

Department 46 – Agriculture

- Entries close August 1, 2020 –
Online entries ONLY close August 5, 2020

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ARRIVAL TIMES:

Open and Youth Exhibits: Monday, August 31st 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm
Tuesday, September 1st 8:00 am until 10:00 am
Must be in place by 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 1st.

DEPARTURE TIMES:

Open and Youth Exhibits: Monday, September 7th at 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm. **MUST BE OUT BY 6:30 PM.**
If you are unable to pick up at scheduled times, you MUST make arrangements with the superintendents.
Please call Judy Moore (517) 626-6012 to make arrangements.
Exhibits left after Monday, September 7th at 6:00 pm without other arrangements will be disposed of.
Vehicles will not be allowed to drive up to the Agriculture Building until after 6:00 pm on the last day of the fair.

Judging Schedule:

Tuesday, September 1st, 1:00 p.m.
Building will be closed until judging is completed.

FEES:

Exhibitor - Open: \$15.00 (required); admits one exhibitor. Additional passes are available for \$15.00.
Open Class Entry fees: \$1.00 for each entry.
Youth Entry fees: \$15.00 entry fee for youth, which covers up to ten (10) entries. **Any additional Youth entry over 10: \$1.00 for each additional entry.** Youth: Age for youth are 7 through 20 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
If Youth is entering BOTH Open and Youth Classes, fees must be paid for both Open and Youth.
An entry fee will not be refunded if the entry is cancelled or not exhibited.
Parking: \$15.00 per weekend

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SHOW

Youth Exhibitor: Must be seven (7) years of age, but not over twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Date of birth must be on entry form. Open to Michigan youth only.

Open Exhibitor: Minimum age of twenty-one (21) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

1. Agriculture Exhibitor Entry Form and current W-9 form (W-8 Canadian) must be filled out and returned.
2. **Fees must accompany your entry.**
3. All entries must be made in accordance with general terms and conditions. Please go to: www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com and enter online or mail to: MSFLLC, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48374, by August 1, 2020. There is a mandatory \$5.00 processing fee for all mail in entries. **LATE ENTRIES AFTER AUGUST 1, 2020. Online entries ONLY due by August 5th, 2020, without penalty.**
4. If you choose to enter via mail, the entry must be post marked (no metered mail) by the above stated deadlines. Make check or money order payable to the ***"Michigan State Fair LLC"*** or complete valid credit card information and signature.
5. A maximum of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor, except for entries in Apiary. Apiary entries will be limited to one (1) entry per class per exhibitor and two (2) entries per class per household. Exhibitor cannot enter the same item in more than one class.
6. Exhibits must be grown as a project of the exhibitor. Previously entered items and displays are ineligible.
7. Exhibitors must leave the Agriculture Building during judging.
8. All entries in this department must stay the entire length of the Fair. The superintendent will remove and dispose of any unsightly produce or exhibits considered to be unworthy of exhibition by the judge.
9. **RIBBONS AWARDED TO THIRD PLACE.** Only current Michigan State Fair LLC Ribbons may be displayed with exhibits. All others will be removed.
10. Exhibits cannot be sold in the Agriculture Building.

Field Crops – Section 1

The display must be 16 square feet in size – 4 feet wide, 4 feet backdrop and 4 feet deep – and self-sustaining.

Exhibitors are encouraged to present exhibits of crops which are rarely on display. The public is greatly interested in the appearance of seed and plants of most farm crops. A display of such material is very educational and instructive.

The quality of the specimen used and the arrangement of the exhibit will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor. The plant specimen may be shown at any stage of development. Any farm crop may be selected.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$65	\$60	\$50

Class

- 1 Crops
- 2 Fruit

Score Card

Quality of the material displayed	30%
Effectiveness of the display	20%
Number of different specimens	10%
Trueness of label	20%
Manner and legibility of labeling	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

Fruit

No berries or peaches are allowed. Each one (1) variety must be labeled with the true name of the fruit. One variety per class entry. Exhibits shall be judged on quality and appearance.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$10	\$8	\$6

Class

- 4 Six fruit any variety
- 5 Six nuts any variety

Hay

The exhibit shall consist of a full field run commercial bale plus a wafer 8" thick from a very similar field run commercial bale both produced in the current year.

