other, 6 specimens

**Division 4: Mature Sheaf Grains**

4001. Oats in straw, sheaf to be 2" in diameter at centerband
4002. Barley in straw, sheaf to be 2' in diameter at centerband
4003. Rye in straw, sheaf to be 2'in diameter at centerband
4004. Wheat in straw, sheaf to be 2' in diameter at centerband

**Division 5: Hay**

5001. Hay, 100% Alfalfa, 12" sheaf from center
5002. Hay, 100% other Legume, 12' sheaf from center of bale
5003. Hay, cool season grass (fescue, orchard grass, Timothy, or mixed cool season, etc.) 12" sheaf from center of bale
5004. Hay, grass & legume 12" sheaf from center of bale
5005. Hay, small grain (oat, wheat, rye, Triticale or small grain mixed with grasses) 12" sheaf from center of bale
5006. Hay, warm season grass (Bermuda, sudex, millet, switch grass, tift or other) 12" sheaf from center of bale

\*Judging of hay is based on visual observation and overall appearance. No testing is conducted.

## **Division 6: Soybeans**

- 6001. Soybeans, Utility and Certified, any oil variety, 1 gallon, variety must be designated
- 6002. Soybeans on Stalk, any variety (3 stalks per entry)

## **Division 7: Tobacco**

- 7001. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lemon Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7002. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Orange Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7003. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lemon Cutters, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7004. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Orange Cutters, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7005. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lemon Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7006. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Orange Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7007. Tobacco, Flue-cured, Best Lug, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7008. Tobacco, Dark-Fired, Best Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7009. Tobacco, Dark-Fired, Best Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7010. Tobacco, Sun-Cured, Best Wrapper, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7011. Tobacco, Sun-Cured, Best Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied
- 7012. Tobacco, Burley, Best Leaf, 4 bundles or hands, tied

## **Division 8: Cotton, Sorghum and Other**

- 8001. Cotton, three stalks, open bolls with root structure
- 8002. Cotton, twenty-five locks of seed cotton
- 8003. Cotton, cotton, open bolls
- 8050. Sorghum, any variety, 5 stalks, tied
- 8051. Any field crop, not listed

## **Division 9: Vegetables & Fruits**

- 9001 Apples, red 6 specimens (unwaxed)
- 9002 Apples, yellow 6 specimens (unwaxed)
- 9003 Beets (6, one inch stems)
- 9004 Cabbage (1 head)
- 9005 Carrots, colored, 6 roots, inch tops
- 9006 Carrots, orange, (6 roots, one inch tops)
- 9007 Corn, sweet (unhusked and trimmed, 6 ears)
- 9008 Cucumber, slicing (4 specimens)
- 9009 Cucumber, small pickling, (8 specimens)
- 9010 Eggplants (2 specimens)
- 9011 Fruit, any other not listed
- 9012 Fruit, Mixed Basket
- 9013 Garlic, 3 bulbs
- 9014 Giant vegetable, any variety
- 9015 Gourds, 6 inches or larger (1 specimen)
- 9016 Gourds, basket arranged attractively (not less than 5 specimens)
- 9017 Gourds, smaller than 6 inches, 3 specimens
- 9018 Grapes, 1 cluster
- 9019 Heirloom vegetables (3 specimens)
- 9020 Indian Corn, 3 ears
- 9021 Kale, curly (1 plant)
- 9022 Lima beans (large, fresh, unshelled)
- 9023 Lima beans (small, fresh, unshelled)
- 9024 Melon, Cantelope, 1 specimens
- 9025 Melon, Citron (1 specimens)
- 9026 Melon, Honey Dew, 1 specimen
- 9027 Mini-vegetables
- 9028 Okra, 6 pods