The 8" thick wafer will be placed on top of the bale.

Samples from hand-made bales are not eligible. The recommended weight of a bale is 55 pounds. The minimum weight must be 45 pounds. After judging, the number of exhibits placed on display may be limited due to space available.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$12	\$10	\$8

Class

- 6 Alfalfa – 1st cutting
- 7 Alfalfa – 2nd cutting
- 8 Alfalfa Grass Mix – 1st cutting
- 9 Alfalfa Grass Mix – 2nd cutting

Horticulture Crops and Products

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$200	\$160	\$100

Class

- 11 Horticulture Crops and Products

A space approximately 4' wide x 4' deep x 4' high will be available to the exhibitor. Backdrop cannot be more than 4 feet above display and self-sustaining. The display may include fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, jams, jellies, canned fruit juices and other products. The purpose of this

exhibit is to bring together in one group the more important horticulture crops and their products which may be produced on the farm. The judge will place particular emphasis on the quality of the products as well as the general attractiveness of the display in making awards.

Score Card

General Attractiveness and arrangement of display	35%
Quality of products	30%
Number of kinds and varieties of products displayed	15%
Educational features embodied in the exhibit	10%
Correct labeling	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

Crops

Exhibits shall be judged on quality, uniformity and general appearance. Sheaves must be a minimum of three inches in diameter below heads. All entries must be properly labeled. Use only Peck baskets.

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$10	\$8	\$6

Class

- 12 Wheat – sheave
- 13 Oats – sheave
- 14 Rye – sheave
- 15 Barley – sheave
- 16 All other Sheaves
- 17 Corn – peck
- 18 Corn – 10 ears
- 19 Corn Stalks – 3 stalks
- 20 Soybeans – peck
- 21 Soybean Stalks – 3 stalks
- 22 Oats – peck
- 23 Barley – peck
- 24 Dry Beans
- 25 Dry Bean Plants
- 26 Sugar Beets
- 27 Alfalfa
- 28 Clover
- 29 Grass

Vegetable – Section 2

Artistic Display

Vegetable Displays. Management reserves the right to accept entries based on space available. Exhibitors will be notified.

Class

1 Non-Commercial Vegetable Display

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$100	\$80	\$60

Best display of vegetables grown and exhibited by any non-commercial home garden. At least 10 different kinds of vegetables must be shown. The space to be filled is 4' wide x 7-1/2' deep. Entries are accepted in this class in the order in which they are received. Exhibitors must furnish all materials.

Score Card

Theme and attractiveness of exhibit	35%
Quality and condition of vegetables	25%
Number of varieties in exhibit	15%
Uniformity of color, size and shape	15%
Correct labeling	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

Class

2 Bushel Basket Display

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$40	\$35	\$30

An interesting display of horticulture crops and products flowing out of a bushel basket container, arranged in an area approximately 30" x 30". This exhibit may include such items as honey, flowers and other interesting farm products as well as fruits, vegetables and home canned items. Fruits and vegetables should be the principal produce and will be judged on quality and attractiveness. Bushel containers to be provided by the exhibitor.

Class

3 Peck Basket

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$18	\$16	\$14

An attractive display of fruits and vegetables; consisting of up to 10 different varieties in a peck basket. Flowers may be used for decoration only and are not included in the 10 different varieties. A peck basket to be provided by the exhibitor.

Class

4 Wheelbarrow Load of Farm Produce

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$65	\$65	\$45

This exhibit may include such items as honey, flowers, canning and other interesting farm products as well as fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables should be the principal produce, and will be judged on quality and attractiveness. The wheelbarrow to be provided by the exhibitor.

Class

5 Patio Pot of Vegetables

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$55	\$45	\$35

Patio Pot will be a minimum of 12 inches. This exhibit will have at least three (3) different specimens of the same variety. Vegetables will be judged on quality and attractiveness. The patio pot to be provided by the exhibitor.

Class

6 Sculptured and/or painted pumpkin / gourd

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$55	\$45	\$35

Pumpkin / gourd may **not** be cut. Any material may be used. Exhibit will be judged on creativity and attractiveness.

Class

7 Grapevine Wreaths

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$55	\$45	\$35

Exhibit must be made and decorated by Exhibitor. Must be 2 feet in diameter and no larger than 3 feet in diameter. Made and decorated with any Michigan grown, natural products. No artificial products may be used.

Class

8 Artistic Design / Display of Seeds

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$55	\$45	\$35

Minimum display size of 10" x 13" and maximum display size of 13" x 20". Exhibit will be judged on creativity and attractiveness.

Vegetable – Section 3

Eggplants, Peppers and Potatoes

These exhibits must be displayed on an 11 inch round or larger depending on exhibit paper plates. Fair will have plates available. Include the correct name of display of each pepper variety.

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 1 3 Eggplants
- 2 6 Hot Hungarian Peppers
- 3 6 Pimento Peppers
- 4 6 Short Yellow Sweet Peppers
- 5 6 Long Green Sweet Peppers
- 6 5 Sweet Green or Bell Peppers
- 7 6 Hot Jalapeno Peppers
- 8 6 Hot Cayenne Peppers
- 9 6 Hot Peppers (not listed above, any variety)
- 10 3 Red Potatoes
- 11 3 White Potatoes
- 12 3 Sweet Potatoes

Gourds / Corn

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 13 10 Gourds – dried from previous year, no coating or artificial color allowed. Display judged on originality and overall quality.
- 14 3 Indian Corn Ears – tied attractively with any material; husk pulled down.
- 15 5 Ears Popcorn – husk pulled down.
- 16 6 Miniature Indian Corn – current season, or from previous year.

The following exhibits must be displayed in containers provided by the Fair. All gourds must be grown in current season.

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 17 5 Orange
- 18 5 Spoon (each one a different shape, size, color and marking)
- 19 5 Striped Pear
- 20 5 White Pear
- 21 5 Warty (each one different)
- 22 5 White Egg
- 23 5 Small Bottle
- 24 5 Striped (flat)
- 25 5 Bi-Colored Pear
- 26 5 Miniature Pumpkins
- 27 3 Crown of Thorns
- 28 2 Turban
- 29 2 Penguin
- 30 2 Large Type (any variety)
- 31 Collection of Four Lagenaria (large type Gourds)

		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
32	Gourd Display	\$30	\$25	\$20

Current season's gourds on a 30" x 30" card table must include a 15" wall background which needs to be self-sustaining. Card table to be provided by exhibitor.

Gourds must predominate, but exhibitors may also provide additional decorative materials.

Herbs

The following exhibits must be displayed in pots. Pot size must be 8 or 10 inches.
Two (2) plants per pot. Immature plants may not be used.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 33 2 Plants Curly Parsley
- 34 2 Plants Basil
- 35 2 Plants Marjoram
- 36 2 Plants Thyme
- 37 2 Plants Sage
- 38 2 Plants Oregano
- 39 2 Plants Chives
- 40 2 Plants any other herb not listed above
- 41 2 Plants Ornamental Peppers with fruit, any variety
- 42 Mint
- 43 Rosemary
- 44 3 Large Stalks Dill (mounted on board or cardboard)

Onions

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 45 6 Heaviest Onions
- 46 8 Yellow Globe Onions
- 47 8 Red Globe Onions
- 48 8 White Globe Onions
- 49 8 Sweet Full Size Onion – Any Color
- 50 8 Bermuda Onions
- 51 20 Pickling Onions
- 52 8 Any Other Onion

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$20	\$18	\$16

Class

- 53 Onions, braided on rope or other material; not less than 18 and no more than 24 onions. Must have a hook for hanging.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$12	\$10	\$8

Class

- 54 Garlic, braided on rope or other material; not less than 18 and no more than 24 bulbs. Must have a hook for hanging.