9029 Onion sets (10 sets)  
9030 Onions (mature, 3 bulbs)  
9031 Other vegetable not listed  
9032 Parsnips (tops removed, 6 roots)  
9033 Peaches, 6 specimens  
9034 Pears, 6 specimens (non-waxed)  
9035 Peppers, bell, colored (4 pods)  
9036 Peppers, bell, green (4 pods)  
9037 Peppers, Hot Habanero, 6 specimens  
9038 Peppers, Hot Jalapeno, 6 specimens  
9039 Peppers, Hot Serrano, 6 specimens  
9040 Peppers, Ghost, 6 specimens  
9041 Peppers, Hot, any other not listed greater than 4 inches, 6 specimens  
9042 Peppers, Hot, any other not listed smaller than 4 inches, 6 specimens  
9043 Peppers, Sweet, any other not listed, 4 pods  
9044 Plums, 6 specimens (unwaxed)  
9045 Pop Corn, six ears, husked  
9046 Pumpkin, Basket of peepers, arranged attractively, can be mixed varieties  
9047 Pumpkin, Large Jack-o-lantern 10lbs or more, 5 sided stem, orange  
9048 Pumpkin, Mammoth, greater than 30lbs including Pepo and Maxima  
9049 Pumpkin, mini, less than 1lb, 3 specimens, any color  
9050 Pumpkin, Not white or orange, any other  
9051 Pumpkin, Pie, 1lb to less than 10lbs, 5 sided stem, orange  
9052 Pumpkin, White 10lbs or more  
9053 Pumpkin, White, less than 10lbs  
9054 Radishes (six) one inch stems  
9055 Salsify, bunched, tops removed, 6 roots  
9056 Snap beans (green), 10 pods  
9057 Snap beans (heirloom), 10 pods  
9058 Southern Peas (unshelled) 1 quart  
9059 Spinach, 6 plants (cut at crown)  
9060 Squash, Cushaw type  
9061 Squash, Spaghetti, 2 specimens  
9062 Squash, Summer, any other 3 specimens  
9063 Squash, Summer, yellow, 3 specimens  
9064 Squash, Summer, Zucchini, 3 specimens  
9065 Squash, Winter, Acorns, 2 specimens  
9066 Squash, Winter, Butternut, 2 specimens  
9067 Squash, Winter, Other not listed, 1 specimen  
9068 Sunflower, largest head  
9069 Sunflower, one head, best quality  
9070 Tomatoes, cherry type, 5 specimens  
9071 Tomatoes, grape, 5 specimens  
9072 Tomatoes, heirloom, 5 specimens  
9073 Tomatoes, red ripe, 5 specimens  
9074 Tomatoes, Roma, preserving type (small), 5 specimens  
9075 Tomatoes, yellow ripe, 5 specimens  
9076 Turnip salad, 6 plants with roots  
9077 Turnips, 3 plants with roots  
9078 Turnips, tops removed, 6 roots  
9079 Vegetable, Alternative or Trendy, not listed  
9080 Vegetable, any other not listed  
9081 Vegetable, mixed basket  
9082 Watermelon, 10lbs or greater, 1 specimen  
9083 Watermelon, less than 10lbs, 1 specimen

## **Division 11: Potatoes**

- 1101. Potatoes, Irish, Red, 5 specimens
- 1102. Potatoes, Irish, Kenebec, 5 specimens
- 1103. Potatoes, Irish, any other white skin, 5 specimens
- 1104. Potatoes, Irish, any other color than red or white, 5 specimens
- 1105. Sweet Potatoes, any variety, 5 specimens

## **Division 12: Culinary Herbs**

- 1201 Basil, Green - container grown
- 1202 Basil, Purple - container grown
- 1203 Chives - container grown
- 1204 Herbs, any other not listed - container grown
- 1205 Herbs, display of dried
- 1206 Herbs, display of fresh cut (in water)
- 1207 Herbs, display of potted (3 or more kinds)
- 1208 Mint - container grown
- 1209 Oregano - container grown
- 1210 Parsley - container grown
- 1211 Rosemary - container grown
- 1212 Sage- container grown
- 1213 Sage, fresh cut (in water)
- 1214 Stevia- container grown
- 1215 Thyme - container grown

## **Best Tasting Tomato Contest:**

Judges will taste tomatoes and judge on best overall flavor. Judging will take place the second day of the Fair. (Look online in Horticulture Daily Events for the time closer to the Fair)

- 1301. Full size (4 specimens)
- 1302. Cherry or Grape (6 specimens)

### **Judging Criteria**

- 1. Quality**
  - a. Color—deep, clear, intense**
  - b. Marketable size—size most consumers want at the supermarket or average size**
  - c. Trueness to type or shape—as true as possible to the type or shape of the variety**
  - d. Maturity or stage development—in prime condition for eating**
- 2. Condition**
  - a. Freshness—shows no signs of shriveling or decline**
  - b. Cleanliness—clean and bright in appearance**
  - c. Trimming—neatly and properly trimmed, much like market produce**
- 3. Freedom from injury**
  - a. Insects, diseases—no damage shown from either**
  - b. Mechanical injuries—caused by weather or rough treatment during harvest**
  - c. Transportation—pack carefully to transport to the fair.**
- 4. Uniformity**
  - a. Size—the size of all specimens should be similar**
  - b. Shape—shape most typical of that vegetable variety**
  - c. Color—uniform for all vegetables in grouping**
  - d. Maturity—all specimens should be at the same level of maturity**
  - e. Type—vegetables should all be of the same variety unless the class requires a mixed variety**