Tray Classes

Exhibits must be displayed in containers provided by the Fair.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 55 15 Lima Beans in Pod
- 56 15 Green Pod Beans
- 57 15 Wax Pod Beans
- 58 12 Pickling Cucumbers (not less than 3")
- 59 5 Slicing Cucumbers
- 60 5 roots Table Beets
- 61 5 roots Table Carrots
- 62 5 roots Kohlrabi (any variety)

- 63 6 Red Tomatoes
- 64 6 Pink Tomatoes
- 65 6 Yellow or Orange Tomatoes
- 66 6 Paste Tomatoes
- 67 12 small fruited Tomatoes (any variety, no small Cherry allowed)
- 68 12 large Cherry Tomatoes (any variety, no small Cherry allowed)
- 69 5 ears Sweet Corn (one inch wide strip of husk pulled down)
- 70 2 heads Green Cabbage
- 71 2 heads Red Cabbage
- 72 3 plants Green or Paschal Variety Celery
- 73 5 plants Leeks
- 74 6 radishes
- 75 2 of any variety vegetables not listed in any of the above classes

Unusual Specimens Any Variety

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 76 Longest Gourd
- 77 Largest Onion
- 78 Oddest Shaped Potato
- 79 Largest Pepper
- 80 Largest Potato
- 81 Largest Hubbard Squash
- 82 Largest Sunflower Head
- 83 Largest Muskmelon
- 84 Largest Cabbage
- 85 Largest Watermelon
- 86 Largest Tomato
- 87 Oddest Shaped Tomato
- 88 Largest Gourd (not a long type)
- 89 Oddest Shaped Gourd
- 90 Longest Zucchini
- 91 Longest Cucumber
- 92 Largest Butternut Squash
- 93 Tallest Sunflower (balled roots)
- 94 Tallest Corn (balled roots)

Class

- 95 Largest Pumpkin – not entered in Giant Pumpkin Contest

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$150	\$80	\$65

The exhibitor must submit a weight slip.

Class

- 96 Largest Squash

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$10	\$9	\$8

The exhibitor shall attach a tag to the exhibit giving the greatest circumference. Entries must be weighed.

Vine Crops

Vine crops will be displayed on containers provided by the Exhibitor.

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$5	\$4	\$3

Class

- 97 2 Golden Delicious Squash
- 98 2 Blue Hubbard Squash
- 99 2 Green Hubbard Squash
- 100 2 Golden Hubbard Squash
- 101 2 Buttercup Squash
- 102 2 Butternut Squash
- 103 2 Pepper Squash
- 104 2 Sweet Potato Squash
- 105 2 Scallop Squash (any variety)
- 106 2 Zucchini Squash (not less than 8" and not more than 10" long)
- 107 2 Yellow Straightneck Squash (not less than 7" and not more than 9" Long)
- 108 2 Crooked Neck Squash (fully mature)
- 109 2 Spaghetti Squash
- 110 2 Squash (any variety not listed above)
- 111 2 Connecticut Field Pumpkins
- 112 2 Cushaw Pumpkins (any variety)
- 113 2 Small Pie Pumpkins
- 114 2 Watermelon (any variety)
- 115 2 Cantalope/Muskmelon
- 116 2 Honeydew

Section 4

Scarecrow

Limit two (2) scarecrows per exhibitor. Scarecrow must be created in current year. All scarecrow exhibits must be between 4 to 5 foot tall and 2 to 3 foot wide. Each entry must stand alone or on its own base. Exhibits will be judged on creativity, uniqueness or originality, attractiveness and good use of material.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$20	\$18	\$16

Class

- 1 Scarecrow

Aplary – Section 5

One (1) entry per class per exhibitor. Two (2) entries per class per household.

Display of Bees and Queens

The queen and her own bees must be shown in a glass observation hive on one new comb of emerging brood. The observation hive may not be opened within five miles of the Michigan State Fair LLC Exposition Center.

Class

- 1 Display of Bees and Queens – Queens must be marked

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$25	\$20	\$15

Score Card

Uniformity of bees for this class	15%
Size, shape and behavior of queen	15%
Brood pattern	15%
Variety: presence of queen, workers, drones, brood, honey, pollen, etc.	15%
Correct number of bees for interest and ease of observation	10%
Cleanliness and suitability of the combs	15%
Appearance, cleanliness and suitability of the observation hive	<u>15%</u>
Total	100%

Display of Honey, Comb & Beeswax

The exhibitor must personally produce all products from the apiary.

Class

- 2 Display of wood or round section comb honey – not less than 6 sections

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$35	\$30	\$25

Score Card – Wood or Round Section Comb Honey

Finish to comb	
Attachment of wood	20%
Color of capping	10%
Evenness of comb surface	10%
Absence of stain	10%
Appearance of Section (Wood)	
Color	10%
Absence of stain	10%
Honey	
Color	10%
Body	10%
Flavor and Aroma	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

Class

- 3 Display of Beeswax – not less than 6 pounds in no more than 3 pieces

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$35	\$30	\$25

Score Card – Beeswax

Color between canary yellow and straw (undamaged by propolis, iron stain, etc.)	20%
Cleanliness (free from surface dirt, honey and impurities)	25%
Uniform appearance of all wax in the entry	25%
Freedom from cracking, shrinking and marks	15%
Texture and aroma (pure wax free from hard water damage, etc.)	<u>15%</u>
Total	100%

Class

4 Display of two (2) - 1 pound jars of bottled honey in standard honey glass jars

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$35	\$30	\$25

Score Card – Granulated (Creamed) Honey White

Uniformity, cleanliness and general appearance of the entry	20%
Freedom of impurity and granulation	20%
Quality of the liquid honey	20%
Appearance and suitability of containers	20%
Color, Flavor and aroma	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

Class

5 Display of Cut Comb Honey – not less than twelve 4" x 4" in standard plastic containers

Premiums	1	2	3
	\$35	\$30	\$25

Score Card – Cut Comb Honey

Accuracy and neatness of cut edge of the comb	20%
Uniform depth and filling of the honey cells	20%
Complete, uniform and clean capping	20%
Quality, quantity and uniformity of honey	20%
Freedom from leakage and general appearance of the pack	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

Class

6 Display of Chunk Honey – two (2) – 2.5 pound jars

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$35	\$30	\$25

Score Card – Chunk Honey

Uniformity, cleanliness and general appearance of the entry	30%
Freedom from impurities and granulation	20%
Quality of the liquid honey	25%
Quality and neatness of the comb honey	20%
Uniform and accurate volume of honey	<u>5%</u>
Total	100%

Maple Products – Section 6

Maple – Sugar Cakes, Cream, and Candy

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$7	\$6	\$5

Class

- 1 Maple Sugar Cakes in 1 lb. commercial package
- 2 Maple Cream in ½ lb. commercial package
- 3 Maple Candy in ½ lb. commercial package

Maple candy shall consist only of pure maple except that nuts may be added if mixed.

Score Card

Flavor	45%
Color	25%
Consistency	25%
Appearance	5%
Total	100%

Flavor

All samples are scored in order of best to poorest flavor. One-quarter to one-half point is deducted from the score of each sample presenting less desirable color than the one preceding it.

Color

All samples are scored in order of best to poorest in color. One-quarter to one-half point is deducted from the score of each sample presenting less desirable color than the one preceding it.

Consistency

Not Uniform...Not Smooth...Grainy...Separating

Appearance

Package in Poor Condition...Stained...Soiled...Undesirable Commercial Package.

Maple Syrup

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$13	\$12	\$10

Class

- 4 Maple Syrup, quart in commercial glass container

Score Card

Flavor	40%
Color	35%
Density	15%
Clarity	5%
Appearance	5%
Total	100%

EXPLANATION OF CUTS

Flavor

Weak...Maple...Buddy...Brackish...Molasses...Stale...Musty...Metallic...Foreign Taste...Objectionable Taste

All samples are scored in order of best to poorest in flavor. One-quarter to one-half point is deducted from the score of each sample presenting less desirable flavor than the preceding.

Color

Full score is given to the lightest colored sample. All samples are scored in order of color, light to dark. One-tenth to one-quarter point is deducted from the score of each sample darker than the one preceding it.

Density

Two points is subtracted for every one-half degree below 66 degrees Brix. One point off is subtracted for every one-half degree above 66 degrees Brix.

Clarity

Frothy...Nitre...Sediment

Appearance

Stained...Old...Dirty...Undesirable Commercial Package

Individual Producer Displays

Space allotted must not exceed card table size and must not be included in an association display.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$8	\$7	\$6

Class

5 Individual Producer – Display of Maple Products

Score Card

Commercial appeal	50%
Educational value	25%
Originality	<u>25%</u>
Total	100%